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<p>Members: Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: John Tough Ged McGuire (CS), Miriam Stanton (PS), Ken Ellis (VS), Geoff Harrison (CS), Michele Smith (CS) Joe Maloney (VS), Kevin Bowler (CS), Colin Stratton (BS), Paul Harrison (PH), Roger Black, (BS), Cllr Keith Dewison (SBC), John Thompson (PC),</p>
<p>Advisors/Observers Sophie Richardson (SBC), Ian Thompson (SBC), Jane Elliott (SBC), Marjorie Leckonby (Resident), Jill Hutchinson (Resident), Kelly Brown (SRCGA)</p>
<p>Apologies Susan Eldon Cath Coldbeck Jim Scully Louise McDonald (nee Allen) Cllr Barry Woodhouse Liz Smith</p>

CS =	Community Sector	YA =	Youth Assembly
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector	RC =	Rural Community Sector
PS =	Private Sector	BS =	Business Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector	PC =	Parish Council
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector		
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence Introductions and apologies were noted		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 12th March 2006 Minutes of the last meeting amended and agreed as being an accurate and true record.		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
3. SBC Local Development Framework Core Strategy Jane Elliott from SBC, Planning Department attended the meeting to discuss the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and		SR to circulate main document in order for TBP members to	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026

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<p>how TBP would like to be consulted. At present they are in the middle of the consultation process. She would like to remind TBP that their views and opinions are very important and that response forms have been distributed. If anyone requires further information please contact Jane Elliott</p>		<p>complete comments forms</p>				<p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>
<p>4. Health Improvement Plan</p> <p>This item is to be discussed at the next meeting of TBP. Due to illness Sue Cash the representative from PCT will be replaced by Susan Elden. Due to prior commitments Susan will not be attending this meeting. But will be available to discuss this issue at the next TBP. A paper regarding mental health has been posted to all TBP members</p>		<p>Noted</p>				
<p>5. Billingham Talk</p> <p>At present the responsibility of Billingham Talk lies with GM and Gil Smith. Although Billingham Talk is not run by TBP, the TBP logo appears on the web page as it supports</p>		<p>Noted</p>				

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<p>the initiative. The question was raised to TBP whether the TBP logo should appear? At present the membership of B/Talk is around 120 and there is no cost involved. The decision went to a vote.</p>		<p>TBP Agreed to keep TBP logo on Billingham Talk</p>				<p>Ged McGuire TBP 01642 863130</p>
<p>6. Change of Meeting Dates</p> <p>Please note: The remainder of meetings for 2006 are as follows:</p> <p>3rd July 4th September 2nd October 6th November 4th December</p>		<p>Noted</p>				<p>Sophie Richardson TBP 01642 526026</p>
<p>7. Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>Ian Thompson, Head of Regeneration from SBC attended the meeting in the absence of Louise McDonald (nee Allen)</p> <p>A very positive meeting was held with Halladale on the 10th May. Officers are</p>		<p>IJT set out the difficulty in finalising a position on</p>				<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>currently finalising the risks, benefits and financial implications of the various redevelopment options available to the Council. More details will be brought to the Billingham Partnership on the 3rd July, and the intention is to finalise a report on options for Cabinet in July and August</p> <p><u>Insurance Queries</u> The Council is extending its contract with Riverside Leisure until the 30th June 2008, and the building insurance is also being renewed. The Forum insurance currently runs from the 1st June to 31st May and is renewed on an annual basis. The insurers have not highlighted any problems with renewing the insurance this year and it has</p>		<p>development options because of the Town Centres shared ownership between the Council and Mars. The Council are working with Hallidale to move this forward, and this involves establishing a clear position with Mars as to their future plans and aspirations.</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>been confirmed that the cost of the insurance did not increase as a result of the problems caused by the high winds during 2005.</p> <p><u>PFI Bid</u> Officers met with PMP on the 12th May to discuss a refined PFI credit bid to DCMS. The meeting proved to be very useful and a number of options for funding the improvements to the Forum were suggested. Officers are currently waiting to receive some information from PMP which will inform the way forward for the bid. It is hoped that this information will have been received in time to provide feedback at the next PFI Steering Group meeting. The meeting scheduled for 6th June has been cancelled.</p> <p>JM expressed how successful he felt the first PFI meeting went, but since then numerous of meetings have been cancelled and he is not happy with the progress which is being made and would appreciate a reason for cancellations</p>		<p>Until the information from PMP is received there is no need for a meeting. IJT is expecting this information any time</p>				

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<p>At the last meeting TBP expressed an interest in finding out the monthly running costs for the Forum</p> <p>LA RONDE AND FORUM HOUSE The demolition works commenced on the 15th May and are progressing well and to programme. The buildings are currently being stripped out, and the garages adjacent to La Ronde are being demolished. The contractor anticipates that once they are in a position to start the actual demolition, it will only take around 5-6 days to knock down Forum House, although the clean up and repaving works will take longer.</p> <p>Letters have been sent to all tenants, businesses and other interested parties to inform them of the works and traffic management implications. Press releases have also been issued and details have</p>		<p>now.</p> <p>IJT stated the costs for running the Forum for a month were approximately £38,000</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>been posted on the Council's website. Hoardings with information relating to the demolition works will be placed at the two sites.</p> <p>Additional security is being provided around Forum House to alleviate concerns regarding Friday night incidents between young people congregating in the Town Centre/John Whitehead Park and people exiting the Forum. Two enforcement officers will be patrolling the area around Forum House and the Forum during the demolition works, every Friday night between 4pm and midnight, commencing Friday 19th May until Friday 14th July.</p> <p>A temporary overspill car park for 80 spaces is also being provided in the community centre from Monday 29th May for Council staff to offset the temporary loss of parking spaces at Kingsway House.</p> <p>b. BULLGARTH The environmental works re-commenced on</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted that SBC staff are not using the temporary car park and this is causing problems with parking in the Town Centre.</p>	<p>IJT to send another message of the day out to SBC employees</p>			<p>Ian Thompson SBC 01642 527024</p>

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<p>Monday 24 April. The works are now almost complete, but have been delayed due to the bad weather.</p> <p>A Project Brief is shortly due to be completed and submitted to the Capital Strategy Group to try to secure approval for a car park in the vicinity. The Council has already secured £20,000 from internal sources (Care for Your Area and Minor Highways Improvements).</p> <p>RB expressed his concern over the state of the Bulgarth, and that the level of the ground is now uneven. This will not be suitable for the Carnival. RB to meet with Beverley Cross from SBC</p> <p>PIGEONS Land and Property have ordered a major clean of the town centre, which is expected to be carried out in the next couple of weeks. Temporary signs will be erected in the town centre within the next month, requesting people not to feed the pigeons.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>IJT to discuss this issue with BC</p>			

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<p>8. Thematic Group Update</p> <p>Transport Strategy GH attended the Billingham Transport Strategy which met on 8th May. Billingham have been given £20,000. At this meeting it had to be decided what the money would be spent on. They have picked the following community transport proposals:</p> <p>A puffin crossing in Melrose Avenue to allow for disabled people to cross the road safely for access to the park A Zebra Crossing in High Grange Avenue, at the children’s play area</p> <p>The board agreed the choices, but the SBC Transport department have to study the proposals and report back to GH as Chair of the Transport Strategy Steering Group.</p> <p>GH presented to the boards bus routes and times for Billingham to North Tees:</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Geoff Harrison TBP 01642 861992</p>

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<p>Alrite Travel operate the 588 and 589, they pick up from Billingham Town Centre at 08.35 a.m. arriving at North Tees Hospital at 09.04 a.m. This service runs hourly with the last bus at 4.35 p.m. Stagecoach operates a 568 service Monday to Saturday. With a bus at 7.08 p.m. arriving at 7.28 p.m., this service runs hourly until 11.08 p.m.</p> <p>Children and Young People Plan TBP commissioned a Drugs Action Day which covered the 4 main secondary schools in Billingham. A larger leaflet was also sent out to all parents who have a child who is in their last year of secondary school. The DAT complemented the TBP for the initiative and for driving it forward and would like to see it go borough wide. TBP had put aside £1000 for this but only spent £281.</p> <p>For future this event will need to be organised about July time to be ready for September. The event was run by TBP, DAT and SRCGA</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>Arts and Culture The European Express "England-Hungary" took place in Bede College from 29th May till 3rd June.</p> <p>The Group from Hungary came from the World famous Hungarian Folk Dance Academy "CSILLAGSZEMU" from Budapest and consisted of 6 dancers, 1 story-teller, 1 craftsperson and 3 musicians (11 in total).</p> <p>During the interactive Presentations the Hungarian Group did Workshops in Dance, Music, Traditional Games, Story-telling and Hungarian Crafts. The children attending the presentations also learnt a bit of History and Geography of Hungary, learnt about Hungarian national costumes and customs and learnt a few words in Hungarian language.</p> <p>At the same time all the children attending the Express took part in English traditional dances and games workshops, presented by BILLINDA (Billingham International Youth</p>		Noted				<p>Joe Maloney TBP 01642 651060</p>

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<p>Dancers).</p> <p>All the reports and feed back we received from children and their parents so far are extremely positive. The Presentations were quite well attended with children coming from all over the Tees valley and County Durham.</p>						
<p>9. Information Updates a. Community Updates</p> <p>Billingham North Residents Association At the last meeting it was revealed that Billingham North had the lowest crime figures. It was also mentioned that Friends of Preston Park have disbanded</p> <p>Supporters of John Whitehead Park. Once the plans are agreed with Council Officers, they will go to Consultation. A new Children Centre called footsteps will be having an open day on 25th June</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector The problems at Flodden Way were reported</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Bowler TBP 01642 613272</p> <p>Kevin Bowler TBP 01642 613272</p> <p>John Tough</p>

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<p>at the Billingham Safer Partnership. Stuart Mickelwright from the Police is aware and patrols are being carried out. He did urge members of the public to report all incidents.</p> <p>Billingham Folklore Festival will be carried out between 22 – 29 July. There will be no firework display at the end of the Festival due to a lack of funding.</p> <p>c. Business Sector Nothing to report</p> <p>d. Public Sector Bede College are going to have another day to encourage Drugs Awareness and action.</p> <p>A pilot scheme will be run to see what drugs are on the streets. KP volunteered as a Community Sector representative for Billingham to be pilot area. This will involve running a new initiative on testing for drugs. The result showed only 1 person within the borough having used amphetamines</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>TBP 01740 644161</p>

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<p>10. Chairs Report</p> <p>JT will be involved with the NRF tendering process for the Health Package on 14th June.</p> <p>JT has also been invited to sit on a Connexions Management Committee, which the Chair has accepted</p> <p>JT will be away on the 13th and 14th of July attending a LSP Conference</p> <p>The LAP funding which was allocated, needs to be spent by 2007 and proposals for its use have been invited from those involved for the next meeting. Those involved - RM with Clarences and GH for Low Grange</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>John Tough TBP 01740 644161</p>
<p>11. Managers Report</p> <p>The TBP Board will be audited on Monday 12th.</p>		<p>The accounts were sent out to TBP members on Tuesday 6th June 1st class. TBP agreed for KP to take these</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>The Annual Report will be sent out in the post on Tuesday 6th May and be brought to the next meeting which will be the AGM for the Board</p> <p>At present the financial accounts run April to April but the Board runs September to September. A suggestion would be to extend the duration of board members so that the accounts and the board are in line.</p>		<p>accounts to audit</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>To be put on the next agenda to be discussed and agreed at the AGM</p>				
<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <p>SRCGA have requested laptops issued to various community sector representatives back. KAB has had his recalled and would like some information as to why. KB explained that laptops issued by SRCGA have a start and finish time. The Steering Group agreed that all community representatives would have the opportunity to use one of the 5 laptops. This year all laptops were recalled to be PAT tested and</p>		<p>Noted</p>				<p>Kelly Brown SRCGA 01642 733903</p>

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<p>have been re-issued though not necessarily to the person it was taken from.</p> <p>KP explained that TBP have funds available to buy laptops which could be given to SRCGA to administer on behalf of the Board for use by Community and Voluntary representative on TBPB. This would assist SRCGA to reallocate their present laptops to other areas . Those who need a laptop are required to put a business case into the Manager.</p> <p>It was noted that Forum House was very dusty and that a suggestion would be a water spray curtain around the building</p>		<p>Board Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>IJT to investigate</p>			<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Ian Thompson SBC 01642 527024</p>