

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
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Members: Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: John Tough Ged McGuire (CS), Miriam Stanton (PS), Ken Ellis (VS), Geoff Harrison (CS), Michele Smith (CS), Kevin Bowler (CS), Colin Stratton (BS), Paul Harrison (PH), Roger Black, (BS), Cllr Keith Dewison (SBC), John Thompson (PC), Ray McCall (CS), Cllr Barry Woodhouse (SBC), Jim Sculley (BS), Liz Smith (BS), Susan Eldon (PCT)
Advisors/Observers Zoe Rutter (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA)
Apologies Cath Coldbeck Joe Maloney

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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<p>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted</p>		Noted	ZR			<p>Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025</p>
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 5th June 2006</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting amended and agreed as being an accurate and true record.</p>		Noted	ZR			<p>Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025</p>
<p>3. Health Presentation – Susan Eldon</p> <p>Susan Eldon gave a presentation to the Board. After the presentation various questions were asked and Susan answered all questions asked. Question's asked were:</p> <p>1. Where did the rest of the schools in Billingham sit with regards to the Gold Star rating?</p>		Members agreed that the issues raised in the presentation should be considered by the Board's Thematic Health and any outcomes from their considerations		No	No	<p>Susan Eldon PCT</p>

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<p>2. What was the criteria for the Gold Star rating? Other issues that were raised were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GP Plus classes are taking place and GH expressed to the Board that this was not being promoted enough. 2. MS raised the issue of students coming across from the Rievaulx centre to use facilities at Bede College and that the funding has been withdrawn, MS asked how additional funding can be accessed. 		<p>should be brought back to the Board for action.</p>				
<p>4. Annual General Meeting a) Submission of Accounts CS asked why the costs for room hire were significantly less than last year? KP advised the Board that this was because we used different venues last year and that we had sufficient monies for room hire.</p> <p>b) Annual Report This was accepted by the Board.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP Manager 01642 360150</p>

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<p>c) Election Results</p> <p>This item was noted and accepted by the Board.</p> <p>d) Constitutional Changes</p> <p>This item was noted and accepted by the Board.</p> <p>e) Any other Business</p> <p>KP to arrange for flowers to be sent to Sue Cash.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>It was agreed that the Board would extend it's term of office from October 07 to March 08.</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP Manager 01642 360150</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Town Centre Development</p> <p>Council Officers have continued to analyse detailed financial and legal appraisals of the various redevelopment options available to the Council. Further detailed discussions have been held with Halladale to inform recommendations to Members on how best to proceed – the appraisal work has now</p>		<p>Noted</p>				<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>been completed based on the revised Halladale proposal. On the 19th June MARS Pension Fund (MARS) placed their Town Centre leasehold interests on the market. Some members of the Board highlighted their concerns at this development however, Louise and SBC Councillors assured the Board that this was viewed as a very positive move. CS commented that appraisal work has been ongoing for some time and asked what have the Council done to push Halladale on. Louise reassured the Board that things are proceeding well and the Council had completed an exhaustive process reviewing and calculating leases, examining detailed financial and legal implications etc. but could not release a full update as some proceedings commercially sensitive. Some members of the Board expressed satisfaction that MARS are selling their interest and see this as a very positive move for the people of Billingham. KP advised the Board that if further information relating to the town centre development was not provided at the September Partnership</p>			<p>Louise to try and arrange for this and will inform the Board of the decision.</p>			

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<p>meeting, the Board would seek to hold a special/closed meeting with Council officers.</p> <p>b) Billingham House</p> <p>The letter sent to Bizzy B Management (Bizzy B) stating the Council’s intention to serve a Section 79 notice in accordance with the Building Act, or such other notice as may be deemed appropriate at the time to address the state of the property, unless works of repair, restoration or demolition are commenced within 3 month period of the letter, has expired.</p> <p>c) Billingham Forum</p> <p>The last PFI steering Group meeting was held on the 20th June where it was reported that the workshop with PMP had been very positive. The Council is in the process of commissioning PMP to prepare the revised PFI credit bid. At the initial workshop PMP advised that PFI credit bids are now unlikely to be invited until September 2007 / March</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p> <p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>2008. However, SBC plan to submit the bid to Government ahead of any invitation to submit by DCMS. The second PMP workshop is due to be held at the beginning of July and a “consultation” strategy is being developed.</p> <p>d) La Rhonde & Forum House</p> <p>The contractors are progressing well with the paving works at the former site of Forum House and are on schedule to complete the works by the 14th July, in time for the Billingham Festival. Unfortunately, the demolition of La Rhone has been delayed by approximately 2 weeks as additional asbestos has been found. The adjacent garages have been demolished and it is now expected that the former K2 nightclub will be demolished during early July and that the full programme of works will be completed by the middle of August.</p> <p>Following the previous TBP meeting, further notice was issued to all Council staff</p>		Noted				<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>requesting that they use the overspill car park. The notice seems to have been adhered to.</p> <p>e) Bulgarth</p> <p>Thirty thousand pounds has now been secured from Council budgets (Care for you your Area, Minor Highways Improvements and the Billingham Master Plan – all 2006/7 spend) which will allow the Council to proceed with Option 4, previously tabled at TBP, for the car park. Consultation with the community via the residents association, TBP, stakeholders and other interested parties is to be undertaken. Louise expressed desire to arrange some dates with the Board and Residents Groups to carry out this consultation. The environmental improvements are not yet finished and RB expressed his views at the poor workmanship of Bulgarth and advised that it will not be ready for 8/9 September, for the carnival. Louise informed the Board that SBC are working closely with the relevant</p>		Noted	Louise to arrange some dates/times and inform TBP and relevant groups.			Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942

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<p>departments and contractors to rectify the problems, as well as RB & KP, and she will advise the Board of the outcomes at the next meeting.</p> <p>f) Any other Business – Billingham</p> <p>LS informed the Board that she had received a letter from SBC Planning Dept stating that Mr Morrison has submitted plans for residential development on the former college site. LS asked if a set of plans could be sent to her.</p> <p>g) Laptops</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he had received 5 requests from community/voluntary sector reps asking for the use of a laptop. KP informed the Board that we have an under-spend on the OPDM monies. The Board agreed to the money being spent on the laptops and that they would be administered by SRCGA. CS asked how long would anybody have to wait for the use of a laptop</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>LM to get a copy of plans to LS.</p>			<p>Kevin Pitt TBP Manager 01642 360150</p>

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and Kelly Brown advised that requests are prioritised and this is how they will be allocated.						
<p>6. Thematic Groups Update Area Board Priorities – Haleem Ghafoor</p> <p>Haleem advised the Board of the progress on the area board priorities. Haleem informed the Board that he needed to get nominations in order for the sub group to be formed.</p>		<p>Nominations from the Board are as follows: Roger Black, Ged McGuire, Geoff Harrison, Ray McCall.</p>				<p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p>
<p>7. Information Updates a. Community Sector</p> <p>GH informed the Board that a new thematic partnership has been formed called the Environment Partnership and this group will meet every 2 months. Traffic calming on Low Grange Avenue has been agreed and Steve Lumb the traffic consultant has produced maps for Headlam and Croxdale Road's. Other road's that have been approved by the Low Grange Residents Association for traffic calming are Deval,</p>						<p>Geoff Harrison TBP</p>

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<p>Stanhope, Saunton and Sledwick Road's. Concerns have been raised over the speeding in Neasham Avenue, Flodden Way and Hasting Way and also, the parking at T junction with Bannockburn Way and Neasham Avenue.</p> <p>There is a problem with drunken teenagers terrorising residents behind Edgehill Way. Drunken teenagers are also starting fires and creating nuisance in Low Grange Park at weekends.</p> <p>A meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 18th July to discuss the merger of SRCGA and SVDA.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that it is going to cost approx £3k to install CCTV at the Bulgarth site. MS did ask the Board if they had thought of installing web cams as they used to use CCTV and never caught anybody but since they installed web cams they have caught 1 person.</p>		<p>This concern will be passed to the Safer Billingham Partnership for consideration and actions will be reported back to the next TBP.</p> <p>Geoff Harrison is to attend to represent TBP, Kevin Pitt to reply to the invite.</p> <p>A request has been made to the SSP for a contribution of £500 towards the project. Progress to be fed through JT via the SBP.</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>KB informed the Board that there is a problem at Roseberry Junior School, pupils have been told they are not allowed on school premises until 8.45am due to supervision problems. This causes problems to parents if they have children at both junior and infant school. The school have since issued a letter stating children have been approached by strangers. KP thinks that this issue should be reverted to the Community Safety Group.</p> <p>KB informed the Board that he had met with Keith Matthews from Parks & Countryside Dept. to discuss John Whitehead Park. KB informed the Board that a consultation on JWP is due to take place early August. Louise informed the Board that Keith Matthews as Project Manager will be establishing a Steering/Consultation Group to help take forward consultation and development of the park.</p> <p>KP advised the Board that he had been approached by SBC to ask if somebody from</p>		<p>TBP to write a letter to the school asking if the children could be allowed on to the school premises without supervision. KB to send JT the details of the problem.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>KP advised the Board that he had nominated</p>				<p>Kevin Bowler TBP</p>

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<p>TBP could sit on the Worklessness Group.</p> <p>b) Business Sector</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he was invited to a conference at the Thistle Hotel with regards to small businesses and expressed that it was an excellent conference. CS asked if anybody would like a copy of the handouts, JT requested a set.</p> <p>JS informed the Board that the last meeting of Billingham Business Association took place in May and Louise is to attend the next meeting which is due to take place on Wednesday 19th July. JS asked if he could be invited to the next Billingham Town Centre Regeneration meeting. Louise advised that due to the commercial sensitivity of the current meetings this may not be possible for some time but she would issue and invitation as soon as developments allowed.</p>		<p>Geoff Harrison to represent TBP. Board agreed this.</p> <p>CS to send a copy of the handouts to JT.</p> <p>LM to invite JS to next (non commercially sensitive) meeting.</p>				

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<p>A meeting between Councillors and Dave Scott regarding the A19 development – Chair informed the Board that this is ongoing and bring information back to the Board. CS asked how will things proceed on 18 months time when the funding expires, KP advised that we should know more in September.</p> <p>RB advised the Board that if anybody is wanting a stall at the carnival they will incur a small charge of £60 for 2 days.</p> <p>KP advised the Board that he will be on holiday from next 10-7-06 until 18-7-06.</p> <p>10. Any other Business</p> <p>Nothing raised.</p>						