

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 4th September 2006

Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: John Tough

Ken Ellis (VS), Geoff Harrison (CS), Michele Smith (CS), Kevin Bowler (CS), Colin Stratton (BS), Paul Harrison (PH), Roger Black, (BS), Ray McCall (CS), Cllr Barry Woodhouse (SBC), Liz Smith (BS), Cath Coldbeck (CS), Joe Maloney (VS)

Advisors/Observers

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Mike Batty (SBC)

Apologies

Ged McGuire

Keith Dewison

Susan Eldon

CS =	Community Sector
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector
PS =	Private Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector
VS =	Voluntary Sector
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum

YA =	Youth Assembly
RC =	Rural Community Sector
BS =	Business Sector
PC =	Parish Council

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1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence Introductions and apologies were noted		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 3rd July 2006 Minutes of the last meeting amended and agreed as being an accurate and true record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP) Presentation – Mike Batty Mike Batty gave a thorough presentation to the Board and highlighted any problem areas and also highlighted any areas where Billingham are performing really well. MB highlighted that arson is a big issue in the Clarences and is above the Borough average.		Noted	Item referred to Safer Billingham Partnership	No	No	Mike Batty SBC

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<p>All questions asked by the Board were answered in full by Mike. Questions asked where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the SSP compile their figures? 2. What measures are in place to reduce crime? 						
<p>4. Matters Arising a) Town Centre Development</p> <p>Louise outlined the report that was circulated. LM informed the Board that the new owner of the Town Centre should, hopefully, be formally announced by the end of September. KB asked if Halladale were the new owners, LM advised that due to commercial regulation the Council only advise the Board that the new owner is a developer not and investor, which the Council views as a positive move for the future of the town.</p>		<p>KP asked if any receipts from a potential sale of the Town Centre will assist in the future development of the Town Centre. LM advised that was not in a position to comment however, she would raise the question should it arise. LS informed the Board that the “do not feed the</p>				<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>b) Billingham House</p> <p>LM informed the Board that a long standing Section 29 notice has been issued which will continue to be enforced whilst the derelict building remains. The detailed work involved and officer annual leave have prevented the Section 79 notice from being served, however the Council is committed to issuing the notice, which should be served during the 2nd/3rd week of September.</p> <p>c) Billingham Forum</p> <p>An advert has been placed in Stockton News advising the public of the consultation which is due to take place between 20th October and the 10th November. Results will be analysed in November and will be put to Cabinet in January which will make recommendations to Members on the way</p>		<p>pigeons” sign has been defaced. LM to ensure cleansing is carried out.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>KB asked if the weaknesses outlined by DCMS in the previous bid had been thought through and would be addressed in the new bid. LM advised that the</p>				

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<p>forward.</p> <p>d) La Rhonde & Forum House</p> <p>LM outlined the progress and will keep the Board informed of any progress.</p> <p>e) Bulgarth</p> <p>LM informed the Board that she has</p>		<p>refined bid would tackle these whilst building on the previous strengths. The forthcoming consultation being identified as an area for improvement. GH queried whether there were any capital monies available for Forum maintenance or necessary works. LM advised there were maintenance budgets in place for the short-term/minor works.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>LM to forward option 5 to KP and he will</p>				

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<p>consulted with various groups and as a result, the option had been amended to increase the number of spaces and change the layout (into option 5). Lm advised, however, that she had been unable to contact the South Billingham Residents Association and sought the Partnerships help to arrange a consultation meeting. LM confirmed that option 5 had been submitted to Planning and hopes it will be approved so that work can commence before the bad winter weather starts.</p> <p>f) Laptops</p> <p>KP advised the Board that the laptops have been purchased but the appropriate software would be an additional £160.</p>		<p>forward to it to Board members. KP advised the Board that a plot of land will still be left derelict and so he and Kelly Brown will be submitting an application to Entrust for landfill tax credits to improve this remaining area.</p> <p>Board agreed to the additional costs.</p>				
<p>5. Constitutional Changes – Hard to Reach Group</p>						

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<p>Chair explained to the Board that at the last Renaissance Board meeting it was suggested that each Area Board have a BME representative, he went through a report and recommendations. KP advised the Board that he had done some research and that the Chinese community are the largest BME community in Billingham.</p>		<p>KB informed the Board that Billingham North Residents Group said they did not want this to happen. BW commented that 2 young people did come to the meetings but then gained full time employment so they stopped coming. RM felt that BME should have as much right as any other person to sit on the Board. This constitutional change was agreed.</p>		<p>KP to request SIFC to carry out a nomination in line with the LSP remit for BME representative on to the Board. SRCGA to arrange other elections to Board.</p>		<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>6. Elections to Boards</p> <p>Chair advised that he had received 2 letters asking for nominations to sit on the Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership and the Adult Care Partnership.</p>		<p>Chair asked for nominations, none were received.</p>	<p>Chair to inform the relevant people that no nominations were received.</p>			<p>John Tough Chair, TBP</p>
<p>7. Thematic Update</p> <p>GH advised the Board that he would be attending ERTP on 6-9-06, would anybody like to receive a copy of the last minutes? He also informed the Board that the Environment Partnership is taking place on 12-9-06 and a Transport meeting is taking place on 28-9-06, anybody is welcome to attend.</p> <p>8. Information Updates a) Community Sector</p> <p>GH went through a report that he had</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>KP to seek approval</p>	<p>GH to send KP & JT a copy of the minutes</p>			<p>Geoff Harrison TBP</p>

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<p>received with regards to the SVDA and SRCGA merger. At the moment it is still only a proposal. KB mentioned that he was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend and as a result did not receive any minutes/feedback.</p> <p>KB informed the Board that a final masterplan for John Whitehead Park has been drawn up but as yet no date has been set for the consultation. The application submitted to the Peoples Millions has been put on the reserve list and would be funded if any of the other applications were refused.</p> <p>b) Voluntary Sector</p> <p>JM informed the Board that the Billingham Folklore Festival was a success. JM also stressed that the festival does not receive £100k from SBC, they get £80k and £40k returns to SBC as payment for the services</p>		<p>from McAuley McGee to circulate the report to the Board.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>BW to get correct figures from SBC and place them on Billingham Talk.</p>	<p>KP will also see if anybody is available to attend a future meeting to talk about the merger.</p>			

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<p>Chair advised that Ged McGuire should offer in writing that he has agreed to donate £500 to Bulgarth community safety issue.</p> <p>Chair advised the Board that he has met with Stuart Mickewright with regards to the speeding issue that was raised at the last meeting and he advised JT that speeding surveys had been carried out and everything was fine and it does not justify having a speed camera.</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he had received a copy of the Corporate Policing Strategy and that copies were available if anybody wanted one.</p> <p>Chair confirmed his resignation to the Board and advised that October would be his last Board meeting.</p>		<p>KP requested a copy.</p> <p>Election of new Chair 2.10.06</p>		Discharged.		

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<p>12. Managers Report</p> <p>KP informed the Board that over the past month he has spent a lot of time on funding issues and attending regular meetings with SBC.</p> <p>Roger Black expressed his sincere thanks to John Tough and wished him well for the future.</p> <p>13. Any Other Business</p> <p>Nothing Raised</p> <p>14. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 2nd October 2006 at 5.45pm to be held at New Life Resource Centre</p>		<p>KP asked the Board if he could purchase a copier/printer for TBP, this was agreed.</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>