Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: Geoff Harrison

Ken Ellis (VS), Michele Smith (CS), Kevin Bowler (KAB) (CS), Colin Stratton (BS), Roger Black, (BS), Ray McCall (CS), Cllr Barry Woodhouse (SBC), Joe Maloney (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Susan Elden (PCT), Jim Sculley (BS), Cllr Keith Dewison (SBC), Miriam (Contact (CS))

Stanton (PS)

Advisors/Observers

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA), Jane Elliott (SBC), Lorna Evans (UnLtd), Mike McGrory (Probation), Paul McGee & Kevin McAuley (McGee McAuley Associates)

**Apologies** 

Cath Coldbeck

Liz Smith

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						Zoe Rutter
Introductions and apologies were noted		Noted	ZR			SBC 01642 526025
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2006						
Minutes of the last meeting agreed as being an accurate and true record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Probation Service – Mike McGrory						
Mike McGrory gave a brief presentation to the Board and answered all questions that were raised. Mike mentioned that the service covers the 4 unitary authorities across the Tees Valley. Mike explained the role of the Probation service and how they interact with the Local Authorities. Mike also talked about some of the work they do with		Noted	No	No	No	Mike McGrory Probation

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the offenders, groups work programmes that offenders can attend and he talked about the unpaid work projects that had taken place within the Billingham area.  Mike mentioned the Cluster Caseload to the Board based on figures from August 2006.		CS asked when the work had been undertaken, Mike was unsure and said he would get the information and feed it back through ZR.	ZR to feed information back to Board. ZR to provide members with a copy of Mike's handout.			
4. Paul McGee & Kevin McAuley  Chair introduced Paul and Kevin to the meeting. PM circulated a briefing note in addition to the paper that was circulated with the Board papers. PM advised the Board that SVDA would cease to exist, Catalyst would be created and work at a strategic level. SRCGA would remain to work at a neighbourhood level. Paul informed the members that the Directorate Board posts would be advertised externally and members will be appointed by SBC, SRCGA and		A couple of concerns were raised by the Board, Kevin & Paul answered all concerns in full.  JD stated SRCGA's position and that SRCGA support the move.	No	No	No	McGee McAuley Associates

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SVDA, the Board will remain appointed for 3 years. The Chair will be an independent person. Paul & Kevin are hopeful that that the changes will be completed by the end of the calendar year and a new Chief Executive will be appointed in the new year.  4a. UnLtd – Lorna Evans						
Lorna outlined the report that was circulated. She advised the Board that she had a pot of funding available for individuals who want to push projects in their area, funding is available for 1 year. Lorna did mention that 2 local people have been in receipt of some monies from UnLtd and their project will be available to see at the Arc in Stockton. Lorna handed out some application forms and explained that she would like them returned by the middle of next week so that she could get the money to successful people before Christmas.		RB asked if Billingham Girl Guides could apply for funding, Lorna advised the application would have to come from an individual and not an already formed group.	Funding packs were circulated to the Board.	No		Lorna Evans 01429 894046
5. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Regeneration						

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LM outlined the report and advised the Board that SBC are continuing to work closely with Halladale.  b. Billingham House		Noted	No	No		Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942
LM advised the Board that the Section 79 notice had been served on Bizzy B Management. Bizzy B has appealed against the S79 notice (although not following formal procedure) but SBC is confident they can make a case which would enable the courts to uphold the notice. SBC will now have to gather evidence and witnesses to justify the serving of the notice.  CS congratulated GH on his radio interview regarding the Section 29 notice.		Noted	No	No		
c. Forum						
LM outlined the report and advised the Board that the consultation was going well and was due to close this Friday (10 <sup>th</sup>		Noted	No	No		

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November). LM thanked KAB & JS for their support throughout the consultation.						
d. La Ronde						
LM informed the Board that the demolition works are now complete and that the additional car parking spaces are being well used.		JS informed the Board that he had been taking pictures throughout the demolition if anybody wanted to have a look at them. He also mentioned that SBC have a really good photographic library which is accessible via the website.	No	No		
e. Bullgarth						
LM informed the Board that planning consent was granted on the 24 <sup>th</sup> October for the car park, hard standing and grassed area which will complement the Bullgarth landscape improvement scheme. Works are due to commence at the end of November.		Noted	No	No		

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6. Local Development Framework – Jane Elliott						
Jane outlined the report and explained why SBC had done a further consultation. The Board decided that they would not be changing their decision and would continue to support option 1.		Noted	No			Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053
7. Stockton Riverside College						
MS advised the Board that Stockton Riverside College remains committed to delivering provision in the Billingham area. The college are looking at other venues in Billingham but nothing has been identified to date. MS advised the Board that Bede College have offered them some space.		Board requested that a letter be sent to Stockton Riverside College to encourage them to stay in Billingham.	Chair to write letter.			Geoff Harrison Chair
8. Thematic Groups Updates						
KP informed the Board that he had received an email from Keith Matthews asking if			No			

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somebody from TBP could be nominated to sit on the John Whitehead Park steering group.  KP advised the Board that he had invited somebody along from the Police to give a presentation about the new illegal drug Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), this will take place at the February meeting. He informed the Board that we need to be prepared for this drug coming to the area. This item was deferred to the Safer Billingham Partnership for them to meet with the Health thematic officer and then feed back to TBP.		GH was nominated RB and seconded by RM and RM is the Clarences Community Partnership representative.  Board agreed this.	No			
KP circulated a report with regards to the appointment of a young person on to the Board.		Board agreed the recommendations outlined in the report.	No			
SE thanked the Board for inviting her along to TBP but unfortunately December would be Sue's last meeting but she would advise the Board of her replacement at the next meeting.		Noted.	No			Susan Eldon PCT

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9. Information Updates a. Community Sector						
Chair informed the Board that the SRCGA Christmas party would be taking place on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December.		Noted	No			
KP informed the Board that he went along to the last BME meeting and is hopeful of getting a representative nominated on to TBP.		Noted	No			
b. Voluntary Sector						
MS advised the Board that as from January TBP would not be able to hold their meetings at New Life Resource Centre as they will be undergoing some refurbishment works until July, the centre will become a Sure Start building.		MS said we could have the use of Bede College and KAB suggested using the Billingham Council Chamber, both options will be considered.	No			
c. Business Sector						

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RB asked the Chair if the Board could arrange some sort of social event for all the hard work the Board has done throughout the year.		KP nominated to sort something.	No			Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150
d. Public Sector						
KD informed the Board that a Town Centre briefing meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 14th November for members.		Noted.	No			
10. Chairs Report						
Chair informed the Board that he attended the LSP meeting and informed the Board of items that were discussed.		Noted	No			Geoff Harrison Chair
Chair informed the Board that he attended the launch event for the Billingham Forum Consultation, he urged everybody to vote.		Noted	No			
Chair advised the Board that he had been accepted as the Director of SRCGA at the AGM which took place on 6-11-06.		Noted	No			

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Chair informed the Board that following a meeting of 6 <sup>th</sup> July to discuss the NRF Worklessness Grants the following grants were approved:		Noted	No			
Community Steps £90,965, Five Lamps £195,000 and Panic £52,172.  Chair informed the Board that traffic improvements were due to commence on Neasham Avenue and traffic calming to be undertaken on Deleval Road/Sauton Road.  11. Managers Report		Noted	No			
KP informed the Board that the core funding had been agreed.		Noted	No			Kevin Pitt Manager 01642 360150
KP handed out a new diary to all Board members.		Noted	No			3.3.2 330.00
KP informed the Board that all laptops had been issued. KP informed the Board that KE still has a laptop but this was donated by Bede College to the faith group, SRCGA		Noted	No			

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purchased the software for the laptop but TBP would be giving the money back to SRCGA.						
KP informed the Board that the Clarences Community Partnership which was scheduled for 19 <sup>th</sup> October was cancelled and a new date is to be determined.		Noted	No			
KP informed the Board that the meeting scheduled for April TBP is Easter Monday so we needed to change it.		Board agreed that the new meeting date would be Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	No			
9. Any Other Business						
JM informed the Board that he had been to Bulgaria in connection with the CIOFF awards and informed the Board that Kevin Bowler had received 3 <sup>rd</sup> place for "Friendship Between Nations" and photos are available on the website. Chair presented KAB with a certificate and congratulated him on his success.		Noted	No			Joe Maloney Billingham International Folklore Festival

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10. Elections For Vice Chair						
Chair informed the Board that one nomination had been received for Vice Chair and this was from Ray McCall.		A vote took place and Board agreed Ray McCall as Vice Chair.	No			
11. Date of Next Meeting						
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 5.45pm to be held at New Life Resource Centre						