

**Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed**  
**Meeting- The Billingham Partnership**  
**Date – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

**Members:**

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Michele Smith (CS), Kevin Bowler (KAB), Colin Stratton (BS), Ray McCall (CS), Cllr Barry Woodhouse (SBC), Joe Maloney (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Jim Sculley (BS), Miriam Stanton (MST) (PS), Liz Smith (BS), Paul Harrison (VS), Ken Ellis (VS)

**Advisors/Observers:**

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Rob Farnham (SBC), Mark Rowell (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Fiona Chesters (TVRCC), Janette Russon (NETA), Gil Smith

**Apologies:**

Cllr Keith Dewison

Cath Coldbeck

Elaine Morris

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><b>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted</p>		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p><b>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> December 2006</b></p> <p>Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> December meeting were agreed as being an accurate and true record.</p> <p>Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> December amended and agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p><b>3. NETA Presentation – Janette Russon</b></p> <p>Janette gave a short presentation to the Board and information packs were handed out. Questions raised were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CS asked what are the trainers like?</li> <li>2. CS asked how long do NETA have funding for?</li> </ol>		Janette advised that NETA have dedicated trainers who specialise	No	No	No	Janette Russon NETA

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<p>3. KAB asked how much time do people have to commit to the course?</p> <p>Janette informed the Board that the learning centre is open late every Thursday evening until 8pm.</p>		<p>in each work area. Funding is available until July '09 but dependant on how many people go through nationally. With regards to how much time people have to give, Janette informed the Board that each person is given an individual action plan when they start.</p>				
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b>  <b>a. Town Centre Redevelopment</b></p> <p>Louise outlined the report that was circulated and brought along some indicative images of how the Town Centre could look. Louise informed the Board that on 4<sup>th</sup> January Cabinet recommended to Council (17.1.07) that they endorse the sale of Billingham Town Centre to Halladale. Louise also informed the Board that Halladale have agreed to present at a future meeting.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Louise McDonald  SBC  01642 528942</p>

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<p>JS asked if Halladale would be putting a roof over the Town Centre? LM advised there were no plans to do so due to cost, width and building height restrictions</p> <p><b>b. Billingham House</b></p> <p>Louise outlined the report that was circulated. Stockton Borough Council continue to pursue long-term development of the site.</p> <p><b>c. Forum</b></p> <p>Louise outlined the report and informed the Board that Cabinet endorsed a report on the Forum on 4-1-07. GH asked if he could circulate the PFI bid to Board members.</p> <p>CS asked how safe is the building and how long the insurance company would keep insuring it for? LM advised that the building</p>		<p>Chair requested that LM seek to progress enforcement of the section 29 notice.</p> <p>LM advised would consider but that any distribution would be confidential to TBP members.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>is safe and complies with all Health &amp; Safety regulations and insurance policies. CS asked how is the Comprehensive Spending Review going and will there be any credits? LM advised that we should get to know in July following the Comprehensive Spending Review but following a meeting with DCMS in December, she did anticipate a 2007 round of credits.</p>		Noted				
<p><b>d. Bullgarth</b></p> <p>LM outlined the report and advised that the issue regarding fly tipping is in hand. KP thanked Louise for her work on this issue. KP also reported that an application to the Landfill Tax Credits been submitted for £48,500 which will see the Bullgarth work complete. KP anticipates a reply in 5-6 weeks.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p><b>e. Billingham Parish Council</b></p> <p>Louise advised the Board that the Parish Council will cover all 5 wards in Billingham</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>and will therefore reduce areas from both Grindon and Wolviston Parish Council's. Handouts were issued at the meeting for information. LM advised the Board that they will still hold the remit for the regeneration works (as accountable body i.e. Northern Area Board reporting to LSP).</p>						
<p><b>5. Community Strategy Reporting – Haleem Ghafoor</b></p> <p>Haleem outlined the report and stated that Economic Regeneration &amp; Transport would be discussed at this meeting and the Children &amp; Young People report would be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>Rob Farnham gave an update on the Tees Valley Major Bus Scheme. The Council is working in partnership with the other Local Authorities and the two major bus operators within the Tees Valley to develop a Major Scheme designed to arrest the long-term decline in bus patronage across the sub-region. The Interim Regional Transport Board has already given approval in principle</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>for capital funding totalling £33 million for this scheme (submitted to GO-NE and DFT October 2006). The proposals set out in the Major Scheme Business Case include the introduction of a 'Super Core' Route corridor based on the existing 52 service between Stockton town centre, Norton, 'Old' Billingham, Billingham town centre and Low Grange. Questions raised were:</p> <p>1. JS asked what is the £33 million from the Interim Regional Transport Board going to be spent on? Rob advised that the money will be spent on infrastructure works and road works.</p> <p>2. KAB asked is the road strong enough to deal with the increased bus traffic? Rob advised yes and the service is well used and there are 8 buses per hour.</p> <p>3. LS asked how much does it cost to repair a bus shelter? LS expressed her concern at how often the shelters are repaired. Rob did not give a price for bus shelter repairs but advised that CCTV is being trailed and is not</p>						

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<p>just a problem in Billingham.</p> <p>4. RM asked if the CCTV cameras are vandal proof? Rob advised no.</p> <p>5. CS asked would this area be a pilot for road charges? Board agreed to this</p> <p>Mark Rowell highlighted the Employment &amp; Enterprise Package and that 20 businesses have been supported through Enterprise Grant.</p> <p>Chair asked if the Board would agree for him to keep pushing for an answer on what jobs have been created through NRF Worklessness Grants.</p>						
<p><b>6. Thematic Updates</b></p> <p><b>a. Health Improvement Partnership</b></p> <p>GH informed the Board that the Director of Health gave his annual report at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006, along with that there was a report on PCT reconfiguration.</p> <p>GH informed the Board that he raised the plight of the mentally handicapped and this</p>		Noted	No	No		



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Nothing to report		Noted	No	No		
<b>d. Public Sector</b>						
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<b>8. Chairs Report</b>						
Chair informed the Board that he attended the LSP meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> December and a presentation was given by the Learning & Skills Council. Chair asked why the funding had been withdrawn in relation to mentally handicapped people attending day classes, speaker advised that this was central government policy.		Noted	No	No		Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP
Chair informed the Board that at the LSP event on 9-1-07 the presentation on LSP achievements in 2006/7 stressed the good work and importance of the CEN. The three speakers at the event were George Garlick (SBC), Jenny Haworth (SBC) and Julia Veale from GO-NE.		Noted	No	No		
Chair attended the PFI Steering Group			No	No		

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<p>meeting 12-12-06 and reported the findings on the Forum consultation. Chair has written back to Louise McDonald with concerns he has over the bid, which have now been addressed. The group agreed that the bid should go to Cabinet.</p> <p>Chair declared an interest as a Director of SRCGA. Chair informed the Board that he attended the SRCGA Directors meeting 18-12-06 and Julie Derbyshire informed them that they were unsuccessful with their lottery bid but they can apply in 1 years time.</p> <p>Nominations for the Catalyst Board were received and Julie Derbyshire and Alex Bain were nominated.</p> <p>KAB asked how many people will be on the Catalyst Board? Chair advised 15, 7x community/voluntary reps and 8x to be appointed through advertisement.</p>		Noted				
<p><b>9. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has sent a plaque off to Susan Eldon and a letter thanking her for her contribution to TBP.</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP

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<p>KP informed the Board that he has been speaking to the Drug Action Team and the presentation that was due to be made at February's meeting regarding methamphetamine will now be delayed until March and will be delivered to the whole community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>A list of future dates for TBP were circulated and the only change to make was to May due to a bank holiday, May's meeting will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that a meeting had taken place to identify a site for the Clarences MUGA, consultation will take place in February. KP is hopeful that a bid will be submitted to the Landfill Tax Credits for additional funding for the MUGA and £14.5k has been identified through NRF.</p> <p><b>10. Any Other Business</b>  <b>a. Anhydrite Mine</b></p> <p>RM &amp; BW declared an interest as members of the Billingham Labour Group.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>RM informed the Board that he has received roughly 890 signatures against the opening of the mine and he will continue to collect signatures.</p> <p>BW informed the Board that a press release was sent out from the Billingham Labour Party but he was not involved or consulted on it.</p> <p>CS felt the Board should not make any decision without having an insight into what is involved and asked if somebody would be available to come along to a future meeting to give a presentation on what the opening of the mine would entail.</p> <p>RM informed the Board that the petition will be presented to the Council's Planning Committee should a planning application be submitted.</p> <p><b>b. Confidential Brief – Kevin Pitt</b></p> <p>A motion was raised by KAB seconded by RM that the Anhydrite Mines should not be re-opened at all. The vote was 9 for the motion and 4 abstentions.</p>						

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<p><b>10. Date Of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at the New life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>						