

**Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed**  
**Meeting- The Billingham Partnership**  
**Date – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

**Members:**

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Michele Smith (CS), Kevin Bowler (KAB), Ray McCall (CS), Cllr Barry Woodhouse (SBC), Joe Maloney (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Jim Sculley (BS), Miriam Stanton (MST) (PS), Ken Ellis (VS), Cllr Keith Dewison (SBC), Emmanuel Odanga (BME), Elaine Morris (PCT)

**Advisors/Observers:**

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Peter Sellar (SBC), Simon Willson (SBC), Chris Butler (Five Lamps), Len Kirk, B McLean

**Apologies:**

Cath Coldbeck

Liz Smith

Colin Stratton

Louise McDonald

Paul Harrison

Roger Black

Fiona Chesters

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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<b>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b>  Introductions and apologies were noted.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<b>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007</b>  Minutes of the 15 <sup>th</sup> January amended and agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<b>3. Area Partnership Priorities Reporting – Peter Seller &amp; Haleem Ghafoor</b>  Haleem Ghafoor introduced the report. Chair asked the Board if anybody had any questions with regards to the report as everybody had it prior to the meeting. HG gave an update on the progress on the MUGA being implemented on Rievaulx Avenue. GM asked what had happened to		Noted	No	No	No	Peter Seller – 527043 Haleem Ghafoor – 528677 SBC

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the MUGA on Roscoe Road being installed by Tees Valley Housing Group; KP is trying to find out and will feed back to the Board.						
<p><b>4. Update on Children &amp; Young People’s Plan – Peter Seller</b></p> <p>Peter Seller introduced the report that had been circulated prior to the meeting. Chair asked for any questions. KAB asked how the Play Strategy would fit in with the Children &amp; Young People’s Plan? PS advised that any relevant findings from the Play Strategy would be incorporated in to the plan. MST expressed her concerns over the general safety of young people and how was it going to be addressed. PS informed the Board that he is currently with children and young people and taking all their comments down and addressing any issues as necessary. PS did stress that every young person would be consulted. KP asked if anything is being looked at with regards to the NEET (Not In Employment, Education or Training)? PS informed the Board that a lot</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043

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<p>of work is undertaken with the NEET and all issues will be addressed accordingly.</p> <p><b>5. Joint Area Review (JAR) – Simon Willson</b></p> <p>Simon Willson outlined the report that was circulated on the Joint Area Review. An update was given on the JAR inspection which is the major external inspection of services for children and young people. This focuses on children in our care, those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, safeguarding arrangements and service management. The inspectors, who will be in the Borough in December 2007, are made up from OSFTED inspectors, CSCI representative, Audit Commission, Health Authority and other nominated bodies. RM informed the Board that he knows of a school that has 6 Polish children and speak no English at all and only have a Polish speaking teacher for .5 days per week and for 1 term only, would this be something that the JAR would address? SW advised yes,</p>		Noted	No	No		Simon Willson SBC 01642 527035

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<p>the inspection is right across the Board and will address issues such as special needs, learning disabilities. KAB asked for a definition of a young person. SW advised 0-19 years of age or up to 25 years of age if they have learning difficulties.</p> <p>KAB asked if the inspection will only take place in schools or will it affect community groups too? SW advised that any relevant publicly funded service will be inspected. KAB asked if the inspection is looking at the Learning &amp; Skills Council. SW advised that the LSC are a key partner in the inspection.</p> <p>KP asked if anything is being done to help Bede College as their funding from the LSC has been withdrawn. SW advised that he was not aware of this matter. KP thought it may be worth while MST meeting up with SW to address this matter.</p> <p><b>6. Matters Arising</b>  <b>a. Town Centre Development</b></p> <p>A report was circulated prior to the meeting. KP informed the Board that Halladale's</p>		Noted	No	No		Louise McDonald SBC

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<p>Board has recommended its takeover, but this has not affected anything in Billingham at this moment in time.</p> <p>B McLean asked if Halladale had stated their objectives and intentions for the Town Centre Redevelopment. Chair advised yes and this comes after 3 consultation events. This has also been covered in the media.</p> <p>B McLean asked if the money from the sale of the Town Centre would be put back in to Billingham? KP advised that the sale of the Town Centre will generate a capital receipt for the Council, a proportion of which will be re-invested in Billingham. As Louise McDonald (The Billingham Regeneration Manager) was not at the meeting the following question was asked for Louise to respond to:</p> <p>1. KP asked will the take over of Halladale delay the Town Centre regeneration?</p>			<p>LM to respond to question on her return to work.</p>			<p>01642 528942</p>

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<p>JS informed the Board that some workers from the DTI have been served with notice as this service is being relocated to the South of England. JS asked if this could be verified and the time scales involved</p> <p><b>b. Bullgarth</b></p> <p>GM informed the Board that the Bullgarth Working Group have been successful in securing £42,500 from the Landfill Tax Credits for the hard standing and ritter paving grassing works. As the third party involvement is TBP the Board will be required to pay 10% management fee.</p> <p><b>c. Billingham House</b></p> <p>Chair informed the Board that the new fence has been erected around the building but has since been breached. It had been breached by an unknown person lifting part of the fence and blocking it up to allow access underneath the fence. This implies that Bizzy B are not patrolling the sites 4</p>		<p>KP asked if the Board would agree to pay the 10%, Board agreed.</p> <p>Chair asked if the Board would agree for him to keep putting pressure on Bizzy Bee, Board agreed.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		





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<p><b>c. Children &amp; Young People Partnership</b></p> <p>KAB informed the Board that the next Play Strategy meeting will take place 26-2-07 and KAB is happy to take any comments back to the meeting.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p><b>8. Information Updates</b></p> <p><b>a. Community Sector</b></p> <p>KAB informed the Board that the Supporters of John Whitehead Park AGM will take place on 27-2-07 @ 6.30pm at the Bowls Pavilion and everybody is welcome.</p> <p><b>b. Voluntary Sector</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>c. Business Sector</b></p> <p>Billingham Business Association meeting will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.</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>		



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<p><b>9a. Accounts 05/06</b> Accounts for 05/06 were circulated prior to the meeting. Audited accounts were agreed, Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.</p> <p><b>9b. 06/07 Quarterly Budget Report</b> Manager to ascertain discrepancy of £51 which was raised by KAB.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		
<p><b>10. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that TBP have placed an advert in the Now &amp; Then Magazine which cost £120 (KP distributed a copy of the advert). TBP have also placed an advert on the Emergency Planning leaflet which will be sent to every household in the Borough, this cost £100.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has been contacted with regards to an alleygating issue to the rear of Windlestone Road shops, KP thought this was an issue for the Safer Billingham Partnership to address.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed for KP to call a meeting of the Safer Billingham Partnership.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP</p>

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<p>KP informed the Board that KE is attending a Skills Share event for the next 6 months on behalf of TBP and will feedback.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that a NRF Information and Networking event will be taking place on 20-3-07 and TBP will be having a stand at the event. Anybody wishing to attend should inform Nicola Hall or Kelly Smith from SBC.</p> <p><b>11. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>RM informed the Board that consultation for the Clarences MUGA is underway now and the total cost of the MUGA will be approx £100k. The Clarences Community Partnership will be applying to the Landfill Tax Credits for the money and again as TBP are the third party involvement they will be required to pay the 10% management fee.</p> <p>Chris Butler from the Five Lamps Organisation informed the Board of Business Support in the Community.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>KP asked if the Board would agree to paying the 10% fee should the application be successful, Board agreed.</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>Entrepreneurship and new business start up within the Tees Valley falls well short of the National average. This intervention focuses on increasing the number of small enterprises and enabling the staged growth of new businesses through a range of support including, financial, technical, organisational and personal development activities. Customers will be sourced from the unemployed and those receiving Incapacity Benefit as self employment can be seen as an important route back in to employment and can offer the flexibility that some customers need to make the transition from workless to sustainable employment. Business Link is the core provider of self-employment support and advice with its Start-up Service. However, this level of support and expertise is needed in a more informal community setting where this client group feel more comfortable and willing to discuss their ideas. Customers will be offered a flexible support programme aimed at their individual level of competency and appropriate partnership working further</p>						

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<p>developed with Business Link and other agencies.</p> <p><b>12. Date Of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>						