

Minute/Decision Summary - APPROVED
Meeting- Renaissance Central Area Partnership
Date –22nd February 2007
Salvation Army, Palmerston Street, Stockton

Members:

Alex Bain (Chair/CPF), Edna Chapman (VS), Elizabeth McClurg (VS), Stan Slater (VS), Robert Bond (VS), Roy Parker (CS), Cllr Mrs S Fletcher (SBC), Elaine Morris (PCT), Tina Williams (CS),

Advisors:

Lisa Stephenson (Cleveland Police), Ron Atkinson (CS), Margaret Sutton (CS), Jean Oliver (CS), David Whiting (CS), Nicola Hall, Nigel Laws, Sue Burgess, Faye Parminter (SBC), James Hadman (SRCGA),

Observers:

Apologies:

Jim Beall (CS), Sarah Upex (SBC), Lesley Makin (CS), Judith Turner (Rural CS), Fiona Chesters (CS), Kellie Hopkins (SBC), Cllr Chris Coombs, Cllr Michael Cunningham, Cllr David Coleman (SBC), Harry Huntley (CS), Insp Mason (Cleveland Police),

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	CEN=	Community Empowerment Network
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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ITEM/ISSUE	D O I	COMMENTS/DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ endorsement ?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<p>1.WELCOME & APOLOGIES.</p> <p>Welcome and Introductions were made.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		Noted.	No	No	No	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>
<p>2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2006 & 25TH JANUARY 2007</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2006 were agreed as true record.</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting held on 25th January 2007 were agreed as a true record, subject to the amendments detailed below –</p> <p>➤ Stan Slater was not in attendance at the meeting- apologies were</p>		<p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>SU to amend</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>

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<p>submitted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Insp Tariq Ali was not in attendance at the meeting; ➤ Insp Colin Whitfield was in attendance at the meeting ➤ Elaine Morris was in attendance at the meeting. 			minutes			
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>James Hadman gave an update on the elections for the Central Area Partnership Board. Deadline for submission of nominations is 5pm on 23rd February 2007. James reported that to date 5 nominations had been received for the voluntary sector posts, 2 nominations for the community sector and 1 for the rural sector.</p>		None	No	No	No	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>
<p>4. STOCKTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE – NIGEL LAWS</p> <p>Nigel Laws gave a presentation update on progress to date with Stockton Town Centre Development.</p> <p>NL explained that the purpose of his</p>		Noted	No	No	No	<p>Nigel Laws Town Centre & Major Projects Officer (01642) 527565</p>

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<p>presentation was also to gauge Board members views on the Town Centre Action Plan. Copies of the consultation leaflet were circulated and members were requested to complete and return by 16th March 2007. NL advised that additional copies of the consultation leaflet would be available from Municipal Buildings and Stockton Library. The document will also be available on the Stockton Council website. There will also be an exhibition in Wellington Square on Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th February 2007 in which members of the public are invited to submit their views.</p>			<p>members to complete the Town Centre consultation leaflet and return by 16th March 2006</p>			
<p>NL advised that the views submitted in the consultation leaflet would be collated and would form a number of recommendations that would be submitted back to Stockton Council for consideration.</p>	<p>Noted</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>Within his presentation, NL presented a summary of the Town Centre Action Plan explaining that it took a long-term</p>	<p>Noted</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	

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<p>visionary approach and asked members to buy into the wider vision for the Town Centre.</p>						
<p>NL outlined the development pressures on the Town Centre. NL further explained that as part of the Town Centre Action Plan there was a need to guide and influence development and create a more up to date planning framework.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL provided the strategic context and gave an overview of the Northern Way and Stockton Middlesbrough Initiative. NL explained that the Local Development Framework was currently being updated and the Planning Department was in the process of further consulting on the Core Strategy and the Regeneration and Development Document.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL outlined the key opportunities and explained that they were driven by getting the Town Centre to face the riverside and build upon successful cultural activities within the Town</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>Centre.</p> <p>NL provided a detailed overview of the six areas of action – Northern Gateway, Townscape Heritage, Southern Gateway, Eastern Gateway, Riverside Sites and Boathouse Lane.</p> <p><u>Eastern Gateway</u> – NL provided an overview of the North Shore Development and explained that Urban Splash and Amec have been selected to develop the North Shore site and that it will be based upon the Middlehaven site in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>NL advised that a master planning exercise was currently taking place, which would also focus on the former diary site. It was envisaged that this site would be used to link the North Shore site to a proposed residential site at Corus.</p> <p>NL advised that a key element of the leisure strategy was the extension of Splash. NL explained that the</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>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
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<p>extension would extend the current gym facilities and would also include space for a football pitch. NL stated that the extension would be completed by summer 2008.</p>						
<p><u>Northern Gateway</u> – NL explained that there was no current plans to improve Norton Road, but as part of the wider vision it was recognised that the shop frontages would require enhancement. NL explained the Council was working with the owners of the Globe Theatre to assess the potential usage of the building. NL explained the option of creating an Urban Village and explained that the Council was currently in talks with the University to develop this concept.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p><u>Townscape Heritage</u> – NL provided an overview of the Cultural Quarter Partnership Scheme, which included plans for a cultural quarter that included preserving the historic fabric and reinstating the historical features of the Green Dragon Yard. NL explained that these plans would also</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>include bringing back into use the upper floor spaces within the Green Dragon Yard.</p>						
<p>NL also gave an overview of the Townscape Heritage Initiative and advised that the Council was working in partnership with Heritage Lottery Fund to preserve and enhance the buildings along key sites including Dovecot Street and Prince Regent Street.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p><u>Riverside Sites</u> – NL advised that there were six broad areas within this theme. NL explained that as part of the plans there was an option to narrow Riverside Road to enhance the connectivity of the Town Centre. NL stressed that this was an idea at this stage, but was working with Highways Engineers to assess the feasibility of this option.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL explained that in order to improve the outlook onto the river, plans included block developments in front of the Castlegate Centre.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>NL informed members that there were plans to create an events area, which would be the focal point of the Riverside Festival and also be used as a permanent events area.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL explained the plans to develop the riverside car park site into leisure and retail units. NL advised that this plan was as part of the wider development of the Town Centre and noted the impact it would have on car parking facilities.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL explained that a master plan would be required for the development of the Castlegate Quay/ Chandlers Wharf area, but would include plans for mixed-use development.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL provided an overview of potential plans for the St Marks Basin site. NL advised that the Council was working with British Waterways who own the land to assess potential usage for the area.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p><u>Southern Gateway</u> – NL explained that planning permission had been granted for outline consent for a 61, 000 square foot food store at the Castlegate Centre. NL stated that development of the food store would not commence until 2008 and completion was envisaged for 2009.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL explained that plans to create an iconic building at the Southern Gateway to welcome people into the town centre. NL advised that Bridge Road, Yarm Lane and Churchyard Link Road would also be involved in the master plan for the area.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL explained that as part of the development of the Southern Gateway, the Holy Trinity Site would be enhanced. NL explained that he was working with English Heritage to improve the structure of the building.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p><u>Boathouse Lane</u> – NL explained that this area would be used to develop</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>riverside housing in Stockton. NL stated that plans had been submitted to student accommodation on the SCS site. NL further stated that landscaping of the area would take place. NL explained the plans to utilise the old railway ticket office.</p>						
<p>A question was raised regarding spaces within the development for facilities for young people to play. It was also felt that plans should also include facilities specifically for older people.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>NL explained that developing play areas was not part of Stockton's Strategic Development Plan. NL stated that a clear planning policy was needed on this issue.</p>		<p>A discussion took place and Board members felt they would like an update on the Council's Play Strategy.</p>	<p>SU to place update on Play Strategy on the forward plan for a future meeting.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>A question was raised regarding if a study had taken place of temperature and wind velocity along the riverside, as it was intended to use this area as</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>NL to consider a study of temperature</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	

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<p>an outside events arena.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding ownership of the Globe.</p>		<p>NL advised that the Globe was owned privately and the council had no control over the development of the building. NL stated that the Council was in discussion with the owners regarding the development of this site. NL further stated that it was important that as part of the Local Development Framework, a strategy was adopted to ensure that private owners did not deviate from agreed development plans.</p>	<p>and wind velocity along the riverside.</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>4. STOCKTON TOWN CENTRE UPDATE – SUE BURGESS</p> <p>Sue Burgess provided the second part of the presentation on Stockton Town</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Sue Burgess Town Centre Manager (01642) 527569</p>

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<p>Centre Update.</p> <p>SB provided an overview of Town Centre Management, including what it is and what the benefits are. SB also provided an outline of her role as Town Centre Manager.</p> <p>SB informed members of the key actions for the development of the Town Centre – raising Stockton’s profile; making the Town Centre a more welcoming place; improving the footfall, dwell and spend; establishing niche markets and making the Town Centre viable and sustainable.</p> <p>SB gave an overview of the seven themes for the development of the Town Centre – creating a buzz: improving vitality, making the town centre inclusive; improving attractiveness; improving access for residents, shoppers and visitors; celebrating our heritage; improving our commercial offer: supporting business in town and town centre management.</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>SB informed Board members that a review of car parking within the Town Centre would be taking place and would welcome members' views on car parking provision. A discussion on car parking provision followed.</p>		<p>SB advised members that their concerns regarding car parking provision within the Town Centre had not gone unnoticed and advised members to complete the consultation leaflet outlining their views.</p>	No	No	No	
<p>SB gave an overview of the Way Finding Strategy, which would look at improved pedestrian signage within the Town Centre</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>A discussion took place regarding the quality of the markets. SB provided an explanation and overview of current market provision within the Town Centre.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>SB explained the role and make up of the Town Centre Partnership.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>A question was raised regarding the needs of older people within the Town Centre. It was felt that a separate forum for older people would benefit</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>the Town Centre Partnership. SB responded stating that she would be happy to consult with the Elderly Citizens Forum and University of the Third Age as requested.</p>						
<p>Members advised that a separate forum for users of the Town Centre should also be consider within the make up of the Town Centre Partnership.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>A comment was made regarding including the Town Hall as a focus for the Town Centre, it was suggested that the Town Hall could be used as a venue for a drop in sessions when consulting members of the public.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>SB advised members to complete the consultation leaflet and return it by the deadline of 16th March 2007.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members congratulated SB and NL on their enthusiasm for the future development of the Town Centre and recognised their hard work.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>No further business was discussed.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>
<p>Next meeting</p> <p>29th March 2007, 10am, Stockton Business Centre, Brunswick Street, Stockton.</p>						<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>