

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 14th May 2007

Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KAB), Ray McCall (CS), Jim Sculley (BS), Ken Ellis (VS), Liz Smith (BS), Colin Stratton (BS), Bert Smailes (VS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), Elaine Morris (PUB), Roger Black (BS), Jim Scollen (VS)

Advisors/Observers:

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), James Glancey (SBC), Gil Smith (Resident), Val Scollen (Resident)

Apologies:

Fiona Chesters

Paul Harrison

Miriam Stanton

Cath Coldbeck

Joe Maloney

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 16th April Minutes of the 16 th April were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Development of Older People Strategy – Peter Smith Peter gave a short presentation to the Board, a copy of this was circulated before the meeting. Questions raised were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KAB asked if Peter could define “older people”? Peter said that it is generally 55+. 2. JS asked if this strategy is national one? Peter advised no but he did 		Noted	No	No	No	Peter Smith SBC 01642 528462

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<p>advise that most Council's have a similar sort of strategy.</p> <p>3. KP asked if Peter could get a copy of any statistics at a local level so the Board can concentrate on any specific issues that come up.</p> <p>4. KAB asked how do local people become engaged in the process? Peter advised that they depend on local groups and forums to cascade the information down to local people.</p> <p>5. LS asked Peter if he had consulted with the visually impaired? Peter advised that work is currently ongoing with some companies.</p>						
<p>4. Youth Café – Marc Mason</p> <p>Marc Mason was due to attend and give an update on the Youth Café but did not turn up to the meeting due to confusion over presentation dates/venue. KAB gave brief update on the Youth Café informing the Board that Marc Mason attended the</p>		Noted	No	No	No	<p>Marc Mason SBC 01642 526422</p>

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<p>Supporters of John Whitehead Park steering group. Mark Mason (SBC) first explained that some 18 months ago the government decided that more decisions needed to be taken by young people for the benefit of young people, i.e.; design and management. (Definition of young people is 13>19 years although the lower age is in some cases taken down to include 11 year olds and the higher age limit is raised to include up to 25 year olds with learning difficulties)</p> <p>Two funding schemes were put in place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) = Revenue, £115,000 per year for 2 years. The decision on what projects received funding is decided by the Youth Bank with the final OK from MM. 2. Youth Capital Fund (YCF) = Large Projects, i.e. buildings, £113,000 per year for 2 years. These funding spending decisions are taken by councillors. <p>MM explained that £70,000 has been spent</p>						

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<p>on converting the old connections building in Stockton (next to Argos) into a youth café. It has been decided that the £156,000 available for 07/08 should be split between Billingham and Thornaby for the provision of Youth facilities/café.</p> <p>Members discussed the issue of a Youth Café in Billingham concluding that a request should be made for an establishment of a youth café in the Park and at the Clarences. It was felt by the Board that as no provision such as the 'Thornaby Youthy' existed in Billingham a priority regarding the youth café funding should be given to Billingham. The Board agreed this point should be put to the funding group.</p> <p>5. Matters Arising a. Billingham Town Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>James informed the Board that Louise has gone on maternity leave a week earlier than expected.</p>		Board Agreed.	Notify funding body			
		Noted	No	No		James Glancey SBC 01642 528942

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<p>James informed the Board that good progress is being made with Halladale and the freehold sale, it is still anticipated that this will be completed by the end of Summer 2007.</p> <p>JS informed the Board that he will continue to have confidential briefings with James. JS also informed the Board that the Town Centre is in a really bad state of repair and the footfall in the Town Centre is declining and this is having an impact on the traders in the Town Centre.</p> <p>KP asked if there was any sort of business support strategy in place to help traders whilst the redevelopment is being carried out? James advised the Board that he would check and feed back at the next meeting, but that unfortunately any possible decline in trading conditions are a potential consequence of some Town Centre regeneration programmes and typical of other schemes of a similar nature. This will however only be for an interim period in the lead up to the commencement of works.</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>KP thinks it may be worth asking if the businesses could have a rent and rate reduction whilst the redevelopment is carried out? KAB asked if we could contact Sue Burgess to see if the continental market & French market could possibly come to Billingham. James advised the Board that he would contact Sue Burgess and feed back to the Board.</p>		Board agreed for requests to be made.	Yes.	No		
<p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>James informed the Board that the Council have now received Bizzy B's statement of case and anticipates the court date to be in August. The Council are currently preparing it's statement of case and witness statements in response to Bizzy B's statement of case. K.P. and GH to make statements on behalf of the Board</p>		Noted	KP/GH	No		
<p>c. Forum</p> <p>James informed the board that the detailed</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>contingency options work is progressing well and a report is due to go to the Council's cabinet in summer 2007. The Comprehensive Spending Review has now been put back until Autumn 2007.</p> <p>d. Bullgarth</p> <p>James informed the Board that the car park and ritter paving element of the Bullgarth project should be completed by the end of the week. Nicola Kelly, SBC, will be contacting relevant people very shortly with regards to a press release. John Angus, SBC, will be the lead officer responsible for the Bullgarth from 21st May 2007</p> <p>e. John Whitehead Park</p> <p>James informed the Board that the consultation was a success and the top priorities were improved safety and security and a new play area. James informed Board that Jamie McCann and Keith Matthews are</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>leading on the Park.</p> <p>6. Thematic Updates a. Economic Regeneration & Transport (ERTP)</p> <p>GH attended the ERTTP meeting on 9th May, items discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Strategy for Stockton • Update of Bus Network Proposals (a copy of the report was given to Board members) • Employability Consortium <p>GH informed the Board that Ian Thompson, Head of Regeneration & Economic Development, will be leaving SBC at the end of June.</p> <p>7. Information Updates a. Community Sector</p> <p>RM informed the Board that McGee and McAuley are currently looking at options with regards to the future of the Clarences.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP</p> <p>Ray McCall TBP</p>

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<p>RM informed the Board that the application for the funding for the Clarences Multi Use Gaming Area was successful. It could take up to 8 weeks to get planning permission, works could start anytime from August 2007.</p> <p>KAB advised the Board that the application for the John Whitehead Park Sensory Garden was successful, KAB thanked the Board for their support. The steering group are awaiting 3 quotes and hope to have the work completed by late August/early September.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that Billingham Campus had 400 consultation forms returned but SBC are unable to accept them as they were different from the official form. KAB asked the Board if they would agree to him asking SBC if the forms can be analysed even though they are a different form. KP asked the Board if they would agree to asking SBC if the forms can be analysed even though they are a different form as they were responses from young people and</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to this.</p>	<p>No</p>			<p>Kevin Bowler TBP</p>

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<p>c. Business Sector</p> <p>JS informed the Board that a BBA meeting took place two weeks ago and the minutes will be published in the next week.</p> <p>d. Public Sector</p> <p>BW informed the Board that he had been re-elected as Councillor but is unsure as to whether this would be his last meeting at TBP. The Annual Council meeting will take place on 23rd May, TBP will hear who it's representatives are after this meeting.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that Dawn Welsh, SBC, and himself will be making a presentation to the Billingham Town Council on 22nd May at 6.30pm, to inform Town Council members of the role of the LSP and TBP.</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>Jim Sculley</p> <p>Barry Woodhouse SBC</p>
<p>8. Chairs Report</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he has attended the following meetings over the</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP</p>

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<p>past month:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Billingham Youth Strategy meeting 19.4.07 with SBC officers and a number of external people. The outcome of the meeting was to hold a youth consultation day at Billingham Forum on Saturday 14th July. The partnership will be preparing posters to advertise the event. 2. Billingham Network 25.4.07 3. Billingham Partnership Executive meeting 26.4.07. 4. Transport Strategy chairs meetings 2.5.07 to discuss the 2007 Transport Strategy. Further to this a meeting will take place on 15.5.07 at the Billingham Arms to discuss the Transport Strategy further. 5. Stockton Network on 14.5.07 <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.</p>						

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11. Date Of Next Meeting Monday 4 th June 2007 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.		Noted				