

**Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed**  
**Meeting- The Billingham Partnership**  
**Date – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

<p>Members:          Manager: Kevin Pitt          Chair: Geoff Harrison          Kevin Bowler (KAB), Jim Sculley (BS), Liz Smith (BS), Colin Stratton (BS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), Elaine Morris (PUB), Jim Scollen (VS), Emmanuel Odango (BME), Hilary Aggio (PUB), Miriam Stanton (PS), Cath Coldbeck (VS), Michele Smith (VS), Paul Harrison (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Joe Maloney (VS)</p>
<p>Advisors/Observers:          Zoe Rutter (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), James Glancey (SBC), Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Resident), Marc Mason (SBC)</p>
<p>Apologies:          Fiona Chesters          Ken Ellis          Ray McCall          Bert Smailes          Roger Black</p>

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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<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 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>  Minutes of the 14 <sup>th</sup> May were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<b>3. Draft Sustainable Community Strategy/LDF Process/Awareness Raising &amp; LAA Indicator Priorities</b>  This item will be presented at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July meeting		Noted	No	No	No	
<b>4. Health &amp; Well Being Partnership</b>  This item will be presented at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July meeting.		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p><b>5. NRF Grant Rules – Chris Butler</b></p> <p>This item will be presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> July meeting.</p> <p><b>6. Youth Café – Mac Mason</b></p> <p>Marc apologised to the Board for not attending the meeting in May due to confusion over dates.</p> <p>Marc reiterated the points that were raised at the last meeting by Kevin Bowler. Marc informed the Board that the Youth Café in Stockton (next door to Argos) opened it's doors in April of this year and the official opening will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June between 12-3pm. Marc explained to the Board that there is £156k available in 07/08 to spend, it was felt that this should be split between the Eastern area and Billingham, the money has to be spent by March 08. Mark Telford has been appointed by SBC to engage with the children and young people of Billingham. A report is due to go to the Children's Trust Board in July on the proposed venues for the</p>		Noted	No	No		<p>Marc Mason  SBC  01642 526422</p>

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<p>Youth Café in Billingham. The venues identified so far are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Forum – this may not be possible due to activities in the Forum</li> <li>b. A shop in the Town Centre</li> <li>c. Billingham Library</li> <li>d. Community Centres in the area</li> <li>e. John Whitehead Park</li> <li>f. Old car showroom opposite Tesco</li> </ul> <p>KAB asked if the money had to be split, did it have to be an equal split? Marc advised the Board he was unsure but he would take the suggestion back to the Children’s Trust Board. MS asked if the New Life Resource Centre could be considered as an option, Marc advised yes he would take it back. If anybody has anymore suggestions please forward them on to Marc or Kevin Pitt.</p> <p><b>7. Matters Arising</b>  <b>a. Billingham Town Centre Redevelopment</b></p> <p>James informed the Board that the sale of</p>		Noted	No	No		James Glancey

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<p>the Council's freehold to Halladale is progressing well and still anticipated to be complete in summer 07. James updated the Board on the business issues that were raised at the last meeting. He advised the Board that he is pursuing the issues with the Billingham Business Association, however, he did inform the Board that Thornaby Town Centre businesses have received no support from SBC with regards to rent/rate reduction whilst they have been waiting for the redevelopment to be carried out.</p> <p>JS informed the Board that he had spoken with Nigel Jones from the Valuation Office, he advised that when the redevelopment does physically start then they may be eligible to receive some help/support. It was suggested by JS that if a business signs up to come back to the Town Centre, could they receive a lowered rent on the existing property? James advised that this would be a matter for Halladale to advise upon. KP did advise the Board that Billingham Parish Council are looking to address this issue.</p>						<p>SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>James informed the Board that he had spoken to Sue Burgess with regards to the market in Billingham, the market will continue throughout the redevelopment. Sue Burgess is looking to expand the market once the Town Centre is redeveloped.</p> <p><b>b. Billingham House</b></p> <p>James informed the Board that the Principal Solicitor from SBC along with himself, attended court on 25<sup>th</sup> May where it was announced that the main hearing of Bizzy B's appeal will be held on 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August. The Council have submitted their statement, and two witness statements are currently being prepared by the Council to represent the need for the Section 79. A third witness statement is being prepared by the Billingham Partnership Manager to demonstrate the community's support for the Section 79. The hearing will be held at Teesside Magistrates.</p>		Noted	No	No		



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<p>Steering Group are now seeking the opinion of the key stakeholders in the area to determine how the available funding should be spent to deliver these priorities.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Board that two infra-red CCTV cameras will be installed in the park. There will be £155k left over, what would the people of Billingham like to see this money spent on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A fence around the total area of the park or</li> <li>b. An infant and junior play area within the park</li> </ul> <p>A lengthy debate took place around the two priorities and which one was the most important. A vote was taken and 4 voted in favour of the fence and 11 voted in favour of the play area.</p> <p><b>8. Thematic Updates</b>  <b>a. Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)</b></p> <p>GH attended the LSP meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Dawn Welsh made a presentation on</p>		Noted	No	No		Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP



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<p>preparation and engagement for the Community Strategy &amp; Local Area Agreement. GH also opposed the automatic selection of the Leader of the Council becoming the Chair of the LSP, however, it was explained that this was in line with the white paper and the IDEA's peer review.</p> <p><b>b. Play Strategy</b></p> <p>KAB informed the Board that applications to the Lottery had to be submitted before 1-6-07 and bids had to be over £50k. The applications will then be passed through for checking, in principal, by the Chair of Play Strategy Group and then sent to Big Lottery for decision in principal. Following this the bids will be presented to an independent panel to be assessed on merit only. Successful applications will then be looked at complete with names. Applications will then be put before the Children's Trust Board, then cabinet for final submission to Big Lottery in September 07.</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin Bowler TBP



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<p><b>d. Public Sector</b></p> <p>BW informed the Board that a public consultation will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June in Stockton Library between 3-7pm on Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document.</p>		Noted	No	No		Barry Woodhouse SBC
<p><b>10. Chairs Report</b></p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he has attended the following meetings over the past month:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Northern Area Transport Strategy meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May. £25k was allocated to Billingham for minor transport schemes.</li> <li>2. Stockton Renaissance Board meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>3. Youth Strategy meeting for Billingham 17<sup>th</sup> May to discuss future plans.</li> <li>4. Billingham Parish Council 22<sup>nd</sup> May as a member of the public.</li> <li>5. John Whitehead Park NRF meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that the</li> </ol>		Noted	No	No		Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP

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<p>additional 400 consultation comments, referred to in the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> May, will be included as part of the consultation.</p> <p>6. Billingham Network meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May. Chair did remind all community and voluntary sector reps that they must attend meetings or send apologies. Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.</p>						
<p><b>9. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has received notification of the National Respect Awards, if anybody would like to make a nomination please send it to KP before 11<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>KP has received a letter from SRCGA with regards to their mini bus, due to vandalism they need to raise £2k before the end of July. KP asked if the Board would agree to donating £200 towards the bus? Board agreed to this.</p> <p>KP updated the Board on the Youth</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP

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<p>Consultation Day that will be held in Billingham, this was scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July but due to other activities this will now take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Peter Lowe from the Children’s Society will be carrying out some street surveys in Billingham in order to gauge what type of thing the youth want to see happen in the Billingham area. KP, GH and KB have met with Marc Mason and Trevor Massey, from SBC, to discuss the Youth Strategy, this should be ready to put in place in April 08. KP advised the Board that he is due to submit the milestones for the Board and asked if the Board would agree to him including the youth strategy and work with children and young people in the milestones, Board agreed. KP advised the Board that he had thought about inviting a graffiti artist along to the day but this would be chargeable. KP asked if the Board would agree to him coming along, Board agreed subject to funding.            KP would welcome and ideas/suggestions for the day.</p>						

