

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 3rd September 2007

Members: Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: Geoff Harrison Kevin Bowler (KAB), Jim Sculley (BS), Liz Smith (BS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), Miriam Stanton (PS), Michele Smith (VS), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Jim Scollen (), Colin Stratton (BS), Bert Smailes (), Ray McCall (), Roger Black (BS)
Advisors/Observers: Zoe Rutter (SBC), James Glancey (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Kelly Smith (SBC), Paul McGee, Val Scollen (Roscoe Residents Association), Kevin McAuley, Chris Butler (Five Lamps)
Apologies: Elaine Morris Cath Coldbeck Ged McGuire Cllr Aggio Kelly Brown

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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1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence Introductions and apologies were noted.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 4th June Minutes of the 4 th June were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Annual General Meeting a. Annual report This was accepted by the Board.		Noted	No	No	No	
b. Submission of Accounts These were accepted by the Board		Noted	No	No	No	
c. Any Other Business						

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Nothing to raise.		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>4. Draft Sustainable Community Strategy/LDF Process/Awareness Raising & LAA Indicator Priorities – Haleem Ghafoor & Jane Elliott</p> <p>Haleem undertook a presentation on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy aspects and Jane Elliott covered the LDF process. The draft SCS document will run from 2008 to 2021.</p> <p>Following the presentation some of the comments noted were:</p> <p>The term ‘Worklessness’ need to be changed into something more appropriate / positive; possibly Employability?</p> <p>It was felt that Sports and Education were not highlighted as separate issues within the document – and it was felt that this was required as a priority; Haleem advised education falls under the Children & Young People thematic area, however, both points</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Haleem Ghafoor & Jane Elliott SBC

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<p>would be noted.</p> <p>There were questions whether the targets would be achievable and where the LAA will be accessible from.</p> <p>It was felt that further background information was needed to provide the reason as to why these were the ambitions in the SCS.</p> <p>HG explained that these ambitions had been derived from consultation undertaken via MORI, the Stakeholder conference etc; and that this was the reason why we were consulting with the Partnership to ensure that the ambitions and priorities reflected within the SCS were accurate?</p> <p>HG suggested that members also take the opportunity to comment on line via accessing the Stockton Council website.</p> <p>They were also informed of an event to take place jointly for the CEN and Area Partnership members on the 20th July 2007, where each of the themes in the SCS will be discussed and consulted on in much more detail.</p> <p>5. Health & Well Being Partnership – Ruth</p>						

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<p>appeal to the section 79 notice will be held on 29th-31st August. KP informed the Board that he had submitted his witness statement on behalf of the Board, if anybody would like to see a copy please get in touch with Kevin.</p> <p>c. Forum</p> <p>James informed the Board that the contingency options are progressing well. A report is due to be taken to Cabinet in summer 2007 detailing these redevelopment and refurbishment options. The results of this Cabinet decision should be presented to the Board in September. GH asked if the asbestos in the Forum was an issue? James advised that regular checks are carried out but would double check and get back to him. GH asked about the problem of asbestos in the Forum. JG replied that he believed that this problem was known by the Council and regular monitoring was carried out to ensure that safety was not being comprised. Any</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>further redevelopment / refurbishment of the Forum would also address this issue. JG would check and report back to the Chair confirmation of the monitoring details.</p> <p>d. Bulgarth</p> <p>James informed the Board that the Bulgarth is now complete. A press release will be done in conjunction with the Carnival.</p> <p>e. John Whitehead Park</p> <p>The recent community consultation had supported using the available Cleaner, Safer Greener Funds (CSG) to provide a new play area at John Whitehead Park. Community views had clearly prioritised this over a proposal for fencing around the park. The money had become available from the CSG, which was intended to primarily benefit those residents living within the Boroughs deprived Neighbourhood Renewal Areas and whilst the park was not in the NR area it was within the NR catchment area.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>The Billingham Partnership supported the community consultation in favour of a play area. The TBP requested the Whitehead Park Steering Group to reconsider their decision in favour of the fencing.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>Unfortunately the John Whitehead Park NRF Steering Group – which had been leading on the consultation- having considered the results of the consultation, had nevertheless voted to support the fencing.</p> <p>The Billingham Partnership Board expressed concern that this was contrary to what the community itself had voted for and strongly outlined their support for the play area. The Board queried the mandate of some of the representatives on the Steering Group to vote in this way on the issue without having been authorised by their nominating bodies to do so and whether some members of the Steering Group should have made declarations of interest.</p> <p>The TBP strongly urged the Steering Group to listen to the community and reconsider their decision to support the fencing.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed that there may have been insufficient funding anyway for the fencing and Council officers were asked to report back to the Steering Group the full cost of any fencing and the on-going maintenance liabilities.</p>						

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<p>The Council officers agreed to continue working with the TBP to resolve this issue. Work on the project would need to start asap in order to avoid potentially losing the funding, which is what could happen if the money was not spent in accordance with the grant criteria by the end of March 2008.</p> <p>In the meantime security at the park had already been improved by the installation of a CCTV camera.</p> <p>8. Thematic Updates a. Play Strategy</p> <p>KAB fed back with regards to the Play Strategy. KAB informed the Board that an independent panel has reviewed all the applications that were submitted. In total 24 applications were put forward for consideration, 5 projects were recommended for funding. They will then go before the Children's Trust Board on 20th June 07 along with the final draft of the Play Strategy. The bid for £175,000 for a multi wheeled play</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin Bowler TBP

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<p>area in John Whitehead Park was unsuccessful. KAB informed the Board that none of the £488,000 Lottery money at present will be directly allocated to any project in Billingham.</p> <p>b. Children & Young People (CYP)</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Youth day for Billingham that was due to take place on 14th July will now take place on 29th September. The Children’s Society, in partnership with other agencies, will be undertaking some street surveys in August to engage with the CYP in the area. The surveys will be undertaken in the busiest areas which have been identified by the Police. KB is putting together a pack containing information on all activities that take place in Billingham, this will be made available to all CYP in Billingham. KP informed the Board that Education are having a CYP event on Tuesday 17th July, if you would like to attend please let KP know before Friday 6th July.</p> <p>9. Information Updates</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>a. Community Sector</p> <p>KP gave an update to the Board on the “Get Hooked on Fishing” project. KP and BW declared an interest at this point. The Government are setting up 30 centres nationally for the project. KP stated that an area of open space on Greenwood Road near to Charltons Pond would be ideal for one of the centres.</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector</p> <p>At the last Board meeting KB informed the Board that Paul Harrison was still a member of Neighbourhood Watch but no longer the Chair. Subsequent to that, Paul has resigned from the Billingham Partnership due to personal reasons so, there is now 2 places available for the voluntary sector. Neighbourhood Watch have advised that they will not be nominating anybody else at this present time.</p> <p>c. Business Sector</p>		<p>The Board welcomed the proposal and would support the initiative.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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4. Voluntary & Community Forum 27 th July 5. SRCGA Director meeting 2 nd July Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.						
<p>9. Managers Report</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he had been involved in the following issues over the last month:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Billingham House witness statement 2. TBP Annual report 3. Youth Strategy 4. Core Funding 5. Get Hooked on Fishing <p>KP asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were raised.</p> <p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>None.</p> <p>11. Date Of Next Meeting</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP

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