

**Minute/Decision Summary -
Meeting- Renaissance Central Area Partnership
Date –26th July 2007
Stockton Business Centre, Brunswick Street, Stockton**

Members:

Alex Bain (Chair/CPF), Paul Thomas (CS), Edna Chapman (VS), Elizabeth McClurg (VS), Stan Slater (VS), Tina Williams (CS), Jim Beall (CS), Judith Turner (RC), Choon Dee Neoh (BME), Roy Parker (CS), Mary Cartwright, Karen Merrick (SBC)

Advisors:

Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Paul McGee, Kevin McAuley

Observers:

Ron Atkinson, David Whiting

Apologies:

Cllr Terry Laing (SBC), Cllr David Coleman (SBC), James Hadman (SRCGA), Elaine Morris (PCT), Margaret Tinkler (Rural), John Tierney (SBC), Mark Telford (SBC), Jim Mason, Sarah Upex (SBC)

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>Haleem Ghafoor Senior Renewal Officer (01642) 528677</p>
<p>2. PRESTON HALL AND PARK DRAFT DEVELOPMENT MASTERPLAN AND CONSULTATION</p> <p>A presentation was given to members on the Preston Park and Hall development plan, to invite views on their developments.</p> <p>Members were provided with a leaflet, which outlined the draft development plan for proposed improvements to the Park and Hall. It was explained that there was consultation taking place across the borough with a wide range of</p>		Noted	<p>Yes</p> <p>Comments are invited on the proposed improvements.</p>	No	No	<p>Paul McGee/Kevin McAuley (01642) 614126</p>

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<p>groups/partnerships/networks etc;</p> <p>PMcG outlined the in his presentation some key points which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to consider a single line of management for the park; • Agree a set of priorities to target pressured resources; • Increase the general usage by improving its facilities such as the animal park, improve the museum, accessibility, to aspects of the park such as the river; upgrade general facilities such as the cafeteria, the drainage, traffic management, the car park, develop nature reserve, signage etc; <p>PMcG explained that this was an extensive consultation process to take place in two stages. There were two funding submissions to be made to the National Lottery under the following themes (i) Heritage Lottery Fund; and (ii) Parks for People.</p> <p>PMcG explained at this point he would</p>						
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<p>like members to consider even some more ambitious programmes which may be possible in the future, for example a footbridge between Ingleby and Eaglescliffe into the park is an aspiration but outside the immediate timeframe.</p> <p>PMcG gave some examples of the feedback recieved to date which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved seating areas for grandparents; • Access to drinking water; • Provision of a pond • Modern paddling port; • More challenging play equipment • More care for museum and improved shop; • Re-establish a planting area for the park; • Make better use of space; etc; <p>It was also explained that 50% of the parks current users were local and 50% from outside the borough, which indicates the potential explaining its attractiveness to those not local.</p>						
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<p>Feedback received from members included:</p> <p>We have an opportunity to exercise from public's point of view for all age groups; therefore we must take on the specific views of young people.</p> <p>No signage for the museum</p> <p>There is too much water standing – we need to improve the drainage; (also in light of recent whether and climate changes)</p> <p>The car park and where it is situated makes it dangerous</p> <p>There is no where to report anything in the park i.e. a reception area;</p> <p>We need to promote and make better use of the open space for exercise and healthy living initiatives;</p> <p>We need to improve public transport to allow people to access the park via</p>						
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<p>train, buses etc;</p> <p>We must make use and support of local groups where they are represented i.e. friends of Preston Park – as they can also support in accessing funds / grants</p> <p>There needs to better premises built where schools can access the range of artifacts in the museum</p> <p>We need to exploit the opportunity for a bridge to link Ingleby Barwick and the Teesdale Way, with links to the Park.</p> <p>Signage needs to be improved – to able to navigate residents around the Park</p> <p>The Avery is unfit for purpose, and needs to be updated.</p> <p>We need to ensure that maintenance costs are not too high for any new developments – as this may result in costs being incurred.</p> <p>The park should be kept as free for everyone to use.</p>						
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<p>We need to ensure that the park remains not too controlled (man made) to ensure that nature is kept where possible for exploration.</p> <p>We need to improve accessibility around the park so that for example disabled groups can use the park i.e. access the river sideways etc;</p> <p>Can we name the trees in the park?</p> <p>Improve the traffic management i.e. 'right hand turn into Yarm road' and manage the traffic around the car park areas better;</p> <p>Yarm Road needs to be re-designed to better manage the traffic in-flow/outflow;</p> <p>We need to have more merchandise to sell for the Park i.e. maps, types of trees in the park brochure etc;</p> <p>We need to consider the possibility of differential charging for different groups i.e voluntary groups etc;</p>						
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<p>We need a development where there is free space for natural aspects to flourish</p> <p>The quality of the museum needs to be improved both in appearance and what it holds i.e. we need more local heritage contained within it.</p> <p>We need to continue to have the space for undertaking activities such as health walks, Arts etc;</p> <p>The possibility of selling restoration produce / plants was also discussed for gardens.</p> <p>The Visitors Centre if developed needs to ensure that it is developed as a User-friendly place, with no jargon.</p>						
<p>3. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL SIX MONTHLY UPDATE</p> <p>HG circulated a report, which had been taken to Renaissance on the 10th July 2007, for information. HG updated the board on various aspects of the report.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>HG to provide details of Enforcement</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Haleem Ghafoor Senior Renewal Officer (01642) 528677</p>

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<p>A number of points were raised such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we need to look beyond and underneath the statistics; and • PT noted that on Neighbourhood Element that the old St Ann's Partnership had been evolved into the board for Neighbourhood Element. • PT also mentioned that he was not aware of the dedicated Enforcement Officers for his area. HG stated that he would forward their details onto PT. • RP requested details on the Durham Road Greening project. HG agreed to forward these details on. <p>There were some concerns that there were no updates regularly from members on the various thematic partnerships.</p> <p>After a discussion it was agreed that members would like to discuss this further therefore would like to discuss the matter at the next meeting. HG</p>			<p>Officers top PT.</p> <p>HG to send RP details on Durham Road greening Project.</p> <p>Sarah to include thematic update as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>Sarah to provide a list of which of the RCAP members have been nominated on which of the thematic partnerships.</p>			<p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>
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<p>agreed that he would ask Sarah to provide a list of which members are representative on which thematic partnership, and would also request that this is put on the next agenda so that members can discuss further thematic reporting at the next meeting.</p>						
<p>4. CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD SUMMARY PLAN</p> <p>HG presented the draft Summary plan on behalf of Sarah Upex, for the Partnership for 2006/07, and updated members on its content and purpose. The group were also informed that we would be developing one for 2007/08. Members were then requested to confirm the content of the plan.</p> <p>It was noted that it might be more useful to have a map of the Central area partnership included within the plan, instead of the contact details for the various organisations and partnerships.</p> <p>HG noted that this would be amended.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Sarah to amend the summary plan as noted.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>

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Members confirmed the content of the plan.						
<p>3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>‘Together We Engage’ – event (Consultation on the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-21 and the Libraries service)</p> <p>HG thanked the partnership for their support at the CEN/Area Partnership joint event (‘Together we engage’). The group were informed that the event was extremely successful and it was endeavoured that notes from the event will be circulated to all those who attended.</p> <p>The group were also informed that it was anticipated that another event would be held in September to consider the draft Sustainable Community strategy 2008-21.</p> <p>RCAP sub group</p> <p>HG informed the group that after several meetings, the RCAP sub-group</p>		Noted	Yes	No	No	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor (01642) 528677</p>

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<p>agreed to continue to fund the ‘Youth Services – Youthbank’. HG informed the group that he will requesting that application packs are sent out to all RCAP members including the agreed eligibility criteria for members to circulate to young people.</p> <p>Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership RP gave an update from the last Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership where he informed the group that a tour took place to all the Housing Regeneration Schemes. He informed the group that progress was going well at the Parkfield site.</p> <p>‘Beat it Project’ event RP gave an update on the event held on the 21st July 2007. RP informed the group that the event was extremely successful and had over 130 Children & Young people present on the day and over 300 parents.</p> <p>RA asked the board whether he could be guided on why Youth & Community</p>			<p>HG agreed to refer the matter onto the catalyst and other appropriate contacts.</p>			
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Centres could not access better interest rates for the Centres funds. HG stated that he will look into the matter, and it was also suggested that the matter should be referred to the catalyst.						
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