

**Minute/Decision Summary**  
**Meeting- The Billingham Partnership**  
**Date – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007**

<p>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 (VS), Colin Stratton (BS), Bert Smailes (VS), Ray McCall (CS), Roger Black (BS)</p>
<p>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), Edna Brown (Older Persons Forum)</p>
<p>Apologies:          Elaine Morris          Cath Coldbeck          Ged McGuire          Cllr Aggio          Kelly Brown</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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<p><b>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p>		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p><b>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b></p> <p>Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p><b>3. Draft LDF &amp; Final Sustainable Community Strategy Draft – Haleem Ghafoor &amp; Kelly Smith</b></p> <p>Haleem introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was received very well by the Board. Comments were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could the phrase around the cost of office space be reworded (pg 24)</li> </ul>		Noted	No	No	No	Haleem Ghafoor & Kelly Smith

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could the phrase regarding drug users be reworded (pg 35)</li> <li>• CS commented that business crime rate was not recorded and this could impact on businesses coming to the area.</li> </ul> <p>KP suggested that any additional comments come via the Chair or ZR before the 19<sup>th</sup> September and these will be fed into the event which is taking place on the 19<sup>th</sup>.</p>						
<p><b>4. Preston Hall &amp; Museum – Kevin McAuley &amp; Paul McGee</b></p> <p>Paul outlined the plan that was circulated in further detail. Paul did advise the Board that some of the features that are in place now will remain even if they are not on the plan. The redevelopment will take 10 years and is subject to funding. CS asked if they had a rough idea of how much this was going to cost. Paul advised £11/12 million.</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin McAuley & Paul McGee

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<p><b>5. NRF Grant Rules/Business Support in the Community – Chris Butler (Five Lamps)</b></p> <p>This intervention focuses on increasing the number of small enterprises and enabling the staged growth of new businesses through a range of support including, financial, technical, organisational and personal development activities. This level of support and expertise is needed in a more informal community setting where the client group feel more comfortable and willing to discuss their ideas. Customers will be offered a flexible support programme aimed at their individual level of competency and appropriate partnership working further developed with Business Link and other agencies. A start up grant of up to £500 is available.</p>		Noted	No	No		Chris Butler Five Lamps



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<p>Billingham House. Work will start in March 2008 and will be completed by December 2008. Bizzy B has agreed to withdraw their appeal against the notice. SBC is to submit a refined Section 79 Notice and should the agreed programme slip, the Council will prosecute the company for breach of the Notice. The Section 29 notice still remains in force and requires Bizzy B to maintain the security of the outer and inner fencing. The Section 79 Notice relates to the building, not the owners and would transfer if the building was sold. Chair thanked the Board for all their hard work and support regarding Billingham House.</p> <p><b>c. Forum</b></p> <p>James informed the Board work on detailed contingency options is progressing well but more detailed analysis is still required before a full financial options appraisal can be presented to Cabinet in November. It is still anticipated that if the Comprehensive Spending Review, which is</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>expected to be announced in the autumn, announces a further round of PFI credits an invitation for PFI bids will be issued shortly thereafter.</p> <p>Following the issue that was raised at the July meeting regarding asbestos monitoring, James informed the Board that regular checks are undertaken.</p> <p><b>d. John Whitehead Park</b></p> <p>James informed the Board that following the extensive consultation, the first phase of regeneration work is due to start. The works in the first phase will show improved security and the provision of a play area. One of the two infra red cameras has been installed with 24 hour surveillance linked to SBC's Security Centre (the second one is arriving shortly). Additional work will be carried out to improve sightlines within the Park, with the thinning of overgrown bushes. Work on the state of the art play area will start later in the year and users of the Park can expect to see it up and</p>		Noted	No	No		







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<p>Gypsy Council to seek their views on the issue. Once this has been done the issue will then be brought back to the Board for further consideration.</p> <p><b>b. Voluntary Sector</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>c. Business Sector</b></p> <p>JS informed the Board that the Billingham Business Association AGM will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>d. Public Sector</b></p> <p>MST informed the Board that Bede College have recently held their first consultation with regards to the new college. MST thanked the Board for all their support. The second consultation will be held very shortly with regards to the merger with Stockton Riverside College. MST will email LS with any information and LS will post it</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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on Billingham Talk.						
<p><b>9. Chairs Report</b></p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he has attended the following meetings over the past month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Partnership event on 22<sup>nd</sup> August to update members on the thematic partnerships</li> <li>• Preliminary consultation for the new Bede College 28<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> September attended SRCGA Directors meeting and discussed forward planning for the next 2 years. Hand over and wind up of SVDA will be discussed at the next Catalyst meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Julie Derbyshire has been appointed as the secretary of Catalyst.</li> </ul> <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.</p>		Noted	No	No		Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP

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<p><b>9. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Fire Brigade are currently carrying out some out reach work at the Multi Use Gaming Area (MUGA) in Low Grange. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out once the MUGA in the Clarences is established.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that Clarences Community Partnership ceased to exist on 31<sup>st</sup> July 07. As a result the Clarences now comes under TBP remit. KP presented a couple of recent pictures of the Clarences. Board members were shocked at the current state of the Clarences and would like to see some improvements. KP asked the Board if they would support him in asking SBC and Billingham Town Council for a meeting to discuss the future of the Clarences.</p> <p>KP advised the Board that the Billingham Carnival is to be held this weekend and if anybody was available would they be able</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to this request.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP</p>

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<p>to spare a couple of hours to help out.</p> <p><b>10. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>RB expressed his thanks to the Board for the work on the Bulgarth project, this is now complete.</p> <p>JS informed the Board of the current state of play with regards to his new lease through Halladale. JS is hoping that this issue will be resolved once the meeting between Halladale, SBC and Frank Cook has taken place.</p> <p><b>11. Date Of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		