

Minute/Decision Summary
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 1st October 2007

<p>Members: Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: Geoff Harrison Kevin Bowler (KAB), Jim Sculley (BS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), Miriam Stanton (PS), Michele Smith (VS), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Jim Scollen (VS), Ray McCall (CS), Roger Black (BS), Ged McGuire (CS), Elaine Morris (PCT), Hillary Aggio (PUB)</p>
<p>Advisors/Observers: Zoe Rutter (SBC), James Glancey (SBC), Val Scollen (Roscoe Residents Association), Mark Telford (SBC), Graeme Robertson (observer), Keith Mathews (SBC), Jill Hutchinson (Resident), Gordon Wills (SBC), Maria Duffy (Billingham Business Association), Danielle Barnes (Clarences Community Resource Centre), Graham Clingan (SBC)</p>
<p>Apologies: Cath Coldbeck Colin Stratton Bert Smailes Liz Smith</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>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p>		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 3rd September</p> <p>Minutes of the 3rd September were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>3. Youth Café – Mark Telford</p> <p>Mark introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was received very well by the Board. It was noted that in response to what the young people in Billingham said, the preferred place to situate the café was in a shop front in Billingham Town Centre as a temporary measure, however, this option would have to be looked at with the new</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Mark Telford SBC

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owners of the Town Centre. The Board were supportive of this idea. The Board did stress that the Clarences need to be looked at for a separate provision not just the Town Centre area.						
<p>4. Safer Stockton Partnership – Anna McGrogan</p> <p>Anna presented the report that was circulated prior to the meeting. Early indications are showing that the main priority for the Community Safety Team will be anti social behaviour. Anna asked if members would complete a survey asking what they think the 3 priorities for the Safer Stockton Partnership should be, completed surveys were handed to Anna.</p>		Noted	No	No		Anna McGrogan Community Safety Analyst
<p>5. Parks & Play Strategy Update – Keith Mathews & Graham Clinghan</p> <p>Graham introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and informed the Board that he would cover the Play</p>		Noted	No	No		Keith Mathews & Graham Clinghan SBC

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<p>aspect of the strategy. Graham did stress that the Multi Use Gaming Areas are not part of the strategy.</p> <p>The Board noted a few comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could Billingham Beck be included in the strategy? Graham advised that this site is more of a nature reserve site. • Could the cycle paths be linked in order for the areas to be accessed safely? • Could the Clarences Community Farm be upgraded as this is the only community farm in the Borough? <p>Comments from the Board were noted by Graham.</p> <p>Keith then talked about the Park regeneration programme. He first updated the Board on John Whitehead Park (JWP) and displayed a virtual reality video of the play area to the Board.</p> <p>To address security issues the 3 main developments will be as recommended by</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>Cleveland Police’s Crime Reduction Officer, the Community Safety Officer and SBC’s Enforcement Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove 70-80% of the shrubs in the Park • Reduce the height of the perimeter hedge • Install 2 CCTV cameras, one is installed and the other will be installed before the end of the financial year. <p>The play area contract will commence in November and hopefully be complete for February 2008. The Sensory Garden is due for completion in November. KM thanked SoJWP for their continued support. SoJWP have received a £100 PANDA award, this money will be used to plant bulbs in the Park and Care For Your Area will match this money. The planting will take place on Wednesday 14th November with 75 children from both Roseberry and Pentland School’s.</p> <p>The Council’s objective is to close the park at night by locking all the gates, a further</p>						

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<p>public consultation will take place on this before any decisions are taken. The play area will accommodate up to around 200 children. The Board did stress that the Park needs some sort of fencing around the play area for safety reasons. Keith advised that a fence will be erected around the play area, though extent and nature of the fence is yet to be determined.</p> <p>KM advised that discussions had commenced with the current tenant to refurbish the café with a view to opening through the day and closing at night. SBC feel that it's current use is inappropriate for a major town centre park. A lunch menu would be provided to attract visitors from the Town Centre.</p> <p>SBC's Landscape Architects will be working on producing a "brand" identifiable specifically with JWP.</p> <p>KM to approach bowls club, to discuss</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>reducing numbers of cars in the park.</p> <p>The second update was around Wynyard Woodland Park. The idea is to update the equipment that is already on site at the park and upgrade the park as a “destination” site. £175k capital funds has been allocated to the Wynyard Woodland Park.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising a. Billingham Town Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>James informed the Board that Halladale will be undertaking a master-planning exercise that will include a Council-led Public Realm Consultation in the near future. A meeting has been arranged for 7th November with Halladale, Billingham Partnership representatives and Council members to discuss future Town Centre issues, KP & JG to devise an agenda for the meeting. KP has asked James to look into a rate reduction for businesses in the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>James Glancey SBC</p>

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<p>Town Centre, Darlington Borough Council are believed to have had some reduction whilst their Town Centre was under redevelopment. JM asked JG if he could get an answer from Halladale with regards to the Billingham Folklore Festival as soon as possible.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>James informed the Board that following agreements made between SBC and Bizzy B at Teesside Magistrates Court on 29th August, Bizzy B have now withdrawn their appeal against the Section 79 notice. The Council has now issued a refined Section 79 notice, which sets out the agreed programme of works which will achieve the demolition of Billingham House. The Section 29 notice still remains in force.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>JG advised he would look in to this and report back.</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		

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<p>c. Forum</p> <p>James informed the Board work on detailed contingency options is progressing well. A report is scheduled to be taken to Cabinet in November 2007 detailing the redevelopment and refurbishment options. The Comprehensive Spending Review is expected to be announced in October. If PFI credits are announced, it is expected that an invitation for PFI bids will be issued shortly thereafter. The Council's bid has been prepared for submission, but may require some changes if the criteria is amended.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>d. Travellers Transit Site – Kevin Pitt</p> <p>KP issued a briefing note to the Board with regards to the Travellers site. KP has had discussions with SBC Community Protection regarding the siting of facility and believed a resubmission of a planning application was imminent. He was disappointed that TBP has had no formal</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>outreach work at Low Grange, parts of High Grange and John Whitehead Park. The Fire Service were also involved in some of the work. Gordon informed the Board that it has been a pleasure working with the children over the summer holidays. Gordon informed the Board that Northfield Youth Club is now up and running and will be held every Tuesday 6-8pm.</p> <p>8. Information Updates</p> <p>a. Community Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Business Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report.</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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<p>d. Public Sector</p> <p>MST informed the Board that the second stage of the consultation regarding the merger of Bede & Stockton Riverside College will take place on Wednesday 17th October, 6-8pm.</p> <p>MST also informed the Board that Building Schools for the Future report has been released and a number of options have been put forward for Billingham. ZR informed the Board that Lionel Danby will be coming along to the November meeting to present the Building Schools for the Future report. MST will extend the invitation to all head teachers in Billingham.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>Miriam Stanton Bede College</p>
<p>9. Chairs Report</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he has attended the following meetings over the past month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockton Renaissance 4-9-07 		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th September attended a presentation by Augean Waste PLC on extending the hazardous waste plant at Port Clarence. • Attended Low Grange Residents Association on 6th September • Attended Billingham Carnival on 8/9th September • Attended Catalyst Directors meeting 14th September. Stephen Bray was elected as Chair and Alex Bain was elected as Vice Chair • Attended a public meeting 17th September which was organised by the Police • Attended Area Partnership event on 19th September at the Destiny Centre • Attended Environment Partnership 20th September. • Attended Billingham Partnership Youth Day 29th September. <p>Chair expressed his sincere thanks to Roger Black, Ken Ellis, Ray McCall, Joe</p>						

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<p>Maloney, Jim Scollen, Val Scollen, Kevin Pitt and Zoe Rutter for all their help on Saturday 29th September. He also thanked all those involved with the running of the Billingham Carnival.</p> <p>GH explained that at a “Thematic Question Time” is going to be piloted at the Local Strategic Partnership, commencing on Tuesday 16th October 2007. Any questions are to be forwarded to the Secretariat Team 15 days before the meeting in order for an adequate response to be prepared.</p> <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.</p>						
<p>9. Managers Report</p> <p>KP informed the Board that Billingham Town Council would like to meet with some members of the Billingham Partnership to discuss the issues of waste & recycling in the Clarences, would anybody like to attend? RM requested that he be invited.</p>		Noted	No	No		Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP

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<p>KP circulated the accounts to the Board for information, a few amends required and the Board agreed for the Chair to sign.</p>		Noted.	No	No		
<p>KP circulated the Core Funding Agreement for information.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>KP informed the Board that he had received a letter from SRCGA informing him of free courses that are run by Skills Share North East, if anybody is interested in attending one of the courses please notify KP as soon as possible.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Jim Sculley informed that Board of his resignation and that this would be his last meeting. Jim thanked Kevin Pitt, Geoff Harrison, Frank Cook and the Board for all their support over the past couple of months. Jim will be replaced by Maria Duffy and she will represent the Billingham Business Association.</p>		Noted	No	No		

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11. Date Of Next Meeting Monday 5 th November 2007 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.		Noted	No	No		