

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

Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KAB), Miriam Stanton (PS), Michele Smith (VS), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Ray McCall (CS), Roger Black (BS), Ged McGuire (CS), Elaine Morris (PCT), Hillary Aggio (PUB), Edna Brown (VS), Liz Smith (BS), Gil Smith (BS), Bert Smailes (VS), Colin Stratton (BS), Danielle Barnes (VS), Jim Scollen (VS), Michele Smith (VS),

Advisors/Observers:

Zoe Rutter (SBC), James Glancey (SBC), Gordon Wills (SBC), Cllr Mike Smith (Billingham Town Council)

Apologies:

Cath Coldbeck

Barry Woodhouse

Barbara Wren

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 5th November Minutes of the 5 th November were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	ZR			Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Youth Strategy – Kevin Pitt Kevin outlined the report that was circulated and explained that we really must keep children and young people informed about things that are happening in the Billingham area. It was evident that we must involve young people in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the Forum • Town Centre redevelopment and consultation 		Noted	No	No	No	Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of any parks • Any facilities that are available in the area (Directory of resources to be produced) • Youth Café development <p>Other concerns raised were around the cleanliness of the area and fear amongst young people. We will also be undertaking a similar survey in the Clarences and Thorpe Thewles.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>4. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>James informed the Board that a meeting has taken place between SBC Planning and Regeneration Officers and Halladale on 7th November. Halladale advised that they have appointed a full team to work on the Town Centre regeneration and have outlined their ideas behind their masterplan, this does include seeking two anchor stores in the Town Centre. It is hoped that Halladale will be in a position to present a draft masterplan to the Council in</p>		Noted	No	No		<p>James Glancey SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>mid 2008. Halldale also attended a meeting at the request of Frank Cook MP and the Billingham Business Association (BBA) to address a number of issues that have been raised by the BBA. The BBA thanked Frank Cook and the Partnership Board for their work on behalf of the BBA.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>James informed the Board that the refined Section 79 notice remains in place and this will achieve the demolition of Billingham House by 31st December 2008.</p> <p>In the meantime the Section 29 notice also remains in force. This requires Bizzy B to maintain the security of the outer and inner fencing via daily patrols and making good any breaches.</p> <p>The issue of the travellers residing in the HSE inner zone was discussed and members concluded this should be addressed with SBC Commhnty Safety</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>and the HSE.</p> <p>c. Forum</p> <p>The Comprehensive Spending Review was announced in October, however a formal statement is still awaited from DCMS to advise on whether PFI credits will be available to support this project. Officers are awaiting confirmation before the report detailing the various redevelopment and refurbishment options is taken to Cabinet. It is anticipated that the report will be presented to Cabinet early in the New Year. KAB asked JG if TBP could see the detailed report before it went to Cabinet. JG advised that the democratic process was that Cabinet Members were briefed before TBP but that previous consultation with TBP had been considered and built into the Cabinet Report. JG was happy to readily brief TBP once Council Members had been informed.</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>d. John Whitehead Park</p> <p>James informed the Board that the implementation of the master plan is progressing well. The shrub removal programme commenced in October, whilst works to improve the hedge perimeter are due to start in the New Year. The works on the new state of the art play area are due to start in January with anticipated completion date of March 2008.</p> <p>Work on the new sensory garden is nearly complete, with three plaques and a kicking rail due to be installed in the next couple of weeks followed by a central feature in the New Year.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with the café operators to extend the opening hours, whilst work is being carried out to produce a style/brand for the park, affecting street furniture.</p> <p>KAB raised the issue of the problem with</p>		<p>Noted</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> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>		

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<p>the development of the water feature in the Park. Members concluded it was an issue that should be addressed by the Supporters of John Whitehead group and SBC.</p> <p>KAB advised the Board that the official opening of the new play area would be June/July time next year.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that a 3rd camera could possibly be installed outside the main gate looking up and down the Causeway and covering the Tennis Court and the Bowls Club.</p> <p>e. Travellers Site</p> <p>James informed the Board that the planning application for a traveller transit site at Haverton Hill currently remains withdrawn. As the Local Authority has a duty to assess and meet demand for provision for travellers, the Council has applied for a Government grant to meet</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>100% of the costs for this transit site, thus avoiding any significant financial burden. It is expected that a decision on the funding application will be received before March 2008.</p> <p>A Select Committee made up of a cross section of Councillors will look at the sites identified to consider which is most suitable within the Borough. It is expected that a decision will also have been reached before March 2008.</p> <p>6. Thematic Updates a. Economic Regeneration & Transport (ERTP)</p> <p>KP informed the Board that Billingham’s ERTP thematic members met on Wednesday 14th November to consider the planning application that has been submitted by Augean Plc with regards to the Waste Recovery Park at Port Clarence. They also considered the planning application that has been submitted by Impetus Waste to establish an Impetus</p>		Noted	No	No		

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<p>Ecopark in Billingham. The thematic members felt that the Board should embrace these applications and be internationally recognised as a centre of excellence for recycling capabilities with the associated infrastructure to address waste management. Thematic members felt that the whole issue of waste management should be considered with regards to public and media perception and every effort should be made to address public concerns from the outset and a positive media image be taken.</p> <p>Thematic members asked if the Board would embrace the planning applications and the Centre of Excellence for recycling.</p> <p>b. Arts & Culture Partnership</p> <p>JM advised the Board that the Art Gallery in Billingham is likely to close and advised that there was no mention of this at the last Arts & Culture Partnership (9.11.07). The Board had a lengthy debate about this and the lack of consultation from SBC on the</p>		Board agreed to this.	No	No		

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<p>closure. KP had this brought to his attention by a member of the Community Network and was advised that they too had not been consulted on the closure. KP asked if the Board would agree for him to ask somebody from SBC to come along to the next meeting to discuss the closure of the Art Gallery. JG stated that he believed this closure was mentioned in the Councils Museum Strategy Report in 2005 partly due to accessibility issues and that Officers are looking for alternative locations provide to display visual art in Billingham.</p> <p>7. Information Updates a. Community Sector</p> <p>GH informed the Board that Low Grange Community Hall would be closing for 3 weeks in January in order for a new heating system to be installed.</p> <p>HA informed the Board that High Grange Community Centre is currently closed due to vandalism and will not reopen until</p>		<p>Board agreed to somebody from SBC Arts Department coming along.</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>JG asked that the Board note that Officers were meeting shortly to discuss this matter and he would report back to GS regarding its outcome.</p> <p>d. Public Sector</p> <p>MST informed the Board that the capital bid has been accepted by national committee subject to the merger going ahead.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<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"> • Low Grange Community Hall Management Committee 12th November • Stockton Renaissance Board meeting 12th November • Thematic Economic Regeneration & Transport meeting 14th November • Billingham Town Council 20th November 		Noted	No	No		Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP

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