Partnership Board Members

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg (SBC)

Members: Geoff Turner (PC), Alan Lewis (SBC), David Scott (PC), John Rosser (PC), Doug Nicholson (VS), Tony Hampton (PC), Alice

Newsham (YA), Jennie Beaumont (SBC)

Advisers/Observers

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Maurice Snowden (Older Persons Forum), Philip Addison (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), Tracy Roberts (SRCGA), Graham Clingan (SBC), Jane Edmends (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Rob Farnham (SBC), Diane Simms (SBC), Fred Salt (SBC)

Apologies

John Fletcher (SBC), Ian Garrett (PUB), Nora Rosser (VS)

CS = Community Sector	YA =	Youth Assembly
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PCT/PUB = Primary Care Trust/Public Sector RC = Rural Community Sector

PS = Private Sector BS = Business Sector 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. Welcome and Introductions						
Members of the WAPB were welcomed to the meeting.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
2. Apologies						
Apologies noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Minutes of Last Meetings 19-11-07 Minutes of the 19-11-07 were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
4. Matters Arising						
Nothing to raise.		Noted	No	No	No	

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5. Community Strategy Reporting – Haleem Ghafoor						
Haleem introduced the report that was circulated and explained the purpose of the paper. Haleem explained that Mark Telford was unable to attend the meeting but if any questions were raised he would take them back to Mark. No questions were raised for Haleem. Jane Edmends, SBC Housing Strategy Team, gave a very brief description of "Affordability" and what SBC are doing to trying and combat this. Jane advised the Board that affordability is very difficult to explain as there are		Noted	No	No	No	Haleem Ghafoor SBC 528677
so many different meanings. If anybody would like a copy of the affordability leaflet then please ask Jane. The Board had a lengthy discussion around housing and affordability. Rob Farnham gave the Board a quick update on Connect2 project. Rob informed the Board that the Connect2 project has been successful in securing £600,000 worth of funding. The funding will be committed towards the cost of new pedestrian and cycle bridge links across the rivers Leven and Tees, as part of a wider proposal to connect Ingleby		Noted	No	No		Rob Farnham SBC

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Barwick with Eaglescliffe, Preston Park, Thornaby and Yarm. Rob is awaiting a letter from Sustrans to say when we will receive the money and how much we will receive per year as the funding will be spread over 5 years. A report is due to go to the Council's Cabinet in April 2008. 6. Recreation & Leisure Survey - Graham Clingan						
Graham introduced the report that was circulated to members prior to the meeting and the purpose of the survey. Information will be collected in 3 different ways: • Independent market research to be carried out • Questionnaires online for everybody to complete (questionnaires available in February) • Questionnaires to be completed by community groups, Parish Councils and other interest groups such as sports clubs and allotment associations. Graham asked if people would take these		Noted	No	No	No	Graham Clingan SBC

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questionnaires along to any groups they know of and ask them if they would take 5 minutes to complete and return a questionnaire before the end of February if possible. The Board had a discussion around the Recreation & Leisure Survey and the open spaces in the Borough.						
7. Friends of Tees Heritage Park (FTHP) – Doug Nicholson						
Doug gave a brief update to the Board and circulated two plans. Doug informed the Board that the FTHP have been in existence since March 07 and things are going really well. Doug informed the board that things are progressing but there are a lot of issues over land ownership. FTHP are working together with SBC to try and overcome these problems so the Park can go ahead. FTHP have had discussions with British Waterways and they are very keen in becoming involved and have even suggested extending the Park down to Newport Bridge. Doug will keep the Board updated of any progress.		Noted	No	No		Doug Nicholson FTHP

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8. Thematic Updates a. Health & Well Being Partnership (H&WBP)						
Maureen informed the Board that she had been to the first meeting of the H&WBP today (28.1.08) as it was the first meeting it was informal. Maureen will report back from any future meetings.		Noted	No	No		Maureen Rigg SBC
b. Environment Partnership						
Maureen informed the Board that the last Environment Partnership was cancelled.		Noted	No	No		
c. Economic Regeneration & Transport (ERTP)						
PA informed the Board that the last meeting of ERTP was cancelled but one is taking place on 31st January so he will report back at the next meeting.		Noted	No	No		Philip Addison FTHP
d. Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership (HNP)						
JR informed the Board that the last HNP meeting focused on Affordability, this does not impact on the Western Area directly.		Noted	No	No		John Rosser Long

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e. Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)						Newton PC
GT informed the Board that the last meeting of the SSP was cancelled. ZR to check GT's contact details with Democratic Services as he does not seem to be receiving the papers.		Noted	No	No		Geoff Turner Eaglescliff e/Egglescli ffe PC
f. Over 50's Assembly						
MS informed the Board that at the last Over 50's Assembly the Recreation & Leisure Survey was discussed.		Noted	No	No		Maurice Snowden Over 50 Assembly
g. Children & Young People						Addembly
AN informed the Board that a Young Person Environment Group is taking place on 24 th February at Preston Park, 10-2pm and AN will report back.		Noted	No	No		Alice Newsham
9. Any Other Business a. Area Partnership Health Check						
ZR informed the Board that the Partnership Health Check is now complete, if anybody would like to		Noted	No	No		Zoe Rutter SBC

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see a copy of this please let ZR know. This will now be sent to SBC Audit for them to look at, any problems will be reported back.						
b. Roles & Responsibilities Document						
ZR informed the Board that the document is now complete, this was signed and accepted by the Board. It was recommended that ZR make a copy of the membership chart and a copy of everybody's details which details which thematic partnership members represent. ZR to circulate these papers with the next set of Board papers.		Noted	No	No		
c. Summary Plan 07/08						
ZR informed the Board that the Summary Plan for 07/08 is now complete and if anybody would like a copy then please let ZR know. DS to receive a copy.		Noted	No	No		
d. Fire Authority Finance						
Chair informed the Board that she has received a		Noted	No	No		Maureen Rigg

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letter from the Fire Authority explaining that their budgets have been cut and things will be very tight this year. Consultation with the public will take place around this issue.						SBC
e. Venues						
Chair informed the Board that at present we struggle for venues in the Western Area to host our meetings. If anybody knows of any venues, cheap or free, that would be able to accommodate the partnership please could you pass the details on to ZR.		Noted	No	No		
f. Elections						
TR informed the Board that it is election time for VCS reps, Nora Rosser has been notified of this as she is a VCS rep. TR asked if anybody knows anybody in the Western Area who would like to represent the VCS then please pass details to ZR who will forward to TR.		Noted	No	No		Tracy Roberts SRCGA

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10. Date & Time of Next Meeting Wednesday 20 th February, 6pm @ Long Newton Wilson Institute, Darlington Road, Long Newton.		Noted				