

**The Western Area Partnership Board Meeting
Wednesday 20th February 2008
Long Newton Wilson Institute
Minutes of the meeting**

Partnership Board Members

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg (SBC)

Members: Geoff Turner (PC), Cllr Alan Lewis (SBC), David Scott (PC), John Rosser (PC), Tony Hampton (PC), Ian Garrett (PUB), Nora Rosser (VS), Alice Newsham (YA)

Advisers/Observers

Philip Addison (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), Tracy Roberts (SRCGA), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Jane Elliott (SBC),

Apologies

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Cllr John Fletcher (SBC), Jennie Beaumont (SBC), Doug Nicholson (VS)

CS =	Community Sector
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector
PS =	Private Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector
VS =	Voluntary Sector
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum

YA =	Youth Assembly
RC =	Rural Community Sector
BS =	Business Sector
PC =	Parish Council

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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 28-01-08 Minutes of the meeting held on the 28 th Jan 08 were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
4. Matters Arising There were no matters arising.		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>5. Preferred Option for Minerals and Waste DPD – Jane Elliott</p> <p>Jane Elliott (JE) gave an update on the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents (DPDs). JE explained that consultants, ENTEC, were undertaking the preparation of the DPDs on behalf of the five Tees Valley authorities.</p> <p>JE informed members of the current consultation on the Preferred Options for the DPDs. The six week consultation period would end on 2 April 2008.</p> <p>JE explained that the storage of nuclear waste was not being considered as part of the DPDs. This is an issue to which would be considered at the national level.</p> <p>Members were informed of two drop in consultation events taking place on the Minerals and Waste DPD which were at the (i) Stockton Central library, on the 5th March 08; and (ii) Billingham Forum on the 6th March 2008.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Jane Elliott, SBC 526053</p>

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<p>Members were also informed of the paper on the 'future of villages/future settlement' for which the consultation period ends at the end of Feb 08. members were encouraged to go on-line to comment.</p> <p>6. Post Office – Network Change Programme – Haleem Ghafoor</p> <p>This item was under AOB however MR agreed that we would discuss this now.</p> <p>HG introduced the item and informed members on the consultation which is currently being conducted by the Post Office on the Network Change Programme. HG provided the group with some background information and informed members of proposed changes taking place in their area i.e. which included some potential closures of Post Offices. Members were informed that the closing date for feedback was the 26th March 2008.</p> <p>After much discussion it was agreed that HG would draft a letter on behalf of the WAPB objecting to the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>HG to draft a</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Haleem Ghafoor</p>

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<p>closure of the Post Office in Long Newton. This letter would be agreed by MR (Chair) and then sent on behalf of the board.</p> <p>7. Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008-11</p> <p>This item was under AOB however MR agreed that we would discuss this now.</p> <p>HG presented an item on the LAA 2008-11 and requested members to consider the local indicator set for the LAA.</p> <p>HG provided members with the background and explained the purpose of the report.</p> <p>Some of the issues raised by members to be considered as part of the local indicator set included targets on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring that Children & Young People (CYP) have access to both open and safe places • improving public transport 		<p></p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>letter on behalf of the WAPB.</p> <p>No</p>	<p></p> <p>No</p>	<p></p>	<p>SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the percentage of new eco build homes • increasing the number of affordable homes in affluent areas to allow CYP who wish to live near their parents to do so. • Older Adults and their housing needs and in particular a target, which provides support to Older Adults in their homes. • Promoting socially cohesive communities through supporting older adults and their families to remain within close proximity to both maintain family units and support for families. • Improving and promoting the renting sector much more. <p>HG finally explained the next steps taking place, and agreed that a copy of the final LAA 2008-11 would be circulated.</p>		Noted				
<p>8. Tees Valley Bus Users Forum</p> <p>Members were informed of the Tees Valley Bus Users' Forum which is taking place at the Swallow Hotel, High Street, Stockton between 5pm and 7pm on Monday, 25th Feb 08. This meeting is for bus</p>		Noted	No	No		<p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p>

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<p>users to discuss the key issues facing across the Tees Valley and to receive more information relating to the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements major scheme. Agreed that Philip Addison would represent the Board at the Forum.</p> <p>9. Thematic Updates a. Health & Well Being Partnership (H&WBP)</p> <p>There had been no meetings held.</p> <p>b. Environment Partnership</p> <p>There were no updates.</p> <p>c. Economic Regeneration & Transport (ERTP)</p> <p>PA informed the group that the last ERTTP meeting focussed on procurement issues, with the focus on trying to ensure that where possible local firms are procured to ensure that spend remains in the local economy.</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>Philip Addison FTTP</p>

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<p>d. Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership (HNP)</p> <p>There have been no HNP meetings.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>e. Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)</p> <p>GT informed the group that discussion at this meeting took place around re-claiming and seizing possessions / property relating to criminal offences and incidents.</p>		Noted	No	No		Geoff Turner Eaglescliffe & Egglecliffe PC
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>a. Every Child Matters</p> <p>TR informed members of a new role, which she has adopted. The group were informed that Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association have been commissioned to undertake a piece of work on behalf of the SBC Children, Education & Social Care for Children's Workforce Development Council, which fits in to the Children's Trust Board priorities, to map the VCS organisations/groups who run activities for babies, children, teenagers and families or if you are in a group working with</p>		Noted	No	No		Tracy Roberts SRCGA

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<p>the age ranges from babies to up to 25 year olds. This work is taking place to ensure that these organisations/groups have the support in ensuring that they have the various policies and procedures in place. Members were requested to let TR know of any useful contacts that members maybe aware of.</p> <p>b. Draft meeting dates</p> <p>Draft meeting dates were circulated to members. Members were asked to let ZR know of any venues where future WAPB meetings could be held (preferably within the WAPB)</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>11. Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 31st March, Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees.</p>		Noted				