

**Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed**  
**Meeting- The Billingham Partnership**  
**Date – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008**

**Members:**

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KAB), Michele Smith (VS), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Elaine Morris (PCT), Hillary Aggio (PUB), Gil Smith (BS), Bert Smailes (VS), Colin Stratton (BS), Jim Scollen (VS), Barry Woodhouse (PS), Edna Brown (VS), Mark Telford (PUB), Cath Coldbeck (VS)

**Advisors/Observers:**

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Fred Gook (Billingham/Wolviston Neighbourhood Watch), Val Scollen (Roscoe Road residents), Jean Edmonds (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Michael Womphrey (SBC), Olive Milner (Billingham Town Council), Martin Ward (Cowpen Post Office), Nicola Kelly (SBC), Rosemary Young (SBC), Keith Mathews (SBC)

**Apologies:**

Kelly Brown

Roger Black

Liz Smith

Miriam Stanton

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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<p><b>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p>		Noted				<p>Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025</p>
<p><b>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> February were agreed as a true and accurate record.            GS apologised to the Board for not declaring an interest (DOI) at previous meetings when the business service charges have been discussed. GS asked if the Chair would agree that LS and GS have a belated DOI noted, Chair agreed to this request.            Chair announced the election results from the Billingham Network which informed the Board who will be representing which sector.</p>		Noted				<p>Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025</p>

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<p><b>3. Intergrated Service Area – Mark Telford</b></p> <p>Mark Telford gave the Board a verbal update on the new Intergrated Service Area's (ISA). Mark has been appointed as the ISA Manager for Children and Young People in Billingham and Port Clarence. Mark informed the Board that he is actively seeking a young person to sit on the Billingham Partnership with him in a dualled capacity. The first meeting of the Intergrated Service Area Panel has taken place and this will look at multi agencies working with families.</p> <p>Mark left copies of the Children and Young People Plan and the draft Parenting Strategy, which is available for comment.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Mark Telford SBC 01642 526483
<p><b>4. Preferred Options for Minerals and Waste DPD – Rosemary Young</b></p> <p>Rosemary Young gave an update on the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Site</p>		Noted	No	No		Rosemary Young SBC

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<p>Allocations Development Plan Documents (DPDs). RY explained that consultants, ENTEC, were undertaking the preparation of the DPDs on behalf of the five Tees Valley authorities.</p> <p>RY informed members of the current consultation on the Preferred Options for the DPDs. The six week consultation period would end on 9 April 2008.</p> <p>RY 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. The Anhydrite Mines were not being proposed as a preferred option for the disposal of hazardous waste as proposed by NPL Estates because the recent planning permission at the Augean site at Port Clarence meant that there was no demonstrable need for it to be allocated. The Board had a lengthy debate on this item.</p> <p>Members were informed of two drop in consultation events taking place on the</p>						01642 526054

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<p>Minerals and Waste DPD which were at the (i) Central library, on the 5th March 08; and (ii) Billingham Forum on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 between 3pm and 7pm.</p> <p>Members were also informed of the paper on the 'future of villages/future settlement' for which the consultation period ended on 29 Feb 08. However if members had something they particularly wished to raise, even though the closing date had passed, Spatial Planning would accept late comments. Members were encouraged to go on-line to comment.</p> <p><b>5. John Whitehead Park (JWP) – Keith Mathews</b></p> <p>Keith gave a presentation to the Board on the developments of JWP to date. Keith thanked the Board for contributing the 10% fee for the Landfill Tax funding.</p> <p>Keith informed the Board that the Play Area is on site and is 3 weeks away from completion. The third phase of the shrub</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		

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<p>removal is on-going with Probation services currently working on clearing, cultivating soil and grass seeding the former shrub area. Keith informed the Board that SBC Horticultural Services team have arranged for the hedge to be “gapped” up where necessary, work is due to be completed by end of March 08. Keith informed the Board that proposals have been agreed with Kirklevington Prison to manufacture bespoke play area fencing, with a proposal that schools are engaged to design finials for the fence.</p> <p>Keith is currently working with the Supporters of JWP to agree a style of street furniture and new park gates (where the old cannot be refurbished).</p> <p>Keith proposed, if the Board agreed, that the old Billingham Urban District Council crest be cleaned/repared and fixed on to the (new) gates.</p> <p>Keith also informed the Board that the Supporters of JWP have agreed with SBC that £20k is allocated for a central feature</p>		<p>The Board unanimously agreed that the crest be placed on the gates</p> <p>Noted</p>				



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<p>and store configuration requirements. These requirements will form the core element of the masterplanning process. A planning application has been received for 4 Crown Buildings, currently vacant, to be used as a Youth Drop-In Centre. Louise informed the Board that the first confidential briefing had taken place with Gil Smith as the Town Centre representative.</p> <p><b>b. Billingham House</b></p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the Section 79 notice, which sets out the agreed programme of works to achieve the demolition of Billingham House by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 remains in place. Louise advised that this programme should commence 31<sup>st</sup> March 08.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Section 29 notice also remains in force.</p> <p>Louise informed that she has sent a demolition programme for Billingham</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>House to TBP Manager who will distribute to TBP representatives accordingly.  Louise informed the Board SBC Legal Department are due to write to Bizzy B in mid March to ask them if measures are in place to commence on 31<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p><b>c. Forum</b></p> <p>Louise informed the Board that Council ratified the proposals for the Forum on 27<sup>th</sup> February.  Louise informed the Board that banners will be erected on to the Forum to advise the public of the refurbishment.  KAB did ask if he could have a copy of any theatres marketing criteria that will be sent out to potential developers/contractors?  KAB declared an interest at this point as he is a member of the Save Our Theatre Group. Louise requested that KAB email her advising in what capacity he sought the information – she would then seek clarification and advise if this was possible.</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><b>d. John Whitehead Park</b></p> <p>This item was covered by Keith Mathews under item five.  However, KAB informed the Board that some plants have been taken from the park, he has advised SBC Enforcement Officers but unfortunately nothing has been captured on the camera. Leanne Maloney, SBC Security Centre, is to attend the next North Billingham Residents Association to show the pictures from the camera.  Louise informed the Board that nearly £116k from the Section 106 agreement with Yuill Homes has now been paid to SBC and is available to the Parks and Countryside section. Louise is to investigate out if the money is ring fenced and advise the Board accordingly.</p> <p><b>e. Travellers Site</b></p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the Council's bid to secure a Government grant</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>to meet the total cost of providing a transit site for travellers was not successful. However, the Council has been encouraged to submit a bid next financial year.</p> <p>The Housing and Community Safety Select Committee had assessed a number of potential locations (in SBC ownership) for the transit travellers site and put forward a site at Bowesfield Pumping Station for consultation. However, due to overwhelming concerns raised during the consultation process the Committee concluded that Bowesfield Pumping Station site was not suitable for a Travellers Transit site and that it was not possible to identify suitable land currently within Council ownership.</p> <p>Therefore, it was recommended and endorsed by February Cabinet that investigation of a suitable location should be widened to include the identification of sites outside the Council ownership, and that they should be assessed against</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>		

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<p>appropriate criteria. Cabinet also agreed that officers should complete further consultation with the travelling community and national organisations to assist with identification of possible suitable locations, and that officers report back to Cabinet in June 2008.</p> <p><b>6. Thematic Updates</b></p> <p>Nothing to raise.</p> <p><b>7. Information Updates</b></p> <p><b>a. Community Sector</b></p> <p><b>The Children’s Workforce Development Agenda item will be deferred to the April meeting.</b></p> <p>KAB informed the Board that the North Billingham Residents AGM will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008, 7pm at High Grange Community Centre.</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>KAB infomed the Board that the Supporters of JWP AGM will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008, 6.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion within JWP.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that he attended the planning event for a new hotel and pub at Wynyard but was unable to obtain any details regarding the number of jobs to be created or when it was due to start on site.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that the pre-planning consultation for the Northshore development will take place between 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30-5pm and that the developers will only be there on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>KP outlined to TBP the support given to the Bowls Club JWP and ratified the agreement by the Chair that TBP would support an application for funding towards a camera and security and would act as the third party contributors to the application.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Board agreed to this.</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>KP informed the Board of the proposed Post Office closures in Billingham and asked that the report from SBC be noted together with a copy of the letter from Cllr Alex Cunningham. Martin Ward from Cowpen Post Office was present at the meeting and asked if the Board would support him in his campaign to keep the Post Office open.</p> <p>It was suggested that TBP write to the Post Office opposing the closure of the Post Offices in Billingham and copy this to Frank Cook MP.</p> <p><b>b. Voluntary Sector</b></p> <p>BS reported that the Safer Billingham Partnership met on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and Fred Gook from Neighbourhood Watch would like to distribute some information sharing handouts to Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and members. The Safer Billingham partnership agreed this initiative and asked if TBP would sponsor this</p>		<p>The Board unanimously agreed to support Cowpen Post Office.</p> <p>Board agreed to write a letter to the Post office.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>TBP agreed to contribute £400 towards this initiative.</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>initiative.</p> <p><b>c. Business Sector</b></p> <p>GS declared an interest at this point. GS informed the Board that at the last meeting of the Billingham Business Association (BBA) the service charges were discussed. GS reported that the BBA have taken legal advice as SBC are not offering any discounts or concessions on this issue.</p> <p>KP informed that Board that he has looked in to the issue of Billingham Forum and Theatre not being in the Town Centre and has asked James Glancey to provide him with further information.</p> <p>KP informed the Board of recently approved planning application submitted by Augean Plc for the Port Clarence Waste Recovery Park. This development has identified 64 new jobs as the site becomes operational.</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>KP informed that Board that Vireol have delivered a presentation in Billingham but apologise to the Partnership for omitting them from the presentation. KP informed the Board that Vireol are wanting to erect a Ethanol Plant in Billingham. KP issued a copy of the presentation to members and informed them that Vireol are happy to deliver the presentation to TBP but it would not be before they submit their planning application.</p> <p><b>d. Public Sector</b></p> <p>EM informed the Board of a Health Trainer event which is taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 9-1pm at the Wynyard Rooms (former Samsung building) if anybody wants to attend.</p> <p>EM gave each member a copy of the ward profiles for the Northern area.</p> <p>BW informed the Board that the Building</p>		<p>Members supported the proposed application with a caveat that transport issues be addressed with regards to tanker routes.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to write a</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>Schools for the Future options for Billingham has now changed, see appendix one for details. BW asked if TBP would agree to writing a letter of objection to the now proposed options of an academy school as this option had not been put forward during the consultation and had therefore not been considered by TBP. Members raised concern that recent reports had indicated that academy schools were underachieving.</p>		<p>letter to the local Eductaion Authority. The Board also requested further consultation on this item.</p>				
<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>• Stockton Renaissance Board 5-2-08</li> <li>• Low Grange Residents Association 7-2-08</li> <li>• Catalyst Directors 8-2-08</li> <li>• SRCGA AGM 11-2-08</li> <li>• Housing &amp; Neighbourhood Partnership 12-2-08</li> <li>• Billingham Network 27-2-08</li> </ul>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP</p>

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Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.						
<p><b>9. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that the funding for the South Billingham Multi Use Gaming Area has been secured (£110k) and would the Board agree to paying the 50% (£5k) of the 10% third party contribution of £10k.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Environment Agency are in the process of sending over the £20k for the Hooked on Fishing project which TBP will administer through a Service Level Agreement with the Environment Agency.</p> <p><b>10. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Nothing to raise.</p>		<p>Board agreed to this.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt            Manager, TBP</p>

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<b>11. Date Of Next Meeting</b>  Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2008 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.		Noted				