

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 12th May 2008

Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KAB), Michele Smith (VS), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Hillary Aggio (PUB), Gil Smith (BS), Bert Smailes (VS), Colin Stratton (BS), Edna Brown (VS), Roger Black (BS), Fred Gook (VS), Jane Dobson (PUB), Val Scollen (CS), Ray McCall (CS), Mark Telford (PUB), Jim Scollen (VS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), David Campbell (PUB), Liz Smith (BS)

Advisors/Observers:

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Rob Llewellyn (SBC), Peter Seller (SBC)

Apologies:

Cath Coldbeck

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>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p> <p>Chair opened the meeting by informing the Board that Harry Davis had passed away last week. Chair offered the Board's sincere condolences to Harry's family. Harry was a former member of TBP and to acknowledge his death the Board had a minutes silence. KP has posted the funeral details on TBP website.</p>		Noted				<p>Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025</p>
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 7th April</p> <p>Minutes of the 7th April were amended and agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted				<p>Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025</p>
<p>3. Review of Children & Young People Plan – Peter Seller</p> <p>Peter outlined the report that was circulated</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Peter Seller

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<p>prior to the meeting and advised that this plan will be valid until 2010. The aim of this is to review the priorities that are already documented and check that the priorities are still correct. Peter asked if the Board could send any comments in before the end of May. Peter informed the Board that a new initiative “My Place” is being introduced via the Big Lottery, once more information is available on this Peter will report back to the Board. Peter informed the Board that a new initiative “Play Building” is to be introduced and £1.1 million will be available over the next 3 years. MT informed the Board that the Youth Café is due to open in approx. 12 weeks time. The Board had a lengthy discussion around this issue and several issues came out of this. The Board decided that it would be useful for a meeting of the Billingham Children & Young People thematic to be called to discuss these issues. KP informed the Board that Kevin Bowler is</p>						<p>SBC 01642 527043</p>

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having to resign from the Play Strategy group due to other commitments so, if anybody else is interested in becoming the representative for the Billingham Partnership please speak to KP.						
<p>4. Matter Arising a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that Halladale are still in negotiations with potential anchor stores, regarding possible leases and store configuration requirements. These requirements will form the core element of the masterplanning process. The Council hope this work could be completed by the end of the year. Following completion of the masterplan there will be an opportunity for the public to participate in a (Council led) consultation on the public realm element of regeneration works. Halladale would then seek planning permission for their scheme before commencing work on site. Louise informed the Board that the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	No			<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>decantment process for Queensway tenants is progressing well. Thirteen of the fifteen tenants have been successfully rehoused and one of the remaining tenants is due to move to a suitable property, later this month. Louise informed the Board that all vacant flats have been secured, however flat 88 was breached on 2nd May and vandalism resulted in water leaking into Leonards Electrical Store and Savers. Officers have liased closely with the affected tenants and measures were taken immediately to resolve the situation. The security shutters will remain in situ and officers will continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Louise advised that Halladale have been in carrying out surveys in the Town Centre over the past two weeks.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that he has been speaking to a trader in the Town Centre who advised him that a planning application has been submitted for 5 Crown Buildings for change of use to Dental Practice.</p>		Noted				

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<p>GS informed the Board that one member of the Billingham Business Association has been given notice to terminate their lease by Halladale.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the Council still consider Bizzy B to be in breach of the statutory Section 79 Notice, which sets out the agreed programme of works which should achieve the demolition of Billingham House by 31st December 2008. The Council have exchanged various correspondence with Bizzy B and their agents to remind them of the agreed demolition programme and have, after due consideration, refused to accept any proposed deviation to the programme. The Council's litigation team is currently considering the next steps to pursue Bizzy B's compliance with the Section 79 notice. Louise informed the Board that the Council continues to try to prevent unauthorised</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>access to the site via the section 29 notice which requires Bizzy B to maintain the security of the outer and inner fence by patrolling four times per day and making good any breaches identified. Various correspondence has been exchanged with Bizzy B and their agents in relation to this issue, particularly to highlight Bizzy B's failure to comply with step 1 of the section 79 notice. Louise informed the Board that the Council's Environmental Health Manager arranged to meet Bizzy B on site in April to discuss the security arrangements however they failed to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Chair asked Louise if she had informed the HSE of the skate park that is said to be used by children in the area. Louise advised the Board the Council's legal team have advised that it is not necessary to contact the HSE at this stage.</p> <p>c. Forum</p>		Noted				

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<p>Louise informed the Board that the procurement strategy is almost finalised and the scheme design “consultation” continues which will be followed by detailed design work throughout summer 2008. The banners advertising the exciting refurbishment plans have been produced and are due to be installed next week. HA asked if the works to the Forum will be phased? Louise advised the Forum refurbishment scheme is based on a phased closure while the refurbishment works takes place, as stated in the Cabinet report.</p> <p>d. John Whitehead Park</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the third phase of the shrub removal programme is nearly complete and Care for Your Area will undertake the maintenance of this element of the project. Louise advised that discussions with the café operator to amend the opening hours and extend the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>menu are ongoing. LS asked if anybody had seen the recent TV programme which featured the park café, the programme highlighted a few concerns and LS was curious as to whether SBC would continue to use the current café operator. Louise read the following statement to the Board: SBC's aim is to ensure that the cafe in JWP is managed to the highest possible standards. The councils preferred option is to manage the cafe in house, negotiations are currently ongoing between SBC and the current tenant. Rob Llewellyn, Environmental Health, advised the Board that the emphasis of the programme was on hygiene at the café rather than food quality. Rob informed the Board that the SBC website has a link to the Scores on the Doors Website which gives a 1-5 star rating of eating places in the Borough. Louise 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</p>		<p>Noted</p>				

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<p>design the finials for the fence. The style of the street furniture has also been agreed. Louise notified the Board that during the school spring term break there has been significant and extensive use of the new play area and although there were some problems with anti-social behaviour during this period the Police and Council's Community Protection Team were all involved in addressing the issues. Benches and signage are to be installed close to the play area. Louise informed the Board that proposals for the park gates have been agreed and the contract for their manufacture/installation is currently being tendered by SBC. It has been agreed that Billingham Urban District Council crest should be used if feasible. Louise informed the Board that the Council is working with the Supporters of John Whitehead Park to appraise options regarding the central feature in the sensory garden. KAB informed the Board that SBC are</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>currently reviewing how to take forward the second stage of the Park Project Plan. KAB informed the Board that at the moment the proposals are to keep 3 tennis courts, install a Multi Use Gaming Area and install a Multi Wheeled Area. KAB informed the Board that it was suggested that the Supporters of John Whitehead Park together with SBC consult, again, with the Children and Young People in the area to determine whether or not they still want this sort of play equipment. HA informed the Board that she has visited the park on a number of occasions and has noted that there isn't a lot for younger children (3-7 years) and that the older children seem to dominate the park. KAB informed the Board that the equipment that has been installed is suitable for 3 years up. It was recommended that the Billingham Children & Young People thematic group meet to discuss the issues that are arising regarding the park and the play equipment.</p>						

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<p>5. Any Other Business</p> <p>BS informed the Board that he has been approached by Cllr Mick Stoker to ask if TBP had any funds to help Cowpen Cricket Club source a security camera. BS informed the Board that the cricket club has been vandalised in recent weeks. The cricket club have obtained three quotes and they can get a security camera for £1k. BS asked if the Board would be in favour of assisting with the installation only of a security camera.</p> <p>FG on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch, thanked the Board for the money they contributed towards the leaflets they had printed.</p>		<p>Board agreed that they would contribute £1k for the installation only of a security camera.</p> <p>Noted</p>				
<p>6. Date Of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 2nd June 2008 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue,</p>		<p>Noted</p>				

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