

**Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed**  
**Meeting- The Billingham Partnership**  
**Date – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008**

**Members:**

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KAB), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Bert Smailes (VS), Chris Humpleby (VS), Fred Gook (VS), Michele Smith (VS), Andrew Hatton (BS), Elizabeth Benomran (PUB), Ged McGuire (VS), Val Scollen (CS), Roger Black (BS), Ray McCall (CS), Mark Telford (SBC), David Campbell (PUB), Cath Coldbeck (VS),

**Advisors/Observers:**

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Kelly Smith (SBC), Andy Whinnerah (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA)

**Apologies:**

Hilary Aggio

Gil Smith

Liz Smith

Barry Woodhouse

Jane Dobson

Jean Edmonds

Jim Scollen

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 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b></p> <p>Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted				<p>Zoe Rutter  SBC  01642 526025</p>
<p><b>3. Regeneration Strategy – Louise McDonald</b></p> <p>Louise gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the Regeneration Strategy (2007-2012) and each member was given a copy of the strategy. Within the presentation Louise outlined achievements to date, future ambitions and what</p>		Noted	No	No	No	<p>Louise McDonald  SBC</p>

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<p>challenges are currently facing Stockton Borough.            KAB asked LM if she would find out when the plans for North Shore are due to be submitted, KAB declared an interest at this point.            RB asked if there was any help for small businesses in light of the recent downturn in the economy and LM she would speak to the Business Advice Team and report back. As a result of this comment KP proposed a meeting dedicated to small businesses to address any current problems.            The Board asked various other questions and LM will feedback through the Chair and Manager.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b>  <b>a. Town Centre Redevelopment</b></p> <p>LM explained that given the current financial and property investment climate progress regarding redevelopment planned for Billingham Town Centre has</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>			<p>Louise McDonald            SBC</p>

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<p>understandably slowed but despite this, the Council has not lost sight of its aspirations for the Town Centre, mirroring those of the community consultation in 2005.</p> <p><b>b. Billingham House</b></p> <p>LM informed the Board that on 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Council were informed that Controlled Demolition, the contractors appointed by Bizzy B, had ceased working on the site. LM informed the Board that the Council have since been in touch with Bizzy B's agents to try to ascertain their intentions and have been advised that tests are currently being undertaken to enable the building to be certified asbestos free. LM had previously informed the Board that the demolition of the building was likely to slip by 2 months but the Council would continue to pursue the situation. However the Council is continuing to pursue the situation and it is anticipated that a full briefing note will be available to TBP</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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shortly.  <b>c. Forum</b>  Louise informed the Board that the Council have now appointed Morgan Ashurst as the refurbishment contractor (stage 2 construction subject to Cabinet approval). Morgan Ashurst have a wealth of experience working on large scale leisure schemes, which include new build and refurbishments. Louise informed the Board that Early Contractual Involvement (ECI) discussions have already commenced with Morgan Ashurst regarding design, adding value, identifying and mitigating risks and working within the existing funding level to cost the work.  Louise informed the Board that in March 2009 approval for the design and cost and authorisation to appoint the construction contract will be sought from Cabinet before a full planning application is submitted. RB asked Louise if she would be able to		Noted             Noted             Noted	No             No             No			

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<p>provide quarterly updates to the Board when the refurbishment is underway.</p> <p><b>d. John Whitehead Park</b></p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the construction of the play area fencing by Kirklevington Prison is ongoing. Due to fluctuating trainee numbers in the prison fabrications has been slow over the last 6 weeks and it is now expected that Probation Services will install the fencing in the New Year. Louise informed the Board that local artist, Adrian Wood, has been selected by the panel to work with local school children to produce features/finials for the play area fence.</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the masterplan for John Whitehead Park is currently being revised and that the Project Manager would like to seek the views of the Board (each member was provided with a brief for the revision of the masterplan). KAB commented that the current revision of</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>the masterplan is a duplication of the last one. It was decided that members would respond directly to ZR or Keith Mathews with their views.</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that renovation of the gates and new access points is ongoing with completion still scheduled for mid December.</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that lockdown of the park is proposed to commence in the New Year, subject to public consultation. The proposed opening and closing times are: Summer (6.00am to 9.30pm) and Winter (6.00am to 6.00pm).</p> <p>The Board took this opportunity to thank the previous Supporters of John Whitehead Park and Council Officers for their efforts and hard work on the park.</p> <p><b>e. Building Schools For The Future (BSF)</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that the consultation for BSF has now commenced and finishes</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>Kevin Pitt</p>

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<p>on 28<sup>th</sup> December. The proposed changes to secondary schools in Billingham are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discontinue Billingham Campus School on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009; and</li> <li>• Make a prescribed alteration to Northfield Community School and Sports College from September 2009. Northfield School is to increase the admission number by 27 or more and be enlarged to include the site and buildings currently occupied by Billingham Campus School.</li> </ul> <p>KP informed the Board that the Boards views have already been submitted in a letter to the lead officer, following the special meeting of the Billingham Partnership on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The Board had a healthy debate around this issue and concluded that they stood by the original outcome of the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October and rejected the proposal to combine the two schools in it's present format. This was put to the vote 12</p>		Noted	No			



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<p>members agreed that the outcome of the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October should stand and 2 members abstained from the vote. RM declared an interest at this point. The Board discussed the SBC proposal and highlighted the following points:</p> <p>The proposal to move St Michaels to the Billingham Campus site should be reconsidered for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. St Michaels will be the smaller of the 2 schools and therefore should be moved to the smaller site on Thames Road</li> <li>b. The site on Thames Road is coterminous with a catholic primary school</li> <li>c. The size of the proposed catholic school will not alter environmental impact of traffic and people on the Thames Road area</li> </ul> <p>With regards to the Northfield Site, the Board suggested that if SBC were minded</p>						

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<p>to relocate it to the present Campus site it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Should be placed on the larger school site for a larger population</li> <li>b. Would allow an increase in the site capacity post 2018</li> <li>c. Would reduce the amount of travel required for pupils from more disadvantaged areas</li> <li>d. Would allow access to higher level of facilities eg. swimming, new sports facilities on the site for larger school population</li> <li>e. Would not alter environmental impact of students travelling to and from the site.</li> </ul> <p><b>f. Area Partnership Allocation – Haleem Ghafoor</b></p> <p>Haleem informed the Board that the commissioning sub group have met and agreed that the Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP) is to receive the area partnership allocation. Haleem informed</p>		Noted	No			

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<p>the Board that some of the allocation will go towards Dave Munt's salary and he will be TUPE transferred to the Stockton Riverside College from Get Hooked on Fishing. Haleem informed the Board that subject to the Boards approval the post will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. KP went through the BELP process with the Board and how it would all fit together and what work is currently ongoing at the moment. Haleem informed the Board that regular updates will be provided to the Board . It was noted that the Get Hooked on Fishing registered charity number should be included on the service level agreement.</p> <p><b>5. Thematic Updates</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		<p>Board agreed this.</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>			

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<p><b>6. Information Updates</b>  <b>a. Community Sector</b></p> <p>RM thanked the Probation Service for the work they have done at the Clarences Community Farm and asked if the Board would agree to sending them a letter of thanks to reflect this.  RM also thanked South Billingham Residents Association for their donation of £250.</p> <p><b>b. Voluntary Sector</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that Impetus Environmental Trust will be refunding TBP £1317.19 in relation to the sensory garden works.</p> <p><b>c. Business Sector</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		<p>Board agreed to send letter.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p><b>d. Public Sector</b></p> <p>ZR informed the Board that a proposed change to the constitution was circulated prior to the meeting along with two proposed changes to the roles &amp; responsibilities document. ZR asked the Board if they would agree to the changes.</p> <p><b>7. 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>• Low Grange Residents Association 6-11-08</li> <li>• Catalyst Directors 11-11-08</li> <li>• Play Partnership meeting 12-11-8</li> <li>• Environment Partnership 13-11-08</li> <li>• Area Partnership Focus Group 18-11-08</li> <li>• TBP pre agenda 21-11-08</li> </ul> <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions,</p>		<p>Board agreed to the changes and ZR to circulate updated documents.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>no questions were raised.</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he has resigned from SRCGA directors and Catalyst directors due to ill health. Chair informed the Board that if anybody would like to represent TBP on Economic &amp; Regeneration Transport (ERTP) and the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership (H+NP) as he has resigned from both of these partnerships. Andy Hatton will attend ERTP and Val Scollen will attend H+NP.</p> <p><b>8. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that the annual Renaissance event is to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and asked that members respond to Sarah Upex or ZR as soon as possible.</p> <p>KAB asked if copies of papers and any presentations could be sent out prior to the event.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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KP informed the Board that Billingham Town Council are holding a Christmas event in John Whitehead Park on Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, please contact Diane Rickaby if you are attending.		Noted	No			
<b>10. Any Other Business</b> <b>a. Elderly &amp; Disability Working Groups</b>  This item was postponed until 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2009.  <b>11. Date Of Next Meeting</b>  Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.		Noted  Noted				