

**The Western Area Partnership Board Meeting
Wednesday 3rd December 2008
Long Newton Wilson Centre, Darlington Road
Minutes of the meeting**

Partnership Board Members

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg (SBC)

Members: Geoff Turner (PC), John Rosser (PC), Nora Rosser (VS), Jennifer Pinkney (CS), Elizabeth Benomran (PCT)

Advisers/Observers

Zoe Rutter (SBC) Tracy Roberts (SRCGA), Philip Addison (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), Gareth Carson (SBC), Kelly Smith (SBC),
Graham Clingan (SBC)

Apologies

John Fletcher
Doug Nicholson
Alan Lewis
Maurice Snowden
Tony Hampton
Jennie Beaumont
Ian Garrett

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

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. Declarations of Interest Noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
4. Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the meeting held on the 27 th October 08 were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC

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						01642 526025
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p> <p>6. Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy – Graham Clingan</p> <p>Members received information regarding the GI Strategy. Green Infrastructure is defined as those networks of open spaces, countryside, rivers, lakes and street trees within and between our towns and villages. It includes both public and private assets.</p> <p>Members received a presentation around the GI Strategy and this covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Green Infrastructure? • Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy • Development of a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Stockton Borough • What the strategy will do 		<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>Graham Clingan SBC</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team • Who would we like to be involved? <p>Graham went on to explain about the community consultation and how he proposes to engage with groups. One method of consultation will be via drop-in sessions which will be held at local community centres during April and the other method would be via contacting community groups with the help of SRCGA. Graham did say that he was more than happy to attend any meetings during March and April if that was what people would prefer, just let him know when and where the meeting is.</p> <p>The Board had a debate around this issue and Graham answered all questions that were raised.</p> <p>Graham went on to talk about the Spaces for Play programme and informed the Board that four submissions have been received from the Western Area. Graham informed the Board that all applications could potentially be funded through the "Playbuilder" Programme but no decisions had yet been made on that allocation of funding. Letters</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>will be sent out very shortly to arrange a suitable date and time for applicants to meet with SBC officers to discuss their applications. Graham is hopeful that a list of definite schemes and feedback will be available to the Play Partnership by the end of February 2009.</p> <p>7. Area Partnership Allocation – Kelly Smith</p> <p>Kelly informed the Board that the commissioning sub group have meet again and discussed some new ideas on how to spend their allocation. Chair went on to explain that the initial idea of holding a jobs fair and giving small grants has been superseded with the idea of allocating the first years funding to an easily accessible debt management advice service, coping with financial problems, budgeting etc. Chair informed the Board that an evaluation will be done after the first year to see how successful this project has been with the potential for a further 12 months funding. Chair informed the Board that a specification would be drawn up for this idea if the Board agreed. It was noted that the successful project needs to be widely</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to this idea.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>KS to draw up specificat</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>Kelly Smith SBC</p>

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<p>b. Environment Partnership</p> <p>MR informed the Board that the last meeting concentrated on the use of renewable energies in Stockton and that SBC have decided to share experience on this issue. Chair informed the Board that SBC have decided to introduce the use of electrical vehicles and share experience of this with local businesses.</p> <p>c. Safer Stockton Partnership</p> <p>GT informed the Board that he didn't attend the last meeting.</p> <p>d. Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership (ER&TP)</p> <p>PA informed the Board that he didn't attend the last meeting.</p> <p>e. Children's Trust Board (CTB)</p> <p>NR informed the Board that no meeting has taken</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p></p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>place.</p> <p>f. Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership (H+NP)</p> <p>JR informed the Board he didn't attend the last meeting.</p> <p>g. Over 50's Assembly</p> <p>MS was not present so no update was given.</p> <p>h. Play partnership</p> <p>MR informed the Board that Play England are holding a free event on 11th December at the Dolphin Centre and this will be the last free event they will be holding. Please see Play England website for more details.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>9. Any Other Business a. Roles & Responsibilities & Terms of Reference</p> <p>ZR referred to the previously circulated reports and informed the Board that the Roles & Responsibilities document and the Terms of Reference have been amended slightly to reflect declarations of interest, personal interests and gifts and hospitality. If the Board accepted these changes ZR would circulate an updated version of both documents.</p> <p>b. Youth Clubs</p> <p>GC gave a brief update to the Board on the youth clubs in the Western Area. GC informed the Board that attendance at Eaglescliffe youth club is very good and attendance at Layfield youth club is getting better and a lot of children and young people have been engaged with over recent months. GC informed the Board that the youth service are holding discussions with Conyers youth club regarding the Duke of Edinburgh bronze and</p>		<p>Board agreed to the changes.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>ZR to circulate updated documents.</p> <p>No</p>			

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silver award. GC is looking at doing some publicity to encourage more people to attend the Kirklevington and Long Newton youth clubs.						
10. Date & Time of Next Meeting Monday 26 th January 2009, 6pm at Challoner House, Turton Road		Noted				