

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 12th January 2009

Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KAB), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Bert Smailes (VS), Fred Gook (VS), Michele Smith (VS), Andrew Hatton (BS), Ged McGuire (VS), Val Scollen (CS), Roger Black (BS), Ray McCall (CS), Mark Telford (SBC), David Campbell (PUB), Jim Scollen (VS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), Gil Smith (BS), Liz Smith (BS),

Advisors/Observers:

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Andy Whinnerah (SBC), Julie Swinburne (TBP), Dave Munt (TBP), Gordon Wills (SBC), Jessica Wanley (Campus Youth Club), Rose McLeod (Campus Youth Club), Sammie Bradley (Campus Youth Club), Graeme Wilkinson, Gillie Hatton

Apologies:

Hilary Aggio

Jean Edmonds

Elizabeth Benomran

Cath Coldbeck

Mark Telford

Kelly Brown

Chris Humpleby

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.Introductions and Apologies for Absence Introductions and apologies were noted.		Noted				Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 1st December Minutes of the 1 st December were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted				Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Parks Update – Keith Mathews This item has been deferred to the February meeting.		Noted	No	No	No	
4. Cycle Routes – Jonathan Kibble Jonathan was not in attendance for this meeting so this item will now be presented in March.		Noted	No			

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<p>5. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>LM explained that given the current financial and property investment climate progress regarding redevelopment planned for Billingham Town Centre has 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>LM informed the Board that officers are shortly due to meet with Stockland for a progress update. LM informed the Board that a Town Centre redevelopment progress report is due to go to April Cabinet.</p> <p>LM informed the Board that Secretary of State Consent has been granted to dispose of the 15 residential flats to Stockland in accordance with the terms of the sale contract and transfer will take place on completion of the legal contracts.</p> <p>LS expressed concern regarding the</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>			

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<p>cleanliness of the Town Centre and some business closures.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>LM informed the Board that in July 2008 work started on site to demolish Billingham House, later than agreed via the Section 79 Notice and the Council delayed prosecution in the hope that Bizzy B would comply with the agreed and remaining demolition programme.</p> <p>LM informed the Board that at a progress meeting with Sager Management, Bizzy B's agent, in October 2008 the Council was informed that there would be a delay to the programme resulting in a demolition date of February 2009. However, work continued on site until the 13th November when the Council was notified that all machinery, cabins, and staff had been withdrawn from site and has since been in discussions with Bizzy B's agents to ascertain their intentions.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>LM informed the Board that the Council were notified at the aforementioned meeting that Bizzy B's agents were in discussions with an interested developer regarding potential refurbishment of Billingham House but were uncertain how their negotiations would progress. Given the current financial and property investment climate a refurbishment offers those companies wishing to relocate or expand a less expensive and therefore more attractive alternative than a new build offer. In addition, a refurbishment of this potential scale could realise a significant number of jobs to the local area more readily than demolition and potential new build.</p> <p>LM informed the Board that should Bizzy B lease the building to the developer which subsequently brought about a refurbishment, it is likely that this would be seen as complying with the Section 79 notice and achieving the aim of the legislation, as the act of refurbishing the</p>		Noted	No			
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<p>building would improve its appearance and reverse its detrimental impact on the local area. LM informed the Board that Bizzy B has advised the Council that they are close to completing random (asbestos) sampling and asbestos free certification by an independent assessor. The Council continues to work with the owners and potential developers, whilst still retaining the powers to enforce the Section 79 notice if progress is not forthcoming.</p> <p>c. Forum</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the Council have held design team meetings and workshops with Morgan Ashurst and site investigations and surveys have also been undertaken and will continue over the coming months. LIM informed the Board that in March 2009 approval for the design & costing and authorisation to appoint the construction</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>contract (stage 2 of the works) will be sought from Cabinet. Subject to this approval a full planning application would be submitted.</p> <p>LM informed the Board that good progress is being made with regards to finalising a contract with the preferred theatre operator. LM informed the Board that discussions are due to commence with a commercial operator reinvestigating the feasibility of a temporary ice rink during the refurbishment closure.</p> <p>d. John Whitehead Park</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</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>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.</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that renovation of the gates and new access points is ongoing with completion now scheduled for the end of January due to manufacturing issues associated with some sections of the new gates.</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that “lockdown of the park” is proposed to commence in the New Year, subject to public consultation which will take place in January. The proposed opening and closing times are: Summer (6.00am to 9.30pm) and Winter (6.00am to 6.00pm). GH asked who would be responsible for opening and locking the park gates? LM advised that it was likely SBC Security & Surveillance staff would be responsible for 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>			

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<p>LS asked if a date had been set for the opening of the café? LM to investigate and feedback to the next meeting.</p> <p>AW went on to inform the Board that the Youth Café is due to open on 25th January with a proposed opening time of 5-7pm.</p> <p>AW informed the Board that SBC are looking to open the Youth Café Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.</p> <p>e. Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP) – Dave Munt</p> <p>Dave gave a brief presentation to the Board with regards to the BELP. The BELP will run for 36 months and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of wetland and dipping pond at Charltons Pond / Osbourne Park • Development of a nursery pond at Osbourne Park • Development of a training pond at Osbourne Park • Introduction of a cycle way 		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of an education programme • Establishment of engagement programme • Establishment of a centre of excellence <p>Dave went on to talk about the engagement action plan which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental impact survey of Charltons Pond / Osbourne Park • Establishment of site plans • Funding <p>Dave then asked if the Board would agree to supporting the bid to Access To Nature for the wetland and dipping pond development and revenue funding for the education programme staff, support the bid for land fill tax credits for the training pond and agree to support the joint bid with Probation Service for the life style development programme.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to these requests.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Dave Munt</p>			

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<p>6. Thematic Updates</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>7. Information Updates</p> <p>a. Community Sector</p> <p>Kelly Brown, SRCGA, received a request from Wolviston Community Centre asking if TBP would be the third party contributor if they were successful at receiving £7k for replacement windows. TBP would be required to pay £700. BW requested more information over the ownership of the building and who was responsible for the maintenance of the building. ZR to ask Kelly for more information and bring this back to the next meeting before any decision is made.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that an event regarding the Stockton Area Mental Health Network is to be held, speak to KP for more information.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>ZR to speak to Kelly Brown.</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>KP reminded members of the annual renaissance event being held at the Wynyard Rooms on Tuesday 13th January.</p> <p>GH informed the Board that he has stood down from the Environment Partnership and would the Board agree to Dave Munt taking up this seat.</p> <p>Gillie Hatton & Graeme Wilkinson came along to present a short paper to the Board on the possible launch of a free newspaper to Billingham to get the Boards thoughts on this item. The aim of the newsletter is to run a free, fortnightly, letterbox delivered community newspaper for the people of Billingham. Gillie informed the Board of the initial costs and how many households the newspaper would cover. AH declared an interest at this point.</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to this.</p> <p>The Board supported the idea in principle but asked if Gillie and Graeme would keep them informed of progress.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>4-12-08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporters of John Whitehead Park 7-1-09 • Stockton Community Network 12-1-09 • Site meeting with Keith Mathews & Simon Fraser (SBC) to discuss the possibility of a play area on the Quenby Road garage site. Keith Mathews is tasked with producing an architects drawing detailing the proposals for the site in the next six to eight months. <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions, no questions were raised.</p> <p>9. Managers Report</p> <p>KP informed the Board that Dave Munt and himself attended the Communities Fund event which took place on Thursday 4th December. KP gave a short overview of each of the ten shortlisted providers and</p>		Noted	No			

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<p>asked the Board if they would still like to remain with their original decision to support the Norton, Newton and Clarences bid.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he had received the core funding agreement to be signed and would the Board agree to the Chair signing this.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has sent a letter of thanks to the former Supporters of John Whitehead Park and sent a letter of thanks to Haleem Ghafoor.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has written to Lionel Danby documenting TBP's objection to the current Building Schools for the Future plans and he has received a response.</p>		<p>The Board agreed this.</p> <p>The Board agreed.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>ZR to circulate an electronic copy of the response.</p>			
<p>10. Any Other Business a. Elderly & Disability Working Groups</p>						

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<p>This item was postponed until 2nd February 2009.</p> <p>b. Fist Aid</p> <p>GH presented several members with first aid certificates.</p> <p>c. Good News</p> <p>The Board congratulated Ray McCall on his position on the NHS Council of Governors representing the Stockton constituency.</p> <p>11. Date Of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 2nd February 2009 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			