

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 10th February 2009

<p>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), Ged McGuire (VS), Val Scollen (CS), Roger Black (BS), David Campbell (PUB), Barry Woodhouse (PUB), Elizabeth Benomran (PUB)</p>
<p>Advisors/Observers: Zoe Rutter (SBC), Dave Munt (TBP), Gordon Wills (SBC), Acting Inspector Anderson (Police), Jean Edmonds (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Peter Mennear (SBC), Councillor Julia Cherrett (SBC)</p>
<p>Apologies: Hilary Aggio Chris Humpleby Liz Smith Gil Smith Ray McCall Andy Hatton Jim Scollen</p>

CS =	Community Sector	YA =	Youth Assembly
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector	RC =	Rural Community Sector
PS =	Private Sector	BS =	Business Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector	PC =	Parish Council
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector		
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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<p>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p>		Noted				Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 12th & 14th January</p> <p>Minutes of the 12th January were amended and agreed as a true and accurate record. Minutes of the 14th January were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted				Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>3. Scrutiny Review of Neighbourhood Policing, Neighbourhood Watch & CCTV – Peter Mennear, Acting Inspector Anderson & Councillor Cherrett</p> <p>Peter introduced the report that was circulated before the meeting and asked the board for their views on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early experiences of Neighbourhood 		Noted	No	No	No	Peter Mennear SBC

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<p>Policing including awareness of who is your local Neighbourhood Policing team and how to contact them and whether police officers and PCSO's are now more visible in your local area and how often you see them on patrol.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether members are involved with Neighbourhood Watch in the area and what are your experiences • The use of the Council's CCTV network, and whether members believe it to be an effective weapon in the fight against crime and fear of crime. • What can be done to tackle fear of crime, and whether particular crimes cause the most concern. <p>BW declared an interest at this point and left the meeting whilst this item was under discussion.</p> <p>The Board praised the Neighbourhood Policing team for their presence in Billingham and attendance at residents</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>meetings. The board felt that the Neighbourhood Policing team are well known but contacting them can sometimes be a problem.</p> <p>The Board highlighted that some members of the public have a fearing of reporting crime and being branded a trouble causer and then potentially being targeted for reporting crime. The Police would urge people to report any crime and treat any calls in confidence.</p> <p>KP thanked the Police for their attendance and involvement at the Billingham Carnival. It was commented that in order for the public to have full confidence in the police, the community itself needed to be involved, and that this was at least as important as the engagement work undertaken by the police and council.</p> <p>The Board would favour more CCTV in the area and believe that this does play a major part in reducing crime and fear of crime. The Board feel that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is a good initiative and is</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>effective in Billingham. FG stated that he had been informed that SBC were requiring a cut in Neighbourhood Watch's telephone landline costs of £12,500pa. Cllr Cherrett expressed surprise at this as SBC do not fund NHW so would be unlikely to request such a thing. The Board felt that some aspects of the Ring Master service that Neighbourhood Watch provide are outdated that there could be more use of mobile phones.</p> <p>Cllr Cherrett thanked the Board for their time and comments and informed them that a report is due to go to the Council's Cabinet in April. However, the Board will be sent a draft report.</p>		Noted				
<p>4. Thematic Groups Update a. Play Partnership</p> <p>GH informed the Board that he attended the last Play Partnership meeting. GH informed the Board of the Spaces for Play decisions.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Countryside</p>		Noted Noted	ZR to email out a copy of the decisions. ZR to email out			Geoff Harrison

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<p>KB informed the Board that the £700 for the windows at Wolviston Community Centre has been provided by SBC.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that phase 2 works of Cowbridge Beck has commenced.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Billingham Partnership is now a constituent member of Catalyst, i.e added to the mailing list.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he recently attended a visioning event at the Clarences which was led by Councillor Gibson and Paul McGee. Various issues were discussed at this event and a report is now going to be produced and presented to TBP for consideration and comments.</p> <p>KP issued a paper on the Core Funding Agreement which TBP have with SBC. KP informed the Board that at present the Board can operate until March 2010, subject to the release of funding at the Council's Cabinet meeting in March 2009.</p>		<p>Noted</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>The paper also outlines a potential 22% cut in core funding in 2009/10 for core funded organisations, which includes the Board. A review of the core funding is to be carried out by SBC this year in conjunction with Catalyst and this will inform the core funding post March 2010. KP informed the Board that the milestones for 2009/10 core funding agreement are the same as those already agreed in 2008/09 with the addition of the milestones set for the Billingham Environmental Link Project, KP asked if the Board would agree to these milestones.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that an application has been received from SBC Training & Employment Services and Stockton Riverside College requesting that the Board support their applications for the management of the Communities Fund. Having reviewed their applications the manager suggested that the board supports the requests, as both the</p>		<p>Board agreed to the additional milestones.</p>				

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<p>applications will interact with the Billingham Environmental Link project. The Board still supports the Newtown, Clarences and Norton bid as agreed previously. It was also pointed out to the Board that it was quite apparent that the unsuccessful organisations will most likely work as sub contractors to the successful applicant.</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Business Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>d. Public Sector</p> <p>JE asked the Board if they had in anyway noticed an impact of the current downturn to their sector. The Board have noticed that funding is getting harder to access and one company which sponsors the Carnival</p>		<p>The Board agreed to support these requests.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			<p>Jean Edmonds SBC</p>

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<p>is not in a position to sponsor this year. The PCT are seeing an increase in health issues due to the fact that people are facing unemployment, not being able to pay bills etc.</p>						
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>RB informed the Board that sponsorship for the coming Carnival is looking very thin and as a result of this is going to write out to all local businesses to try and engage with them.</p> <p>An issue was raised in connection with the top soil which is having to be replaced in the Sensory Garden, this issue will be passed over to Louise McDonald.</p> <p>An issue over the asbestos in the café was raised and this too will be passed to Louise McDonald.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>11. Date Of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 2nd March 2009 at the New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>						