Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: Geoff Harrison

Kevin Bowler (KB), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Bert Smailes (VS), Fred Gook (VS), Andrew Hatton (BS), Hilary Aggio (PUB), Cath Coldbeck (VS), Liz Smith (BS), Gil Smith (BS), Michele Smith (VS), Roger Black (BUS), Barry Woodhouse (PUB),

#### Advisors/Observers:

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Mike Bowron (SBC), Rachael Hartley (SBC), Andy Whinnerah (SBC), Gillie Hatton (Billingham Community Newspaper Group), Deryck Forrest (BELP), Dave Munt (BELP)

Apologies:

Louise McDonald Jean Edmonds

Elizabeth Benomran

Jim Scollen Val Scollen Ged McGuire

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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1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence						
Introductions and apologies were noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> April						
Minutes of the 6 <sup>th</sup> April were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
3. Cycle Route Update – Jonathan Kibble						
Jonathan was not in attendance so this item will be presented at a later date.		Noted	No			
4. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Redevelopment						
Louise submitted her apologies for this		Noted	No			Louise McDonald

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meeting but circulated a report prior to the meeting.  As previously advised, despite the current economic climate and market forces, a series of positive and encouraging discussions have recently been held with Stockland regarding the regeneration of		Noted	No			SBC
Billingham Town Centre. Stockland are expected to formally submit their masterplan later this year. A confidential meeting with the Town Centre representative has been arranged. It was requested by North Billingham Residents Group and the Stockton Network that Stockland cover as much of the Town Centre as possible but not with glass canopies.		Noted	No			
b. Billingham House  Bizzy B have not yet agreed refurbishment Heads of Terms / plans with the local interested developer nor re-commenced		Noted	No			

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demolition. The request asking for confirmation that the building has been certified asbestos free has received no response.  It is considered that the Council has demonstrated its reasonableness to reach a solution for the site by negotiation and as such it is now the intention of the Council to prosecute Bizzy B for non-compliance with the Section 79 notice. Witness statements will be submitted to the Court this month to lodge prosecution proceedings. Following this process it is anticipated that an initial court date hearing will be granted within a month.		Noted	No			
c. Forum  Following approval by Council Cabinet in March, a detailed planning application was submitted. Permission is anticipated mid May. Subject to approval, the Forum will close on the 30 <sup>th</sup> June ready for refurbishment. An information unit		Noted	No			

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displaying refurbishment information and images is to be established in the old Billingham Art Gallery foyer.  Consultation is continuing with recent discussions with the ice user groups about the proposals. All ideas and proposals received are being looked at and where feasible will be incorporated into the development.		Noted	No			
Meetings continue to be held with partner organisations and stakeholders regarding the relocation of services / programme of activities and a detailed programme and contact list of what is to be available will be provided via the Web and through publication.		Noted	No			
Concerns were raised over the free swimming initiative which has recently been launched and the closure of the Forum. KP informed the Board that SBC are currently in discussions with the bus operators with regards to transport to Splash to accommodate the free swimming initiative, updates will be provided to the Board as		Noted	No			

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and when available.  d. John Whitehead Park (JWP)						
The fencing for the new play area has been painted green by volunteers and installation by Probation Services is programmed to commence soon.		Noted	No			
The target date for the opening of the café is mid May.		Noted	No			
£50k DCSF Playbuilder funding has been allocated to the park for the development of teenage play facilities and four separate pieces will be installed. Several providers will be asked to submit their proposals for these pieces of play equipment with options then being presented to schoolchildren (the users) for selection. A draft design brief has been prepared and was circulated before the meeting.		Noted	No			
Phase 2 costs have been identified based upon the revised masterplan and these were also circulated.		Noted	No			

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e. Integrated Health & Social Care Facility						
Louise circulated a short piece to the Board on the above facility and will provide updates as necessary.		Noted	No			
5. Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP) – Dave Munt						
Dave informed the Board that he has recently met with Julian Charington who is looking into the possibility of getting more funding for the Hooked on Fishing project.		Noted	No			Dave Munt BELP
The Environment Agency have donated a further £10k to bring the training pond up to disability standards to ensure that it's accessible to all. The second stage of the Access to Nature bid is currently ongoing. KP advised the Board that following the last		Noted	No			
Billingham Partnership meeting a request was made to the Town Council to ask them if they would donate £2500 towards the redevelopment costs of the Clarences Allotments, this request was declined.						

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Following this a request was made to the Environment Agency to ask if TBP could use £2500 from the £20k given to them to administer the Hooked on Fishing Project to redevelop the Clarences Allotments, this request was agreed.  KP informed the Board that he has been approached by SBC with regards to the potential development of the Clarences Community Farm within the BELP. Kevin outlined the necessity to move the outcome of the BELP to a social enterprise in order to ensure the continuance of the programmes at the conclusion of the project phase (diagram circulated).		The Board agreed to this request in principle. KB requested a more detailed brief when the social enterprise is established.	No			
6. Thematic Groups Update a. Play Partnership  GH informed the Board that he is now TBP representative on the Play Partnership. GH will take a request to the Play Partnership on behalf of KB to see of any funds are available for the installation of a Multi Use		Noted	No			

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b. Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership (ERTP)  AH informed the Board that the next meeting of the ERTP is on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May and the main item for discussion is around Work Place Parking Levy.		Noted	No			
7. Information Updates a. Community Sector  It was noted that SRCGA are sending out a lot of mail which is not relevant to many resident groups due to them not being eligible for the funding that's on offer. It		Noted	No			
was noted that this will be picked up and addressed with SRCGA.  KP has looked into the potential loss of the Stockton on Line programme in Billingham. KP informed the Board that he has been informed that the equipment that is in Low		Noted	No			

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Grange Community Centre will be left there for other use and he is due to speak with Kevin McAuley & Paul McGee to see if they can put any monies into this from the Communities Fund, feedback will be given to the Board when available. However, people can still access the Stockton on Line facility at the Causeway Community Centre.		Noted	No			
A letter has been sent to the Board requesting support for the proposed Billingham Community Newspaper. KP asked if the Board would like to show their support by providing the group with a letter.		Board agreed to this.	No			
b. Voluntary Sector  Nothing to report.		Noted	No			
c. Business Sector  Nothing to report.		Noted	No			

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d. Public Sector						
ZR circulated a copy of the six monthly summary plan update for information.		Noted	No			
8. External Funding Opportunities						
This item is now a standard agenda item.						
KP informed the Board that he is submitting an application to the Inspiring Communities Fund on the back of the Billingham Environmental Link Programme. The bid will be submitted in relation to the action plan for young people aged 11-14 in the Clarences and Charlton's ward (a paper was circulated detailing this). Support has been gained from the Environment Agency and head teachers and the local ward councillors and Roscoe Road Residents Association will also be engaged with.						
The Board were informed that the LSP will only support one bid and do the Board agree for KP to submit this bid on behalf of		Board agreed to this request.	No			

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the Board.  KP informed the Board that Grass Roots funding is available and three successful bids have already been made to this fund from the Billingham area.		Noted	No			
9. Chairs Report						
Chair informed the Board that he has attended the following meetings over the past month:  • Met with Keith Mathews to see if Low Grange Play Area could be developed in any way. Keith will develop a plan as there is grant funding available for this area and must be spent in 2009  • Billingham Network 29-4-09  • Supporters of John Whitehead Park 6-5-09  • Community Hall Forum 6-5-09  • Core Funding & future of the Community Network 6-5-09		Noted	No			

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<ul> <li>Low Grange Residents Association 7-5-09</li> <li>Stockton Network 11-5-09</li> <li>Chair asked if anybody had any questions, no questions were raised.</li> </ul>						
9. Managers Report a. Voluntary Sector Support Fund (VSSF)						
KP informed the Board a review of the VSSF is currently underway and this could impact significantly on TBP. At present 15 organisations currently receive monies from the VSSF with TBP receiving £30k. There are several sessions running throughout the Borough to inform people of the review and this allows local people to demonstrate their views. A lengthy discussion took place around this issue.		Noted	No			
KP proposed that at the AGM in July the Board open the meeting and accept the annual report and accounts if they are happy with them and then suspend the		The Board accepted this proposal.	No			

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AGM until the results of the review are known. This way if the Board reverts to the way that the other three boards operate SBC will be undertaking the elections for the Board.						
10. Any Other Business						
Nothing to raise.		Noted	No			
11. Date Of Next Meeting						
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2009, the New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.		Noted	No			