

**Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed**  
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Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: Geoff Harrison (**Low Grange Residents Association**)

Kevin Bowler (**North Billingham Residents Association**), Joe Maloney (**Billingham International Folklore Festival**), Ken Ellis (**Churches Together in Billingham**), Bert Smailes (**Safer Billingham Partnership**), Fred Gook (**Neighbourhood Watch**), Andrew Hatton (**Federation of Small Businesses**), Hilary Aggio (**Stockton Borough Council**), Cath Coldbeck (**Trade & District Union**), Liz Smith (**Billingham Business Association**), Gil Smith (**Billingham Business Association**), Michele Smith (**New Life Family Centre**), Roger Black (**Federation of Small Businesses**), Barry Woodhouse (**Stockton Borough Council**), Chris Humpleby (**Over 50's Assembly**), David Campbell (**Pentland Primary School**), Ray McCall (**Clarences Residents Association**)

Advisors/Observers:

Zoe Rutter (**Stockton Borough Council**), Andy Whinnerah (**Stockton Borough Council**), Dave Munt (**Billingham Environmental Link Project**), Louise McDonald (**Stockton Borough Council**), Graham Clingan (**Stockton Borough Council**), Jean Edmonds (**Stockton Borough Council**), Mark Cotton (**North East Ambulance Service**), C Harrison (**North East Ambulance Service**)

Apologies:

Elizabeth Benomran

Jim Scollen

Val Scollen

Ged McGuire

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<p><b>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p><b>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June</b></p> <p>Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> June were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p><b>3. North East Ambulance Service Consultation (NEAS) – Mark Cotton &amp; C Harrison</b></p> <p>Mark introduced a short DVD to the Board which detailed the vision and values of the NEAS. The NEAS are applying to become a Foundation Trust and are actively seeking the views of the public and other organisations. There is a proposal to have</p>		Noted	No	No		Mark Cotton NEAS

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<p>2 groups of people who can be members and there are no limits on the number of people who can join. Members of the public who wish to join the Trust should be over 12 years old and live in the North East Region. Members of staff who wish to join the trust must have a permanent contract or have worked for the Trust for 12 months. There are restrictions on becoming a member.</p> <p>MC informed the Board that the Trust are looking to recruit 4200 members in the first year. The Board were informed that you can become a member of as many Foundation Trusts as you wish.</p> <p>The Ambulance Service is conscious that they recruit members from the whole of the Tees Valley and County Durham and each public governor has a duty to get to know each member of their community and have strong mechanisms for feedback.</p> <p>The recruitment process for non executive directors of the Trust Board is via application only and is a very rigorous</p>		<p>Noted</p>          <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>          <p>No</p>	<p>No</p>          <p>No</p>		

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<p>process. Non executive Directors are appointed for 3 years at a time and have a set of objectives which must be met. All recruitment adverts are posted onto the web.</p> <p>Concerns were raised around the location of the call centre where the 999 calls go in to and that eventually the call centre in Teesside will be relocated to South Shields. The NEAS are not holding any public meetings in Stockton Borough as they have managed to get to all current planned meetings.</p> <p>The Board had a very lengthy debate around this issue and concerns were noted by Mark.</p> <p>The consultation period for this item runs from 5<sup>th</sup> June – 28<sup>th</sup> August. A decision on this item will be reached in January 2010. KP asked for members to send any further issues / concerns to him in the next 14 days and he will do a collective response to the NEAS.</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><b>4. Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy 2009/2021 – Graham Clingan</b></p> <p>Graham introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and explained what the Green Infrastructure Strategy is. GC outlined the vision of the strategy and the ten themes that the strategy will focus on, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Image &amp; green settings for new development</li> <li>• Natural systems to combat climate change</li> <li>• Local greenspaces for enjoyment, health and well-being</li> <li>• Destinations for recreation and tourism</li> <li>• Biodiversity, air and water quality</li> <li>• Route for sustainable travel and recreation</li> <li>• Landscape and heritage</li> <li>• Productive landscapes</li> <li>• Promoting understanding and community involvement</li> </ul>		Noted	No			Graham Clingan SBC

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills, training and employment</li> </ul> <p>GC explained that map 1 details what we currently have and map 2 details how it will all be connected.</p> <p>It was identified by the Board that the Clarences Community Farm and Low Grange Park was missing from the map.</p> <p>The consultation for this item starts on 1<sup>st</sup> July and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September and all feedback / comments must be in writing.</p> <p>GC informed the Board that a task group for the strategy will be established to oversee development, delivery and monitoring of the strategy action plan, and to input to any future review of the strategy.</p> <p>GC informed the Board that the actions that arise will not all be the responsibility of SBC.</p> <p>The Board congratulated SBC and it's officers for the work that they carry out with regards to countryside and greenspace.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b>  <b>a. Town Centre Redevelopment</b></p> <p>As previously advised, discussions are on going with Stockland and progressing well. Stockland are expected to formally submit their masterplan later this year and following this they plan to consult with the people of Billingham regarding proposals. Stockland are continuing their negotiations with future tenants/retailers regarding (re) location in / to Billingham Town Centre. LM informed the Board that any feedback / comments received by TBP will be fed back to Stockland to be considered. CC raised concerns over the flooding which happens regularly in the unit under the Galley Coffee Shop. The board requested that Louise go back to Stockland and ask them when they are likely to start on site and at which end of the Town Centre they will start, LM will feedback as appropriate.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			<p>Louise McDonald  SBC  01642 528942</p>

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<p><b>b. Billingham House</b></p> <p>LM informed the Board that the Council is using its legal powers to prosecute the owners of Billingham House, Bizzy B Management Ltd, for failing to comply with the legal notice requiring them to demolish the building by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Bizzy B has been served with a summons to Teesside Magistrates Court on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to enter a plea.</p> <p>LM informed the Board that Bizzy B's legal representatives had written to the Court asking for a short adjournment in order for them to take instructions from their client. SBC agreed to this request and on 30<sup>th</sup> June the Magistrate agreed to an adjournment to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 when Bizzy B will be expected to plead either guilty or not guilty.</p> <p>If they plead 'guilty' the case would be determined immediately; however if they plead 'not guilty' a second hearing would be held (6-8weeks later) for the case to be</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			



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<p>discussed.</p> <p><b>c. Forum</b></p> <p>Following Planning Approval for the Forum, final details are being agreed and costings have been finalised within the budget restriction of £15m. The Forum and adjacent car park closed on 30<sup>th</sup> June and on the 1<sup>st</sup> July the contractor, Morgan Ashurst, commenced site set up whilst Tees Active Ltd decant the building. Information about the refurbishment including contact details have been placed within the foyer of the old Billingham Art Gallery (window) which over time, is hoped will become a consultation and information hub for all schemes in Billingham. Information about the programme of activities / relocation of services has been prepared for inclusion in the July edition of Stockton News as a centre page pull out and is also provided on the Councils and Tees Active Ltd websites.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>Concerns were raised around the lack of car parking in Billingham Town centre due to the closure of the Forum. LM advised that at present there is no further parking provision in the Town Centre but this can be reviewed should the need be raised and demonstrated.</p> <p>BS reported that he has been advised by Cleveland Police that anti social behaviour has not increased due to the closure of the Forum.</p> <p><b>d. John Whitehead Park (JWP)</b></p> <p>LM informed the Board that the café opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and business has been steady throughout.</p> <p>Probation Services have commenced the installation of the play area fence, approximately 25% has been installed.</p> <p>Play providers have submitted their ideas and proposals for the development of teenage (13-16) play facilities. These will be appraised in consultation with children</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>and young people in September.</p> <p><b>e. Integrated Health &amp; Social Care Facility</b></p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the Council continue to finalise details of the scheme objectives, scope and deliverables. This is a lengthy piece of work which will lead to the submission of an Outline Business Case to the Department of Health in March 2010 with the hope of formally securing the £35m PFI credits.</p>		Noted	No			
<p><b>5. Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP) – Dave Munt</b></p> <p>DM informed the Board that things are progressing very well with the BELP and he has been involved in the following meetings over the past month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with David Braithwaite to discuss buffer zone 4<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• Meeting with Keith Mathews to discuss wetland and training pond</li> </ul>		Noted	No			Dave Munt BELP

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<p>5<sup>th</sup> June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visit to the Charltons with Judge John Milford 12<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• Visited Harehope Quarry and Witton Park 15<sup>th</sup> June to view social enterprise schemes</li> <li>• Meeting with Stuart Hibbert 17<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• Meeting with Chairman of Bees Association 17<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• Visited worm research centre 30<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> July held meeting with Keith Mathews and Andrew Mindham from SBC who are working together on the design and tender bid for the training pond. SBC will be taking the lead on this part of the project</li> </ul> <p>DM informed the Board that Access to Nature bid has been accepted for the creation of a wetland.</p> <p>DM advised that he is putting together a funding bid to the Drugs Action Team for £47,791 for sessional workers.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p><b>6. Thematic Groups Update</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>7. Information Updates</b></p> <p><b>a. Community Sector</b></p> <p>RB informed the Board that he has held a meeting with Mark Telford and officers from SBC with regards to the kiddies corner at the Billingham Carnival &amp; Garden Show. The kiddies corner brought in over 1000 parents and children last year and proved to be very successful. It has been noted that the staff which helped to run this corner last year are not available this year due to a lack of resources. The Board previously agreed that they would commit £300 per year towards the Billingham Carnival &amp; Garden Show, RB thanked the Board for this. RB informed the Board that the Carnival is struggling with funds this year and asked the Board if they had any other monies they could give to the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Board agreed to this.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>Carnival. KP advised that, if the Board agreed, £1000 could be donated to the Carnival.</p> <p>A comment was made by an officer of SBC that it was felt that the kiddies corner was no longer needed at the carnival. The Board will be writing a letter to Jane Humphreys to express their concerns.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Catalyst Council of Interest have decided to recommend that Voluntary Sector Support Funding should not be allocated to the Community Empowerment Network as they see this the responsibility of the LSP.</p> <p><b>b. Voluntary Sector</b></p> <p>BS informed the Board that operation Tornado has commenced in Billingham, this includes the Police conducting an operation every four hours. This includes drugs warrants, anti social behaviour patrols and targeting other ward priorities.</p>		<p>Letter to be sent to Jane Humphreys re: concerns.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p>Cleveland Police now has a dedicated Neighbourhood Watch section on their website. BS informed the Board that crime in Billingham has come down by 31% in the last year. The Board requested that a letter of commendation be sent to the Chief Constable to acknowledge this.</p> <p><b>c. Business Sector</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>d. Public Sector</b></p> <p>BW raised car parking in Billingham Town Centre and informed the Board that he has asked the Cabinet Member to revisit this and try to free up at least half of the existing Forum car park until works commence fully on the Forum.</p> <p><b>8. External Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		<p>Letter to be sent to Chief Constable.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>			

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<p><b>9. 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>• Catalyst Council of Interest meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009</li> <li>• Billingham Network 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009</li> <li>• Supporters of John Whitehead Park meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009</li> <li>• Low Grange Residents meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009</li> </ul> <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions, no questions were raised.</p> <p><b>9. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP informed the Board that he is due to meet with officers from SBC's Intelligence and Research team with regards to devising a questionnaire to address Elderly &amp; Disability issues in Billingham as these are the two chosen objectives by the current Board. If members have any</p>		Noted	No			<p>Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP</p> <p>Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP</p>



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<p>questions that they would like to see on the questionnaire please forward them to KP. KP would like to 'question' people at the Billingham Carnival &amp; Garden Show, so if any members are available to help out on 12/13<sup>th</sup> September please speak to KP.</p>						
<p><b>10. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>DC informed the Board that pupils from Pentland Primary School have been awarded with £10,000 worth of musical instruments from Yamaha Music UK. Pentland Primary were awarded this prize for the composition entitled Pentland Pyrotechnics based on 'Rejouissance' from Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks. The music that the children composed will be performed by the Northern Sinfonia at the Classic FM Live concert at the Royal Albert Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009. DC informed the Board that it is going to cost £3000 to take the pupils to the Royal Albert Hall and asked if the Board could support</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>The Board agreed to donate £500.</p>	<p>No</p>			<p>David Campbell SBC</p>

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<p>him in any way.</p> <p><b>11. Date Of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>		Noted	No			