

**Minute/Decision Summary – DRAFT TO BE APPROVED**  
**Meeting- Renaissance Central Area Partnership**  
**Date – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees**

**Members:**

Paul Thomas (Chair - Tilery Representative), Stan Slater (Stockton Physically Handicapped Group), Cllr Mrs S Fletcher (SBC), Anne Howard (Neighbourhood Watch Group), Edna Chapman (St John's Living Well), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre), Roy Parker (Durham Road Residents Association), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents Association), Cllr Cockerill (SBC), Edna Brown (Over 50's Assembly),

**Advisors:**

Sarah Upex (SBC), Jill Anderson (SBC), Dawn Welsh (SBC), Stephen Shaw (SBC), Scott Featherstone (SBC), Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA), Iain Robinson (SBC), Andy Whinnerah (SBC)

**Observers:**

Cllr Rix (SBC)

**Apologies:**

Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents Association), Marc Mason (SBC), Mary Cartwright (NECIL), Cllr Jim Beall (Vice Chair), Barbara Warren (Bishopsgarth Residents Association), Tina Williams, Jim Fenwick (St Ann's Development Board), Claire Walsh (SBC)

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ITEM/ISSUE	COMMENTS/DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<p><b>1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.</p>	No	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
<p><b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None</p>	Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
<p><b>3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>It was agreed that the wording relating to the Communities Fund recommendations by the Board would be changed to reflect the discussions.</p>	Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
<p><b>4. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT NETWORK</b></p> <p>It was noted that following requests at the June 2009 meeting of the Board, the Community Empowerment Network (CEN) discussion was being brought back to the Board for further discussion.</p> <p>Members were provided with back ground information as to why these discussions regarding the</p>					Dawn Welsh & Stephen Shaw (SBC)

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CEN have been taking place across a number of meetings and events across the Borough. Information was circulated to provide a shared understanding of what CEN monies currently fund, as there is lots of other support which reps get, including pre agenda meetings, help with setting agendas and taking minutes as resident group meetings, external funding opportunities support and support to help groups constitute themselves.

The following discussions took place regarding the CEN:

- Why do organisations who bring in large amounts of money continue to receive core funding. It was noted that those who currently receive core funding do so using an historical formula. However it has been recognised that this needs to be looked at again across the Borough.
- It was suggested that an upper limit be placed on the amount of funding an organisation brings in for those who receive core funding
- There was concern that the areas with most need are currently getting ‘short changed’ in this process
- It was suggested that partners from the LSP should contribute funding towards the CEN and this should be looked at for the future
- It was noted that the CEN’s independence from the Council is paramount
- The Board agreed that it is essential that the CEN should continue as it is a vital service and many of the reps on the Board organisations have flourished thanks to the help and support from the CEN
- The Board noted that the CEN is a valued service and the capacity building part of the service should continue. It was noted that SRCGA should continue to deliver this service because of its history in the community and its links. It was agreed that it is appropriate to top slice funding from the Voluntary Sector Support Fund (VSSF) to reflect the work done with voluntary and community groups
- There was a discussion around ‘top slicing’ and the amount received from Catalyst and SRCGA
- The Board agreed that the CEN should be a priority for the VSSF
- The amount of funding received should be increased

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was highlighted that no other funding had been identified and the Board see it as a priority for core funding</li> <li>• It was noted that SRCGA and Catalyst need to start more joint working to take the sector forward</li> <li>• There was a discussion around interpretation of 'duty to'</li> </ul> <p>It was requested that Dawn Welsh attends the Central meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to feed back to the Board and that the notes from the CEN discussion are circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher was thanked for providing the Board with a Guide for Members of the Public Attending Council Meetings following discussions at a previous CEN consultation event.</p>					
<p><b>5. MY PLACE CONSULTATION</b></p> <p>Members were provided with an update on progress on the My Place project. Consultation has been ongoing with young people from across the borough developing a number of design concepts of what could go into the new facility and what the facility could potentially look like and how spaces could function. It was noted that from these initial concept ideas, the designers BDP Architects have drawn up three options. Consultation events will be held with young people from across the borough to gather further views on which design is most preferred by young people. The feedback from the consultation events will be reported to Cabinet in September 2009. Following this, officers and young people will present the preferred option to Cabinet in October 2009.</p> <p>It was noted that young people will also be carrying out consultation at the Stockton Fringe Festival with other young people as the young people are the key driver behind this project.</p> <p>The following discussion points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport to the site for young people from across the borough. It was noted that there is a youth service review currently underway which is currently identifying transport issues for young people and a range of options for this. It was suggested that council owned transport services could be modified to make them accessible for young people.</li> </ul>		No	No	No	Iain Robinson, SBC

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that this is a fantastic facility which has brought funding into the borough, however the revenue aspect of the project needs to be looked at further. It was suggested that representatives from the voluntary and community sector provide revenue, for example in in-kind contributions. It was noted that this could be a good project for the VCS to do outreach work with the outlying villages and areas.</li> <li>• Some concern was raised over the idea of an activity roof and the potential issues this could cause residents living opposite the facility. It was noted that the designs are currently at conception stage and the roof designs are being developed to utilise the roof space for a long term project of innovative design.</li> <li>• It was noted that this will be a sensitive design project which will limit nuisance for local people whilst maintaining a welcoming environment. It was noted that the team behind this project are looking forward to creating a vibrant community facility in the area.</li> <li>• Sustainability issues regarding the project were discussed. It was noted that the project is currently at conception stage and is bound by a number of conditions of funding, of which there are sustainability elements.</li> </ul> <p>The Board noted that they fully support the project and requested to receive regular updates.</p> <p>The website for My Place Stockton is:  <a href="http://www.myplacestockton.co.uk">www.myplacestockton.co.uk</a></p>	<p>The Board requested to receive regular updates on My Place.</p>				
<p><b>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Children’s Trust Board Voluntary &amp; Community Sector Vacancy</u>  Roy Parker withdrew his nomination for the Children’s Trust Board, therefore Marilyn Surtees is the Central Area Partnership Board voluntary and community sector representative for the Children’s Trust Board.</p> <p><u>Central Area Partnership Sub Group Feedback</u>  Members were informed of the discussions which had taken place during the last sub group meeting:</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><b>Sarah Upex</b>  <b>Central Area Partnership Coordinator</b>  <b>(01642) 526498</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stockton Borough Council have been successful in securing the Future Jobs Fund bid</li> <li>• A specification to be drawn up for the Central area pilot volunteering bureau and an expression of interest to be circulated. Cllr Fletcher provided an update to the Board on discussions which have taken place regarding the pilot project and how the figure of up to £30,000 for the project was decided. It was noted that the Central Area Partnership Board agreed the recommendation at its June 2009 meeting.</li> <li>• It was noted that any recommendations made by the sub group will be presented to the Central Area Partnership Board meeting for final endorsement.</li> </ul>	Noted	No	No	No	
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