

**Minutes**  
**The Billingham Partnership Board**  
**7 December 2009, 5.45pm at New Life Family Centre, Billingham**

**Chair:**

**Geoff Harrison** (Low Grange Community Hall)

**Kevin Pitt** (Manager)

**Members:**

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

\* Members are representing their nominating body.

**Advisors:**

**Zoe Rutter, Andy Whinnerah, Jean Edmonds, Mike Bowron, Keith Mathews** (Stockton Borough Council), **Dave Munt** (BELP)

**Observers**

**Matthew Kerridge, Barney McLean** (A19 NAG)

**Apologies**

**Members:**

**Cllr Mike Smith** (Billingham Town Council)

**Advisors**

**Louise McDonald** (Stockton Borough Council),

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<p><b>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Members were introduced and welcomed to the Billingham Partnership Board. Apologies were noted.</p>		No
<p><b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 October &amp; 2 November 2009 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p><b>3. AGM Finance Report – Kevin Pitt</b></p> <p>The AGM was reopened and the accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. KP asked if the Board would agree the accounts and allow the Chair to sign them.</p>		Board agreed for the Chair to sign the accounts.
<p><b>4. Spaces for Play &amp; Park Regeneration – Keith Mathews</b></p> <p>Keith gave a brief presentation to the Board. The presentation explained that £1.1 million has been awarded to SBC to spend in the Borough on developing 22 play areas. Ten design principles were attached to the grant and the Council is looking at all risks and challenges for each play area. Keith informed the Board that consultation has been carried out with children &amp; young people regarding what play equipment they would like, the natural environment etc. Visitor surveys have also been carried out at the major play areas in the Borough. John Whitehead Park (JWP), Clarences and Wynyard Woodland Park are in this years round of funding. Cowpen Bewley has been commended due to the use of the natural environment. Consultation has been carried out on JWP with children and young people as the current play equipment is more for under 13 year olds so there is clearly a need for older play equipment in the park. The play equipment has been identified and will be installed next year. Space has</p>		No

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<p>been identified at the Clarences for a play area. Wynyard Woodland Park is to receive new play equipment which will compliment the natural environment. Keith informed the Board that if a suitable site can be found in Low Grange for a play area they will receive funding next year. A Multi Use Games Area is proposed in High Grange.</p> <p>KB thanked Keith and the team on behalf of North Billingham Residents Association for helping them source funding. GH thanked Keith and the team for all the work and time spent on JWP.</p> <p><b>Does it need Council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Keith Mathews, Countryside &amp; Greenspace  <a href="mailto:Keith.mathews@stockton.gov.uk">Keith.mathews@stockton.gov.uk</a>            01642 526872</p>		
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b>  <b>a. Town Centre Development</b></p> <p>Mike Bowron attended this meeting for Louise McDonald.</p> <p>Mike informed the Board that more than 1,600 people attended the public exhibition that was held between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November, to have their say on Stockland’s draft masterplan for the Town Centre. The consultation has now ended however, Stockland’s plans can still be viewed online at <a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk/billingham">www.stockton.gov.uk/billingham</a>. Stockland are now collating the results of the consultation, which will then be reviewed and where appropriate / feasible fed into the draft masterplan, before it’s final submission to the Council expected by the end of winter. The masterplan sets out details for upgrades to Billingham’s shopping centre including proposals for a new food store in the West Precinct, improvements to shop frontages, paving and a general overhaul of the town’s main shopping area.</p>		No

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<p><b>c. Forum</b></p> <p>MB informed the Board that major strip out works have been carried out in the complex with wall coverings / linings and electrical strip out continuing. The new combined heating and power plant room is being built to the south of the building, ground infrastructure and foundation works have commenced throughout the complex.</p> <p>Both the external and internal roof works are continuing and the external insulation panels (coloured) have started to go up. In the Theatre complex, protection measures are in place to prevent damage to the auditorium while works to the electrics are ongoing.</p> <p>MB informed the Board that the information hub has now been updated and will continue to be updated on a monthly basis. Mike provided the Board with a few photos of the Forum as it is at the moment showing what work is currently underway.</p> <p>MB advised the Board that he has spoken with the contractor, Morgan Ashurst, to ascertain if the local school children in the area could display designs on the hoardings around the Forum, the contractors are happy with this.</p> <p>The Board raised a query over the size of the new ice pad, would the new ice pad be Olympic size? The Board also raised concerns over the steel structure of the Forum and it's current state of repair, MB advised the Board that the steel structure is better than they initially thought.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>d. John Whitehead Park</b></p> <p>MB informed the Board that Probation Services continue to install the play area fence and are currently completing the snagging elements. Locations for the art features that Adrian Wood designed with local school children have been agreed and installation will take place once the</p>		<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>DC to provide MB with a list of the local schools.</p> <p>MB to clarify and feedback to the Board.</p> <p>No</p>

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<p>fence is complete.            Artist Lee Brewer has agreed the play equipment for young people aged 13-16 years with the schools. The new equipment will include a hex swing, basket swing, climbing boulder and hurricane.            Council Officers are now working with the Supporters of John Whitehead Park to explore funding options for the next phases of development.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>            No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>            No</p> <p><b>e. Integrated Health &amp; Social Care Facility</b></p> <p>LM 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 (OBC) to the Department of Health in March 2010 with the hope of formally securing the £35m PFI credits, for which we presently have an allocation in principle.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>            No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>            No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b>            Louise McDonald, Stockton Council            (01642) 528942</p>		<p>No</p>

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<p><b>6. Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP) – Kevin Pitt</b></p> <p>Dave informed the Board that the BELP may not reach their proposed number of people they said they would engage with due to a heavy workload and the support that has been given to the people who have currently been engaged with.</p> <p>Presentations have been made to Northfield School, Billingham Campus and SBC alternative provision provider.</p> <p>Dave informed the Board that the following organisations have been engaged with over the past quarter:</p> <p>Corner House, SBC alternative provision provider, Campus Youth Club Duke of Edinburgh scheme, Westlands School and communities fund clients.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b>            Dave Munt, BELP            (01642) 360150  <a href="mailto:dlmunt@hotmail.com">dlmunt@hotmail.com</a></p>		<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>7. Thematic Groups Update</b></p> <p>GH informed the Board that the Spaces for Play mobile unit is now in operation across the Borough and GH will circulate a programme once he has received one. The Board agreed to invite Dawn Campbell to a future meeting to advise the Board of the running of the mobile unit and any associated issues.</p>		<p>ZR to add this item to the forward plan.</p>
<p><b>8. Information Updates</b></p> <p><b>a. Community Sector</b></p> <p>KP advised the Board that he has been approached by Councillor Mike Womphrey with regards to the noise on the A19 given the fact that the hospital site at Wynyard has been given approval. KP asked the Board if they would agree to writing a letter to Frank Cook MP to</p>		<p>Board agreed to this request.</p>

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<p>request that the road be resurfaced ahead of the hospital being built.</p> <p>GH attended the last Low Grange Community Hall Management meeting at which it was agreed that alterations to the small hall would take place to create an office for training and guidance to help the unemployed, this will be funded from the Communities Fund and ran by Newtown Community Resource Centre. The computer room will also be provided with new equipment. The Management Committee have submitted an application to the Awards for All for a £10k grant to cover the costs of a part time instructor for the computer room.</p> <p>KB reported that the Billingham Community Network (BCN) had a discussion on the Anhydrite Mines and at this present time the BCN are not against the opening of the Anhydrite Mines. A proposal was put forward that The Billingham Partnership Board are not opposed, at this time, to the application by NPL for the use of the Billingham Anhydrite Mines for the proposed disposal of specified waste, this proposal was accepted.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that Roger Black was nominated for a Community Champion, unfortunately he didn't win his category but KP asked that the Board congratulate him on being nominated.</p> <p><b>b. Voluntary Sector</b></p> <p>JM circulated some architects drawings of the proposed Billingham International Folklore Festival Centre of Excellence. JM advised the Board that he has been looking at potential sites for the building however, a site has not been secured for the building. It was noted that the building could be used, where possible, by other people for different events. The Board advised JM that they are still in support of the plans.</p> <p><b>c. Business Sector</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Board congratulated RB on his achievement.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support the initiative.</p> <p>No</p>



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<p><b>9. External Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p>KP has made an application to the Tudor Trust to help with the setting up of the social enterprise for the Billingham Environmental Link Project.</p>		No
<p><b>10. Chairs Report</b></p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he attended the following meetings over the past month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low Grange Community Hall Management Committee 17-11-09</li> <li>• Play partnership 19-11-09</li> <li>• Community Empowerment Network 20-11-09</li> <li>• Supporters of John Whitehead Park 23-11-09</li> <li>• Stockton Network 30-11-09</li> </ul> <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were raised.</p>		No
<p><b>11. Managers Report</b></p> <p>KP passed on his thanks to all those who returned questionnaires for the elderly and disability.</p> <p>KP advised the Board that The Billingham Partnership will no longer receive Core Funding from SBC as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. As a result of this decision a dissolution meeting of the Partnership will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 5.45pm at the New Life Family Centre, this meeting is a closed meeting for members only. It was agreed that Dawn Welsh would be invited to a future meeting of TBP to explain how the new Board will be established.</p>		No  ZR to add to the forward plan.
<p><b>12. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		No

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<b>13. Date of Next Meeting</b> <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 5.45pm at New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham</b>		No