

Minutes
The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)
30th November 2009, Clairville Hotel, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees

Chair:

Councillor Maureen Rigg (Stockton Borough Council)

Members:

John Rosser (Long Newton Parish Council), **Maurice Snowden** (Over 50's Assembly), **Jennie Beaumont** (Stockton Council), **Doug Nicholson** (FTHP), **Karen Baker** (Yarm Residents Group), **Philip Addison** (Yarm Fellowship Hall)

Observers

Charlie Clerk (Egglescliffe Youth Club), **Calum Brookbanks** (Egglescliffe Youth Club), **Jamie Bell** (Egglescliffe Youth Club),

Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Haleem Ghafoor (Stockton Council), **Kim Staff** (Stockton Council), **Andy Whinnerah** (Stockton Council), **Gareth Carson** (Stockton Council), **Keith Mathews** (Stockton Council)

Apologies

Members:

Marjorie Simpson (Yarm Town Council), **Nora Rosser** (Long Newton Wilson Centre), **Tony Hampton** (Kirklevington Parish Council), **Jennifer Pinkney** (Yarm & Willey Flats Residents Association), **Geoff Turner** (Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Parish Council), **Alan Lewis** (Stockton Council)

Observers

Tracey Roberts (SRCGA)

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ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members were introduced and welcomed to the Western Area Partnership.</p>		No
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		No
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>PA declared an interest as a member of the Friends of Tees Heritage Park.</p> <p>MR also declared an interest as a member of the Friends of Tees Heritage Park.</p> <p>KB also declared an interest as a member of the Friends of Tees Heritage Park.</p>	✓	None
<p>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 September 2009 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		No
<p>6. Parks Regeneration Programme/Spaces for Play</p> <p>KM presented this item and explained how Stockton Council had received £1.1m from the Department for Schools, Children and Families (DSCF) for 22 play schemes for 8-13 year olds across the borough. The schemes however must conform to the Three Frees (Free to Come</p>		

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<p>and Go, Free to Do as They Please, and Free to Use).</p> <p>In the first year 6 projects have received spaces for play funds in the Western area. DSCF want very naturalistic play facilities and have provided 10 key Principles for Designing Successful Play Spaces.</p> <p>KM informed the board how A4E were commissioned to consult with children & young people aged 5 to 18, with particular focus on 8 to 13 on the types of play facilities they would like to see. 1,278 children and young people involved in activities in nine schools and colleges were involved in the consultation and 1087 questionnaires were returned. KM then talked through some of the key findings from the consultation in particular for the Western area i.e. for example, 68% of respondents were happy with the Play areas,. Visitor survey s have also been undertaken which have provided useful data, for example 85% of users of Preston Park were satisfied with the park</p> <p>Pictures of some of the schemes in development were also circulated for comment.</p> <p>MR declared an interest, for the scheme being developed in St Margaret's in Eaglescliffe.</p> <p>KM informed the group that improvements were being made in Long Newton with the help of the parish council, and that next year the focus will be on the Leven park area in Yarm. JB informed the group that public consultation will commence during Jan-Feb 10. JB declared an interest at this point as councillor for Yarm. Work will also progress with Preston park developments, depending on funding. Work was also developing on Amberley Way in Eaglescliffe, where more pieces of play equipment was being put in place to enhance the park.</p> <p>There was a discussion with the young people at the board around what their views are around some of the schemes and what they felt was needed from a young person's perspective. Some ideas included: Skatepark, roller blading area etc; It was agreed that consultation takes place with their youth group on any play facilities in their areas.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>MR declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as Chair of Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe parish council recreation committee.</p> <p>JB declared an interest at this point as councillor for Yarm.</p> <p>KM to ensure that consultation takes place with young people in the area for a</p>
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<p>Comments and Decisions None</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? Yes- All</p> <p>Contact: Keith Mathews (01642) 526872 Keith.mathews@stockton.gov.uk</p>		
<p>7. River Tees Heritage Park (THP)</p> <p>Doug Nicholson (DN) and Graham Clingan (GC) presented the item on behalf of Anne Louise Orange (ALO). The THP group was set up to try and retain the open space around the river, and ensure that this is included in any further policy developments. DN explained that the area needs protecting to resist any further developments. The group has representatives from Thornaby Town Council, Yarm Town Council, Ingleby Barwick Town Council and Eaglescliffe town Council etc; Work has also taken place to try and secure funding £450k from the Lottery and with match funding totalling £550k in partnership with Groundwork UK, Stockton Council and Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, the application to date has progressed to the 1st stage. It is anticipated that the final decision on whether the funding has been secured will not be till April 2010. DN explained that if successful further consultation will take place on the next steps.</p> <p>GC circulated a number of boards showing further details on maps the scheme which further displayed the THP river corridor between Yarm and Stockton and also displayed how the landscape was to be improved. GC described how the project had four main elements which were: (i) creating gateway features to the corridor (ii) improving the interpretation of the area i.e. why it is special – its landscapes and heritage (iii) improving the physical linkages i.e. the cycle linkages between Thornaby and Ingleby Barwick (iv) improving the landscapes and</p>		No

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biodiversity i.e. more tree planting, improve habitats etc It was explained that ALO's role overall was to try and improve all the river corridors across the borough. DN and GC invited any comments and feedback.

Some of the questions raised included:

- Are there any plans to plant trees to improve carbon rates? GC informed the group that there is already work taking place to undertake this.
- MR asked the young people whether they felt that the young people would be interested in designing / participating in developing the gateways. The young people felt that the art section at the school would probably most definitely be interested. GC also informed the board that there is a council employee who works with schools on environmental issues, who will be linked in with the scheme.

GC also informed the group that the ISA Managers have all been informed of the work, and the work will also take place in partnership with the Preston Park scheme, and the riverside users group. There was discussion about the river tees and its usage, in terms of speed boats and canoers.

KS also noted that it would be useful to involve 0-5 year olds in designing spaces for younger children.

GC also informed the board that the outcome of the application will be April 10

MR thanked DN and GC for their involvement and communication with the partnership and wished them luck in their application. The board fully supported their submission and appreciated being involved throughout.

Comments and Decisions

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<p>8. Thematic Updates a. Environment Partnership</p> <p>JB gave an update on progress taking place with the Green Infrastructure strategy and gave updates on investment into electric cars. There was a discussion around sharing good practice on carbon reduction and it was agreed to invite a representative to a future meeting to give an update on progress in this area.</p> <p>b. Health & Well Being</p> <p>MR informed the group that she had not received any paperwork from this partnership. HG agreed that he would chase this up with the relevant Officer.</p> <p>c. Play Partnership</p> <p>An update on PLAY Partnership was circulated.</p>		<p>ZR to invite a representative from the Council to give an update on the carbon reduction action plan.</p> <p>ZR to ensure that MR is on the mailing list with the correct details for the Health & Well-being Partnership.</p>
<p>9. External Funding Opportunities</p> <p>There were no new external funding opportunities notified to the board.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p>		<p>No</p>

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<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>HG gave an update on the Communities Together project.</p>		No
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the WAPB will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 25th January 2010, 6pm at the Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees</p>		No