

Minutes
Closed Meeting of The Billingham Partnership Board
4 January 2010, 5.45pm at New Life Family Centre, Billingham

Chair:

Roger Black (Federation of Small Businesses)

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), 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), Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Andy Hatton (Global Anodes)

* Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Zoe Rutter, Dave Munt (BELP)

Observers

Inspector Andy Fox, Neil McCase (Cleveland Police)

Apologies

Members:

Jim Scollen (Disability Representative), **Val Scollen** (Roscoe Road Residents Association), **Geoff Harrison** (Low Grange Community Hall), **Liz Smith & Gil Smith** (Billingham Business Association)

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<p>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence</p> <p>Members were introduced and welcomed to the Billingham Partnership Board. Apologies were noted.</p>		No
<p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 December 2009 were amended and agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Inspector Andy Fox and Sergeant Neil McCase came to the Board to introduce themselves and explained that if anybody has any issues that they would like to raise Andy & Neil would like to hear from them (contact details will be left with KP), Andy & Neil left the meeting at this point.</p>		No
<p>3. Review of Voluntary Sector Support Fund (VSSF) / Cabinet Decision – Kevin Pitt</p> <p>KP referred to the VSSF report that was circulated to members in December and pointed out that The Billingham Partnership (TBP) will no longer receive core funding as of 31st March 2010. It has been decided that TBP will operate the same as the other three area partnerships currently do as from 1st April 2010 due to no core funding being available. KP advised the Board that the format of the new Board is yet to be established and that a meeting between TBP (Chair & Manager), SBC and SRCGA is due to be held on Monday 11th January to discuss the way forward. The Board requested that somebody from either SBC or SRCGA attend the next TBP to inform the Board of any changes with regards to membership etc that they envisage.</p> <p>KP circulated a dissolution recommendation for TBP, the Board had a very lengthy debate around the recommendation and raised several concerns and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consideration of the VSSF review and SBC Cabinet decision regarding the review, TBP agreed in accordance with it's constitution (section 10.2) the TBP should dissolve itself and cease to function on 31st March 2010. This decision has empowered TBP 		<p>ZR to invite representatives from SBC and SRCGA to February meeting.</p> <p>The Board agreed the recommendations and agreed to dissolve on 31st March 2010.</p>

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<p>manager to undertake the necessary action to ensure the appropriate closure of the Board on 31st March 2010 with regards to all the Boards legal commitments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed that in accordance with it's constitution (section 10.3) any assets remaining after satisfaction of proper debts, claw back conditions and liabilities shall be assigned to 'The Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP)' as this programme is supported and meets the Partnership objectives as set out in the constitution. • The Board would wish the appropriate accountable bodies to transfer the funding for Dave Munt and Deryk Forest to the BELP. • The Board requests in the renegotiation for funding for the engagement project to the BELP that in the light of the first twelve months experience and report to Stockton Drugs Action team the target number of engagements within the funded period be reduced from 100 to 55 recognising that 55 is still a stretched target taking into account the participant hard to reach group. 		
<p>4. Any Other Business</p> <p>a. Safer Billingham Partnership</p> <p>BS informed the Board that the Safer Billingham Partnership would like the next Board to look at making Billingham into a cycle town.</p> <p>b. Billingham Environmental Link Project (BELP)</p> <p>Dave Munt gave a brief update on the BELP and informed the Board that the 'Self Actualisation' report was presented to the Drugs Action Team, as a result of this funding is now being sourced to progress the scheme further.</p> <p>A meeting a due to be held shortly with Hartlepool Adult Education to arrange a contract with regards to a bid to 'Supporting Communities Community Grant' in the North East.</p> <p>A meeting has taken place with Acumen who are now looking at obtaining some funding to support the BELP with 3 workers.</p>		<p>The Board agreed to pass this initiative on to the next Board.</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>c. Avecia</p> <p>Geoff Harrison has received a letter from Avecia informing the Board of the proposed warehouse extension at Aveica Biologics. It was noted in the letter that a potential 75 jobs would be created. KP asked the Board if they would agree to support Avecia and their proposed plans.</p>		Board agreed the proposed plans.
<p>5. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 1st February 2010, 5.45pm at New Life Family Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham</p>		No