

Minutes –Unconfirmed
The Central Area Partnership Board
28th January 2010
Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees

Chair:

Paul Thomas (Tilery Residents Association)

Members:

Jim Beall (Vice Chair), Stan Slater (Stockton Physically Handicapped Group), Cllr Mrs S Fletcher (SBC), Anne Howard (Neighbourhood Watch Group), Edna Chapman (St John's Living Well), Edna Brown (Over 50's Assembly), Cllr Cockerill (SBC), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre), Roy Parker (Durham Road Residents Association), Jim Fenwick (Community Partnership), David Headland (Salvation Army), Mary Cartwright (NECIL), Tina Williams (Community Partnership)

* Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Sarah Upex (SBC), Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA), James Hadman (SRCGA), Marc Mason (SBC), Ian McHugh (Cleveland Fir Brigade)

Observers:

Karen Merrick, Di Simms (SBC), Rima Abdalla (Elm Tree Community Centre)

Apologies

Cllr Rix (SBC), Cllr A Cains (SBC), Judith Turner (Stillington & Whitton), David Whiting, Edna Marwood, Kelly Smith (SBC), Jill Anderson (SBC), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents Association), Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents Association), Barbara Warren (Bishopsgarth Residents Association),

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	No
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None</p>	No
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th December 2009</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>SU to contact the Play Partnership to ensure that Barbara Warren is on the circulation list</p> <p>It was noted that Julie Derbyshire to set up a meeting with Dawn Campbell and A Way Out to look at bringing a steering group together to take this project forward.</p>	Noted

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<p>4.Update on the Central Area Youth Café</p> <p>It was noted that in 2009, a report was presented to the Board with the results of a consultation exercise with young people who attended Bishopsgarth, Blakeston and Norton Schools. At the time, the Board expressed concerns that young people from North Stockton attended schools in the South of Stockton and it was agreed that Grangefield, Ian Ramsey and Our Lady and St Bede’s Schools, would also need to be consulted. 937 questionnaires were returned and the Board were presented with the results, which showed preferences for a youth café in Norton, Roseworth or Elm Tree/Bishopsgarth. There was a need for the youth café to be open at least 6 nights a week with 6-8pm being the most popular time and 4-6pm being the next favourite. As for activities, games consoles and access to the internet rate the highest, closely followed by ‘chilling out’ and in terms of specialist activities sports and music are seen as important.</p> <p>It was noted that wherever the youth café is to be located, it has to make the best use of resources. The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of young people being ‘territorial’ was discussed and it was noted that from a project which is currently ongoing in Hardwick, young people travel to specific provision and resources. • it was noted that in terms of staffing, the use of volunteers should be taken into account and there was a suggestion of linking in with faith groups to give the café a community vibe. It was suggested that Marc Mason contact Viva volunteers to link in with the youth café. • It was noted that the youth café on Bishopton Lane is used throughout the day, especially by 16 plus young people and homeless young people. It was recognised that this café works well as it has other functions <p>It was requested that the feasibility of potential locations be presented to a future meeting of the Board</p> <p>Marc Mason informed the Board that he is leaving Stockton Borough Council next week and Terry Frank will now be the new contact. Marc thanked the Board for their contribution</p> <p>Action SU to contact Terry Frank Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No Are any other boards affected?</p>	<p>SU to contact Terry Frank to invite him to the Board to discuss potential locations</p>

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<p>5. Code of Conduct Refresh</p> <p>Julie Derbyshire informed the Board of the comments that people noted at the last meeting. The following were raised and will be drawn up as a 'set of rules' for the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No use of Blackberrys, Mobiles or any other electronic devices throughout the meeting • People need to be clear about declaring interests • Avoid disruptions – do not get up during the meeting to make drinks etc unless necessary • Respect each other • Need to ensure people do not go before their turn (need to put hands up) • Allow other people to finish what they are saying • When voting for positions hold a secret ballot • No interrupting • Respect the Chair • People not talking amongst themselves • Too many people talking at once • Communication is a two way process – listening as well as speaking • Members not talking to each other during the meeting whilst other people are speaking <p>The Board agreed with all the issues which had been raised and agreed for them to be developed into a revised code of conduct.</p> <p>Action SU to refresh the code of conduct</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest?</p>	<p>SU to refresh the code of conduct</p>

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<p>6. Tees Heritage Park</p> <p>Members were provided with background on the Tees Heritage Park and an update from the initial presentation to the Board from 2009. Members were informed of the two funding bids which are currently in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to Nature – this bid is for 2 rangers to work with groups where access is an issue to river corridors. The outcome of the bid will be decided in April 2010 and if successful, will be brought back to the Board to see how or if they would like to become involved. 2. Creation of Tees Heritage Park – have been successful at stage 1 and stage 2 application has been submitted. There will be ongoing community consultation carried out <p>Members were provided with a background on the Friends of Tees Heritage Park (FTHP) who were formed in March 2007 to promote the creation of a Heritage Park along the Tees. FTHP aims to ensure that the Park Lands are seen as a precious entity, helping to ensure a wider level of protection and enable a protective plan and policy for their long term future. The Tees Heritage Park concept is firmly established and included in Stockton Borough Council’s Core Strategy proposals.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Tees Heritage Park would link Ingleby Barwick, Yarm, Eaglescliffe and Thornaby, with Central Stockton being the anchor at one end. It was noted that the vision is for people to be able to walk/cycle from Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre through to Yarm, with Preston Park being at the heart of this. The concept is to have gateway features along the stretch of the Park and an artist will be appointed to work with schools for each gateway point. There are also discussions taking place with Teesside City Learning Centre to install Bluetooth technology at the gateways so that you can receive information about where you are straight to your mobile phone. There would also be spin off community engagement projects.</p> <p>Phase One of the project is on land which is all under the ownership of Stockton Borough Council which is to be linked with the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust site at Preston Hall to provide linear access. People will have the opportunity to feed into Phase One to inform what physical barriers there are to access.</p> <p>The proposed designs for the project were circulated to the Board and the following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project was recognised as being exciting for the Borough and good for all ages • Suggestion to not call it a Park because it is not actually a park 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was recognised that this will promote healthy living • It was suggested that the FTHP leaflet is changed as the print is too small • There was a discussion around the potential location of a school being built on the site • It was discussed that the Community Barge could be used as a resource to go along the stretch of the Tees Heritage Park, however it was raised that there had been discussions prior to the Christmas period about the possibility of selling the Barge. It was requested that Julie Derbyshire and the Chair find out some further information on the situation with the Barge • It was suggested that hard standing be put in place to be wheelchair friendly • It was noted that the project team are closely working with the River Users Group. • It was raised that not just physical access barriers needed to be identified but also the access barriers for those who would not normally use it • It was noted that there is an idea being developed to create 3 strategic river crossings along the river with 3 ferry's taking people along the river for a nominal charge <p>The Board fully supported that scheme and requested that they be kept updated with progress and the outcome of the funding applications.</p> <p>Anne-Louise Orange Stockton Borough Council</p> <p>Action No</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest? None</p>	Noted
<p>7. Citizens Advice Bureau CAB/ Stockton District Advice & Information Service (SDAIS) – Financial Inclusion Members were provided with information on the new service which is being offered by CAB on financial inclusion and financial capacity. The advice on financial capacity seeks to prevent debt and make people think about how they are spending money. There</p>	

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<p>are also quality of life issues linked in with this along with managing money education. Awareness is also raised of credit unions and the benefit of using this kind of service. It was noted that the number of people accessing CAB services such as housing, employment, benefits and family issues have risen. However, the number of people accessing the service regarding debt has increased with 1 in 3 queries regarding debt and this is on the increase due to the current economic climate.</p> <p>The Board were informed that the CAB are currently running 4 projects from their centres:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horizons – this project is helping lone parents into work 2. Big Lottery Fund – this project works with under 25's 3. Money advice – recruiting and training volunteers to give training to people in their communities 4. Financial Services Authority – guidance on financial products and services <p>There were a number of comments raised following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that the credit unions go into schools and it was requested that the CAB go and talk to the Junior Neighbourhood Watch group • It was noted that more education is needed on APR's. It was noted that the CAB look at ways of choosing credit and provide information on different types of credit • It was noted that the CAB are working with Sure Start centres <p>John Cottie and Angela Corner Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>Action No</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest? None</p>	No
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<p>Jim Beall, Chair of the sub group, updated the Board on the following: An expression for funding was received by the sub group from the Housing Options Team. This would be to work with some of their most vulnerable clients to help them into training and employment through one to one support. The group felt that the principle behind the project was good however there were still a few issues e.g. realistic outputs, additionally to their core work, possibility of becoming a sub contractor to the main providers, Central area focused etc. The group agreed to feedback the issues to Housing Options and invite them to the next meeting of the sub group to discuss this further.</p> <p>The Leaving Care Team also had a proposal to run some ASDAN courses for their most challenging clients. The training can be tailored to suit the young people and would hopefully increase their changes of getting into the labour market or going on to further education and a proposal for this is being worked up.</p> <p>Another proposal is being worked up and will come to the next sub group meeting from a consortium of providers. The proposal is for something similar to a “community chest” which organisations could bid into for small resources to help get people and young people closer to the labour market. The group felt that this is an interesting idea and that the Leaving Care team could link into this proposed schemes.</p> <p>The sub group are meeting again in late February 2010.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest? None</p>	No
<p>9. Feedback from other partnerships Stockton Renaissance Update (Paul Thomas) – Paul Thomas informed the Board that Third Sector Strategy and Communities Fund update were presented to the January 2010 meeting of the Stockton Renaissance Partnership Board.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Cllr Fletcher informed the Board of what was presented at the last board meeting as Paul Thomas was unable to attend.</p>	

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<p>10 .Any Other Business James Hadman informed the Board that SRCGA are changing the way that elections are conducted and information will be circulated by SRCGA regarding a number of drop ins.</p> <p>Members were informed of the Communities Together Seminars which are taking place on the 3rd and 10th February 2010. Julie Derbyshire informed the Board that SRCGA will be holding a Funding Fair during March and details will be circulated.</p> <p>It was noted that the SRCGA website has now gone live and can be accessed via www.srcga.co.uk . There is also information on this website relating to funding including Basis funding.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>11.Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Central Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Thursday 2010, 10am, Central Area Board members are invited to forward any proposals for agenda items for future meetings to Sarah Upex.</p>	<p>No</p>