

Minutes
The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)
29th March 2010, Long Newton Wilson Centre, Darlington Road, Long Newton, Stockton on Tees

Chair:

Councillor Maureen Rigg (Stockton Borough Council)

Members:

John Rosser (Long Newton Parish Council), **Maurice Snowden** (Over 50's Assembly), **Philip Addison** (Yarm Fellowship Hall), **Nora Rosser** (Long Newton Wilson Centre), **Geoff Turner** (Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Parish Council), **Ian Garrett** (Cleveland Police)

Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Zoe Rutter, Andy Whinnerah (Stockton Borough Council)

Observers

Mr & Mrs Jones (Resident), **Mike Batty, Marilyn Davies, Emma Champley, Geoff Lee, Steve Owen, Joanne Hodgkinson, Gerry Wareham, Lucia Sager, Ruth Hill, Darren Best, Dave Walker, Carole Freeman, Mike Tigue** (Safer Stockton Partnership)

Apologies

Members:

Marjorie Simpson (Yarm Town Council), **Bill Johnson** (Yarm Residents Group), **Laura McGuinness** (North Tees PCT), **Doug Nicholson** (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), **Jennie Beaumont** (Stockton Borough Council), **Tony Hampton** (Kirklevington Parish Council), **Alan Lewis** (Stockton Borough Council), **Jennifer Pinkney** (Yarm & Willey Flats Residents Association)

Observers

Allison Agius (Catalyst), **Gareth Carson** (Stockton Borough Council), **Kim Staff** (Stockton Borough Council)

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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>No declarations of interest were made.</p>		No
<p>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 January 2010 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		No
<p>6. Face the People Session – Safer Stockton Partnership</p> <p>Geoff Lee informed members that the Face the People Sessions have been to the Area Partnership Boards. It is mandatory for these to take place once a year, however the Safer Stockton Partnership aim to conduct two per year. It provides the opportunity for the community to let the Safer Stockton Partnership how they feel about the work of the partnership and how well the partnership is performing.</p> <p>The Chair gave members the opportunity to raise their concerns, as below:</p>		No

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<p>Did the District Commander of the Police envisage any changes to the Policing Strategy in rural areas? No changes are envisaged as the Police continually work to reduce the crime and disorder rate and to improve public confidence in the Police.</p>		No
<p>Concerns were raised over the amount of speeding on the approach to the Vane Arms Public House. The Police will look into siting the mobile speed camera on this stretch of road.</p>		No
<p>Concerns were raised around the increase in youths hanging around the streets causing a nuisance and not being able to contact the Community Police. The Community Police can be contacted (leaflets handed out with number on) but if people see the situation as an emergency then they should call 999.</p>		No
<p>Has there been any increase in drug and alcohol use in the younger generation? There has been no increase in drug use but there is a slight increase in alcohol useage.</p>		No
<p>The Board asked for some clarification on criminals 'walking free' from court. It was noted that correct sentences are given for crime(s) committed. Community Pay Back is a very rigorous intense programme. If the Board would like a tour of the Court then this can be arranged. It was noted that a huge amount of work is done with schools around anti social behaviour in a bid to raise awareness and stop people committing crime.</p>		No
<p>The Board were informed that polyclinics will be sited in Billingham and at Alma Street. Yarm Surgery is to house some new services but this is still to be agreed to avoid duplication of services.</p>		No
<p>Feedback was requested on the Street Pastors that have been in post since December, so far feedback has been positive but a full review will be done after 6 months.</p>		No
<p>It was noted that overall crime in the western area is very low and Stockton is well below the national average.</p>		No

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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? No</p> <p>Contact: Safer Stockton Partnership (01642) 527616 www.saferstockton.com</p>		
<p>8. Any Other Business</p> <p>The Board would like to pass on their sincere thanks to Nora Rosser as this is her last meeting representing the Long Newton Wilson Centre. The Board thanked Nora for her commitment on the Board and for representing the Western Area Partnership on the Children’s Trust Board.</p>		No
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the WAPB will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 26th April 2010, 6pm at Municipal Buildings, conference room 2.</p>		No