

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
6th September 2010 5:45pm
Low Grange Community Centre, Billingham

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| <p>Chair: Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association)</p> <p>Members: Gerald Barrass (Low Grange Residence Association), David Campbell (Pentland Primary School), Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Ken Ellis (Churches Together in Billingham), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Residents Association), Andy Hatton (Global Anodes), Chris Humpleby (Over 50's Assembly), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), Ray McCall (Billingham Town Council), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership), Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council),</p> <p>* Members are representing their nominating body.</p> |
| <p>Advisors: James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Mike Bowron, Tim Gibson, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith (Stockton Borough Council), Simon Tuffin, Simon Plumb (Aldi Representatives)</p> |
| <p>Apologies Hilary Aggio (Stockton Borough Council), Insp Andy Fox (Cleveland Police), Carol Redden (Grindon Parish Council), Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Residents Association), Pauline Osborne Louise McDonald & Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council) Laura McGuinness (North Tees Teaching PCT),</p> |

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| <p>1. Welcome and Apologies Members were introduced and welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board. Apologies were noted.</p> | No. |
| <p>2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Woodhouse declared an interest in agenda item 5b GH declared an interest in agenda item 9 as he sits on the board of directors for the BELP KB declared an interest in item 9 as he is on the board of directors of the Billingham Legacy Fund AH declared an interest in agenda item 9 as he sits on the board of directors for the BELP GS declared an interest in agenda item 7 as his property is close to the proposed site</p> | <p>Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.</p> |

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| <p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 7th June 2010 KE noted that he had tendered his apologies for the July meeting GH noted that he is on the board of directors for the BELP and KB is on the board of directors for the Billingham Legacy Fund not the other way round as the minutes state. Agreed as a true record.</p> | <p>Noted. Noted. Noted.</p> |
| <p>4. Matters Arising KB asked about the Clarences and Black Minority Ethnic. KS informed the board that representative from the Clarences had been nominated and that papers are being sent to them and the support worker. In terms of the BME rep a letter from the board was sent to the coordinator of the BME requesting a rep.</p> | <p>KS and JH to chase these issues up.</p> |
| <p>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development Iain Robinson informed the Board that Stockland are still in negotiations with a food supplier for the West precinct Refurbishment works on the external fabric of Block 10 (Barclays Bank block) are now complete and works are due to start on Block 11 (Town Centre Manager block) shortly although a date is still to be set. The refurbishment of the former Kwick Save site will also start in October 2010. Stockland are looking into the provision of temporary public toilets in a vacant unit although details are still to be confirmed. The spiral ramp walkway remains closed but a contractor has been appointed and a date for reopening is to be agreed but will likely to be by November this year.</p> <p>b. Billingham House Tim Gibson informed the Board that they are continuing to speak to Python properties, however other options are being investigated to elevate the issue and hopefully a further update will be provided in four to six weeks.</p> | <p>IR to check if it will include disabled facilities.</p> |

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| <p>A concern was raised on the security of the site. TG informed the board that legally it's the owners property however SBC are trying to enforce the owners to secure the site.</p> <p>c. Forum MB informed the board that he was hoping to organise another tour of the forum and that if anyone was interested to let Kelly know.</p> <p>The building is now water tight apart from the North side of the fly tower.</p> <p>With regard to the roof which previously flooded due to a blockage of silt in the down pipes MB assured the Board that new pipes are being installed which will include the appropriate measures to check for any future issues. A general discussion took place around the maintenance of the new facility and the proposal put forward by KB. The board agreed with the proposal.</p> <p>d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility TG informed the Board that the new private partner is not fully engaged yet but discussions will be taking place immediately. The timescale for the project has slipped slightly but they are hopeful to have something ready by Christmas.</p> <p>A query was raised around the changes in the PCT and whether it will affect the project. TG assured the Board that the PCT are fully committed to the project however it is a risk that will have to be monitored closely.</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>MB to check what is being done with regard to fire regulations</p> |

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| Already noted | |
| <p>6. Crime and Disorder consultation</p> <p>Unfortunately no one attended to undertake this agenda item. This will be put on to the forward plan for a future date.</p> <p>JH informed the board that SRCGA had a number of copies of the Crime and Disorder audit if any one would like copies to take to their groups.</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> | None. |
| <p>7. Proposed Aldi planning application</p> <p>Simon Plumb from Aldi informed the board that they had submitted a planning application to SBC to build a food store on the land adjacent to the Causeway and Finchale avenue. A summary of the plans and the outcome from the public exhibition were circulated to members.</p> <p>A query was raised as to why this particular location and not within the new town centre? Simon informed the board that they really wanted to have a site in the Billingham area to complement the other Aldi stores in the borough. They have had discussions with Stockland in the past but there was nothing suitable. Discussions with Stockland have resumed since the public exhibition. The new food store site in the town Centre will be three times the size of this Aldi proposal and the former Kwick Save site is also not suitable for their requirements however there was another site between Argos and the forum which previously was not suitable but they are looking at this again.</p> <p>This particular site is as close to the Town Centre as possible and does match their requirements i.e. size, car parking space etc. and they feel that people would park there and dual shop at Aldi and within the Town Centre.</p> | |

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| <p>A query was raised as to whether they would improve the walkway into the town centre to encourage their users to shop in the small local shops within the Town Centre. Simon informed the board that it was part of the plan but nothing has been agreed yet.</p> <p>A query was raised on the opening time of the store and their policy on selling alcohol. Simon informed the board that the times would roughly be 8am to 8pm Monday to Saturday and it would be open for six hours maximum on a Sunday say 10am to 4pm but this would need to be agreed. In terms of alcohol they would sell a mix on Beer, Cider and spirits and that it would all be own brand. They are extremely diligent on the sale of alcohol and have a challenge25 policy. All their employees have training and they don't employ anyone under 18 in their stores.</p> <p>A query was raised as to Stocklands position on the application. Simon noted that they did not know however Aldi had to provide a lot of information in the planning application and that after 21 days they will receive feedback from the council. Which may include Stocklands thoughts on the plan.</p> <p>A query was raised as to the support from local residents for the proposal. Simon responded that they had wrote out to 900 households and business in the area asking about the proposal and that a public exhibition was held however they are aware that not everyone has commented. However it was noted that there was a 15% response rate with over 80% supportive of the proposal.</p> <p>The Chair raised the issue of the number of HGV's as it was stated at the public exhibition that this would be only be one per day, and looking at the plan the lorry would have to swing round in the car park. Simon informed the board that it would only be one HGV and that the car park had been designed so that it could accommodate the vehicle manoeuvring into the loading area.</p> <p>Simon and Simon left the meeting</p> <p>The chair informed the board that a letter had been received from Stockland on the proposals and that it was their</p> | |

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| <p>intention to object as they felt it could jeopardise the Town Centre Redevelopment.</p> <p>The board had a long discussion on this issue with a number of different proposals for the next step put forward. The board agreed to report back to their relevant groups on the proposal and glean their views. This information would then be fed into the next board meeting before any decision can be made. In the interim a letter will be sent to Stockland inviting them to the next board meeting to discuss their proposed objection to the Aldi site and to have an update on the Town Centre. The board concluded that they would welcome Aldi to Billingham but concerns were noted on their proposed location.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest? Already noted</p> | <p>KS to draft a letter to Stockland in response to their initial letter and to invite them to the next meeting</p> |
| <p>8. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>Safer Stockton – BS informed that board the crime figures for the Billingham area are quite positive with only two areas going up.</p> <p>BVS also informed the board they are looking at a BMX track in Osbourne park and they are currently conducting a questionnaire on the issue.</p> <p>Children’s Trust Board and Arts and Culture Partnership are not meeting now till October All the other partnership have either not met or the representative was not present at the meeting</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>9. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Community Sector</p> <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: GMcG informed the group that some of the paths in the park have been repaired if anyone has any feedback please let him know.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: James informed the board that they are having a funding fair on the 24th September 10 till 2pm in Long Newton, this is being ran in conjunction with Tees valley Rural Community Council. If anyone would like transport please contact SRCGA.</p> <p>iii) BELP and Legacy Fund update The induction meetings for these have now taken place and the first BELP meeting will take place in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector The Catalyst AGM and awards ceremony will take place on the 21st September.</p> <p>GH informed the board that they are running free computer courses for the over 50's on a Monday 11 to 12:30.</p> <p>JM informed the board that the Festival was highly successful this year, and he wanted to say a special thank you to Dave Campbell and Pentland school for there support.</p> <p>c. Business Sector GS informed the board that the Billingham Business Associatin only really meets as and when now.</p> <p>AH informed the board that ONE will come to an end in March 2012. A new Local Enterprise Partnership is being proposed and a number of business bodies are putting proposals together to become this.</p> <p>d. Public Sector Cllr BW wanted to inform the board that he had received positive feedback about the festival and the licence that was granted for the Pentland school.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>10.Any Other Business KS had circulated information on a number of potential funding opportunities including Big Lottery and SITA, and had paper copies with her if anyone wanted one.</p> <p>KS reminded the board that the next Northern Area Transport Strategy meeting was due to take place on the 28th September at the New Life Resource centre.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>11.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 4th October 2010, 5:45pm, Low Grange Community Centre</p> <p>Northern Area Board members are invited to forward any proposals for agenda items for future meetings to Kelly Smith on 01642 526032 or kelly.smith@stockton.gov.uk</p> | |