

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
1st November 2010 5:45pm
Low Grange Community Centre, Billingham

<p>Chair: Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Residents Association)</p> <p>Members: Hilary Aggio (Stockton Borough Council), Gerald Barrass (Low Grange Residence Association), Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association), David Campbell (Pentland Primary School), 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), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council), * Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p>Advisors: Tim Gibson, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith, Andy Whinnerah (Stockton Borough Council), Heather McLean (Stockton LINK), Scott Lloyd (North Tees Teaching PCT)</p>
<p>Apologies Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Insp Andy Fox (Cleveland Police), James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Jane Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Pauline Osborne (Business Sector), Louise McDonald (Stockton Borough Council) Laura McGuinness (North Tees Teaching PCT), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Carol Redden (Grindon Parish Council), Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council),</p>

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies Members were introduced and welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest VS declared an interest in item 5 Stockton Link as a member of the group</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>KS noted that the DOI for GH, JM, GMcG, AH and KB are now on the DOI register and will not have to be declared at each meeting.</p> <p>KB and RMcC declared an interest in item 8 as they know the person mentioned in the document.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 6th September 2010 Agreed as a true record.</p>	Noted.
<p>4. Matters Arising KB noted that the planning reference that was circulated to the board was for a screening opinion. KS noted that this is to determine whether the application needs an Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>KS noted that information had previously been circulated to the board from the Five Lamps regarding the next enterprise week for Billingham. This will take place from the 6th to the 10th December.</p> <p>The Third Sector Investment fund proposal as noted under item 11 on the minutes was agreed at Cabinet on the 28th October.</p>	IR to clarify if a full application has also been submitted.
<p>5. Stockton LINK presentation Heather McLean gave a verbal presentation on Stockton LINK.</p> <p>Stockton LINK acts as a consumer champion they look at trends rather than just the individual cases. They can do quick wins and small scale issues as well as more complex issues for example they have looked at care and dignity in North Tees hospital where they can do visits and checks on the service. Heather noted that they are independent from the health authority.</p> <p>Anyone can be involved in the LINK and there are different levels of involvement i.e. completing surveys and questionnaires all the way up to being a volunteer. If people want to be involved they can sign up through the website,</p>	

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<p>email, facebook, twitter or the forms that were circulated at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>FG asked whether they advertise through the Life channel. Heather noted that it would be a good avenue but it is expensive.</p>	<p>FG to raise this at his meeting with the Life channel.</p>
<p>6. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update</p> <p>a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>IR gave an update on some of the ongoing issues</p> <p>The decision on the Finchale application is due on the 17th of November.</p> <p>The ramp is due to be re-opened week beginning the 8th November as they are just finishing off some of the aesthetics this week.</p> <p>The work on the toilets will hopefully begin in the new year however a start date has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>The Christmas tree has already been delivered and the lights are due to be switched on in mid November 2010.</p> <p>IR noted that they do have a operator in place for the former Kwick Save site however the negotiations are at a critical stage and they are not yet in the position to announce it just yet.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>Tim Gibson informed the board that they now have cabinet approval to demolish the building. They are currently pumping out the surplus water from the basement and undertaking further survey work to assess the building to ensure that the building can be demolished safely. The demolition work will hopefully start in January / February 2011 and may take up to eight months to complete.</p> <p>Substantial fencing will be erected around the site and security will also be in place</p>	

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<p>c. Forum Board members wanted to express their thanks to Mike Bowron for the tours of the Forum that he had arranged.</p> <p>KB noted that in a Teesvalley information booklet it stated the “redesigned theatre”. The officers present noted that it was a mistake.</p> <p>d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility TG noted that they had submitted a proforma to the Department of Health presenting their case. Unfortunately due to the tight timescales support for the project was sought from the Chair on the boards behalf. The board noted that they fully support the project and where happy to endorse the Chairs support.</p> <p>The full project proposal bid will be submitted to the Department of Health in January 2011.</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>	
<p>7. Illicit Tobacco Presentation Scott Lloyd gave a verbal presentation on illicit tobacco. Illicit tobacco is either smuggled in from abroad in large quantities, bootleg from people brining it back from holiday or counter fit so a very low quality tobacco.</p> <p>64% of smokers say that they couldn't afford to smoke without illicit tobacco as the price is too high for legal tobacco. However the government doesn't get the revenue from illicit tobacco.</p> <p>The North of England has a illicit tobacco programme with a dedicated team from revenue and customs and local trading</p>	

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<p>standards based in Middlesbrough as it has a large port. However local people need to share intelligence to help stop illicit tobacco being sold in the area.</p> <p>It can be reported to crime stoppers where it will be fed down locally to the local police station be dealt with.</p> <p>HA noted that the punishment of selling the tobacco isn't a deterrent as it's very lenient.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? Yes</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest? None</p>	
<p>8. Community Cohesion Refresh</p> <p>Andy Whinnerah gave a verbal update on the Community Cohesion Strategy refresh. The document is currently on the website and needs to be kept up to date and looked at every twelve months.</p> <p>Andy noted that it is an umbrella strategy and all the small pieces of work should be included within the action plan. He recently updated the action plan and how things are progressing.</p> <p>People can get involved in the refresh in a number of ways including attending short focus groups, attending one to one sessions, making comments via email / mail or people can call any comments that they have on the document to Andy.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p>	<p>AW to send to KS to circulate to the members along with his contact details.</p>

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<p>Any Declarations Of Interest? Already noted.</p>	
<p>9. Digital Media Unfortunately apologies were submitted for this agenda item. Information had been circulated with the papers.</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>10. Thematic Group Updates BS noted that there was some useful information in the crime and Disorder magazine which was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>BS also circulated a report from the Safer Billingham Partnership on the results of the cycle survey. The three main facilities people wanted were: improved road cycle facilities, improved off road cycle facilities and a BMX track (majority wanted a country park track suitable for all abilities).</p> <p>Following on from the findings BS noted in the report that he had met with SBC officers to look at potential sites for the track. Potential sites identified were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osbourne Park John Whitehead Park Reviex Avenue Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park Daffodil Park High Grange Billingham Community Centre 	

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<p>c. Business Sector: No updates.</p> <p>d. Public Sector: No updates.</p>	
<p>12.Any Other Business KB raised the issue of whether the board wanted all the relevant Officers from SBC to attend under the regeneration schemes agenda item or just one representative. The board felt that all the Officers would be better to attend where this was not possible the Officer attending had to be fully briefed.</p> <p>A query was raised on the application for the Anhydrite Mines and whether there had been any changes.</p>	<p>KS to invite a representative to a future meeting.</p>
<p>11.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 6th December 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>	