

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

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

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board. Apologies were noted.</p>	<p>No. Noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest No DOI's except the standard ones that are on the DOI register.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 1st November 2010 Agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising GS noted that it is Finchale avenue not Finchdale as noted in the minutes.</p> <p>KB noted that following the last meeting he reported his concerns on illicit tobacco and has had a very positive response.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>5. Local Enterprise Partnership presentation Richard Poundford from Stockton on Tees Borough Council informed the board that the Tees Valley LEP has now been given the green light and is a public and private partnership and is supported by Tees Valley Unlimited.</p> <p>The LEP has a leadership board, which is chaired by a private sector member, with other private sector board members alongside the leaders / mayors of the five local authorities. The organisation will also include advisory panels and task and finish groups. The LEP does not receive any government funding and is financially supported by the five local authorities.</p> <p>They have a clear strategy for moving forward which includes developing an investment plan, based on a full economic assessment as well as a statement of ambition already produced. There are two key priorities these are: drive transition to high value/ low carbon economy and create more diversified and inclusive economy.</p> <p>One of the roles for the LEP will be to determine and define what the skills shortage for the Tees Valley is. Although some work has been done previously to look at this there needs to be a clear understanding of the full range of skills needed for business to meet our ambition. This will then be feed into local colleges and universities to put measures in place to address them.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected?</p>	<p>KS to email a copy of the presentation to members.</p>

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<p>6. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development IR gave an update on some of the ongoing issues. Aldi were unsuccessful in their planning application for Finchale avenue. The ramp is now open but unfortunately some of the non slip surface has to be replaced. The Christmas tree has been moved inside the precinct due to vandalism. IR noted that unfortunately they are not yet in the position to announce the new tenant but will do so once everything has been agreed. The Chair noted that a valid receipt from the shops in Billingham was needed for the free gift wrapping service being offered in the town Centre. b. Billingham House No further update other than noted in the report. c. Forum No further update other than noted in the report. d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility No further update other than noted in the report. There is no clear date when in the new year the outcome from the Department of Health will be known.</p>	<p>IR to check the appeal process.</p>

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<p>7. Know How North East and the Clarences Update Paul McGee from Know How North East circulated information to the members on their progress and an update on the Clarences Action Plan.</p> <p>PMcG gave a quick synopsis of the work Know How have undertaken and some of their key achievements for example they have successfully placed 100 local people into employment. Their approach is focused on the household not just individuals and they have built up links with other projects like the BELP and Satholm in the area.</p> <p>Danielle Barnes noted that they are employee responsive in terms of they look at training for local residents in advance of job opportunities so they are job ready when the opportunities arise for example they knew a care home was planned for the area so they recruited local residents got them the necessary training i.e. NVQ's and a number of them have been successful in securing employment at the new facility.</p> <p>The Clarences action plan came from consultations with local residents and they have seen some results already including building up strong relationships between local residents in the Clarences and the police to tackle Anti Social behaviour which would not have happened. They have done a lot of intense work to build up residents confidence and have re-launched the residents group and they have a resident representative on this board.</p> <p>They looking into the potential of getting the post code changed to a Stockton code rather than a Middlesbrough code. They are also exploring the opportunity of re-branding and naming the area as the current name has negative pre conceptions. The board noted that they fully support the work on going in the area and are happy to support a change of name for the area that the residents want.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to include a meeting at the Clarences on the</p>

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<p>8. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>BS noted that there was some baseline information available from the crime and disorder audit</p> <p>GH fed back from the Play Partnership and the Children's Trust Board. It was noted at the Play partnership that play was no longer a priority in terms of government funding. The remaining Play Builder funding that the council has will be spent next year on the already identified schemes.</p> <p>The Common Assessment Framework was discussed at the CTB which is the coordination of services for children and young people. This was made mandatory. The CTB will also continue even though it is no longer a requirement to have one.</p> <p>VS fed back from the Housing and Neighbourhood partnership. They received a presentation on Developing User Led Organisations to support independent living in the borough. ULOs are designed for disabled people and carers to become more involved in managing all aspects of their needs through the delivery of services. They were presented with a draft version of the electronic adult services directory, which brings together a comprehensive range of services available to residents of the borough</p> <p>There was a brief presentation on the Big Society and what this might mean for housing organisations. They were ALSO informed that the Council is looking to secure funding from townscape Heritage Lottery Fund which could be used to bring back into use homes above shops in Stockton Town Centre to help households in housing need. The Council is looking for a partner to work with on this. If there are any registered providers that are interested in developing the concept then</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to put this on the forward plan for the new year</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>they should contact Julie Higgins. They would not have to commit to developing the properties at this stage.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing partnership only meet quarterly and the Arts and Culture Partnership have not met since the last meeting.</p> <p>VS noted that Renaissance is being held on the 7th December.</p>	<p></p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>9. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Community Sector</p> <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: Unfortunately the last meeting was cancelled due to the bad weather. BS noted that the park was the favoured location for the BMX track and they are going to meet with the supports as soon as possible.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: KS reminded the board of the River Routes information that had previously been circulated by email and noted she had hard copies of the information if any one wanted one.</p> <p>GH noted that on the 6th November 2010 at the Stockton Community Network there was a unanimous decision that they would like SRCGA to continue to run the Community Empowerment Network in Stockton. A number of CEN members agreed to attend the Renaissance meeting on the 7th December.</p> <p>iii) BELP and Legacy Fund update: No formal update from the BELP other than its going well although they are having problems with the allotment project as it has asbestos contaminated that needs to be safely removed so it has put the project back a bit.</p> <p>The last legacy meeting was cancelled however they have got £4,132.37 already in the fund.</p> <p>b. Voluntary Sector: JM informed the board that the budget for the Billingham Festival has been reduced by 26%. KE circulated information on a Carol Service to be held on Billingham Green on the 16th December at 7pm</p> <p>c. Business Sector: No updates.</p>	<p></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>d. Public Sector: No updates.</p>	
<p>10.Any Other Business KS noted that the papers for the 10th January 2011 meeting would not be going out till the 4th January 2011 due to holidays. The Chair, Vice Chair and secretariat wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.</p>	<p>Noted. Noted.</p>
<p>11.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on: Monday 10th January 2011, 5:45pm, Low Grange Community Centre 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>	