

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
10th January 2011 5:45pm
Low Grange Community Centre, Billingham

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

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	Forward Plan.
<p>3. Declarations of Interest Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p> <p>Cllr Woodhouse and Aggio declared an interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Stockton Council.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. Approval of the last meeting on 6th December 2010 Agreed as a true record.</p>	Noted.
<p>5. Matters Arising AH noted that under attendees he's was representing the Federation of Small Businesses not Global Anodes.</p> <p>JM noted that under voluntary updates it should be Billingham Festival and the reduction is actually 26%.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>6. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development MB informed the group that the planning application for the proposed new food store in the town centre will be going to planning on Wednesday.</p> <p>The non slip surface on the ramp is still an issue but it can't be replaced until the weather improves.</p> <p>It was noted that they will hopefully be in a position to announce the tenant for the Kwick Save site this week.</p> <p>A question was raised on the money that Stockton Council saved on the Christmas lights in the town centre, which are now supplied by Stockland, and whether it could be used for lights in the Clarences.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>MB to check.</p>

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<p>MB informed the group that he will be the lead for Billingham House as the current lead officer Faye Dunhill will shortly be going on maternity leave.</p>	Noted.
<p>At the moment SBC are still proceeding with demolition of the building and a secure fence will be erected around the site.</p>	Noted.
<p>The Chair and Vice Chair informed the group that they have a meeting on Wednesday with representatives from Python Properties. The members noted a few questions to be raised at the meeting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why its taken so long? • Are they aware of the health and safety restrictions on the number of people on the site? • What business would be attracted to the building when there is already vacant office space throughout the borough? 	Noted.
<p>The group agreed through majority vote that they support the council line to demolish the building. To note Councillors Woodhouse and Aggio abstained from voting.</p>	Noted.
<p>c. Forum</p>	
<p>MB informed the board that work is progressing well however the final completion date is still to be finalised.</p>	Noted.
<p>It was noted that they will be a number of tours of the facility organised for anyone interested.</p>	Anyone interested in attending please contact Kelly Smith
<p>MB noted that on the issue of maintenance of the building it was possibly an item for the manager of the facility to bring to the board once the building is open.</p>	contact Kelly Smith
<p>d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility</p>	
<p>A query was raised on why the PFI route was being pursued it was noted that this was the route that those involved had chosen to go down.</p>	Noted.
<p>VC informed the board that local GP consortia's and others will be picking up the work that the PCT currently undertake. It</p>	

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<p>was suggested that this could possible be an item for a future meeting.</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. Air Products Tees Valley Renewable Energy Facility Peter Ellis from Taylor Keogh gave a presentation to the board on the proposal for a Tees Valley Renewable Energy facility and also distributed an information booklet on the proposal.</p> <p>The waste for the plant will mainly come from Impetus around 85%. The facility would run 24 hours a day.</p> <p>The proposal will bring new technology into the area as well as diversifying the energy in the UK. It can also be seen as a building block for surrounding businesses as it produces hydrogen that can be used in the chemical process industry.</p> <p>The site has been approved for similar use but a planning application will be submitted at the end of January 2011. If approved it will create around 50 operational jobs and a further 500 / 700 in construction. They could start on site at the end of this year / beginning of next which would mean the site could be operational in 2014.</p> <p>The energy produced will go into the regional distribution system which is then bought by energy companies. They are currently in talks with local authorities to buy some of the energy direct from them.</p> <p>It was noted that there will be a small amount of materials left over but this can be used for other uses such as road surfaces.</p> <p>A question was raised on the suitability of the roads. It was explained that it will be existing traffic and that it will just be</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>diverted further towards the facility.</p> <p>A question was raised on the emissions and noise from the facility. It was noted that although there will be some emissions and noise they are minimal, they have been picked up along with health and safety in the Environmental Impact Assessment which has noted it as a low risk technology.</p> <p>A question was raised whether there were any plans to use the rail networks for transporting waste? It was noted that nothing definite has been confirmed on this.</p> <p>It was noted that some of the small organisations and voluntary groups have previously benefited from Landfill tax credit this will be reduced as some of the waste will go to the new facility. Are there any plans to replace this Landfill credit. PE noted that there were no plans from government to replace it.</p> <p>After discussion the board voted to support the proposal. The two councillors present abstained.</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>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to draft a letter of support on behalf of the board.</p>
<p>8. Billingham Solar Park</p> <p>Tony Hadrell from the Impetus group gave a presentation to the board on the proposal for a Solar Park which will be going to planning at the end of January 2011. If approved it will be the first in the North East.</p> <p>The facility will be designed, manufactured and built in the area. It will be built in two phases 2011 for the first and 2012 for the second.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>Although the rays are 8.1% less effective in the North East than Cornwall it would still be sufficient to work and could build a centre for excellence for the UK.</p> <p>There is some space available in the impetus site that is currently being used and has the links. A question was raised on the security of the site? It was noted that it is capable of being secured which is one of the reasons it was selected.</p> <p>A question was raised on the benefits for Billingham? It was noted that the facility would be designed, manufactured and built in the area and that the energy produced could be bought locally. Although employment wise it would be relatively small to maintain the facility its more a case of building an industry here.</p> <p>After discussion the board voted to support the proposal. The two councillors present abstained.</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>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to draft a letter of support on behalf of the board.</p>
<p>9. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>Bert circulated some crime figures received from the police. There has been a 14.85% decrease in crime which is above the borough average for the year.</p> <p>A debate accrued on Anti Social Behaviour but it was noted that although ASB is a priority it is not classed as a crime and hence are not included in the Police figures.</p> <p>A discussion also took place on the governments proposal to pass a minimum price on alcohol</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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No further updates were received from the Children's Trust Board, Housing and Neighbourhoods, Health and Wellbeing, E RTP, Arts and culture and Stockton Renaissance.	Noted.
<p>10. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Community Sector</p> <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: Unfortunately the last meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: JH noted that the CEN meeting on the 26th January will be a 2pm start and the Billingham Network will start at 7pm.</p> <p>JH also noted that there is a meeting on the 8th February 2011 with Mick Williams and the Neighbourhood Policing however this will just be for community and residents groups.</p> <p>Sports development are having a funding workshop at 6pm on Thursday.</p> <p>iii) BELP and Legacy Fund update: No update from the BELP and Legacy Fund.</p> <p>iv) ATS: KB noted that due to an underspend on the Matlock Gardens scheme, due to care for your area teams now being qualified to do speedhumps, there was £7,500 to be allocated. Through discussions with the Chair of the ATS and officers the following was agreed for this money:</p> <p>£1,000 High Clarendes primary school zig zags's £1,000 Northfield school zig zag's £2,000 Extra street lighting between Braid / Cheviot Crescent <u>£3,500</u> Extra street lighting between Melrose / Skipton Road £7,500</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>b. Voluntary Sector: No update.</p> <p>c. Business Sector: No updates.</p> <p>d. Public Sector: Cllr Woodhouse noted that a number of people had mentioned that they like the colour of the forum</p>	
<p>11.Any Other Business None</p>	Noted.
<p>12.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 7th February 2011, 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>	