

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
4th April 2011 5:45pm
Low Grange Community Centre, Billingham

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

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| <p>1. Welcome and Apologies Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p> | <p>No.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| The Chair noted that due to the forthcoming elections the board were in the official purdah period. No decisions or political views would be allowed during the meeting. | |
| <p>2. Declarations of Interest Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p> <p>KB noted an interest in item eight as his business falls within the boundaries of Stockton Town Centre.</p> <p>KB also declared a potential interest under item 10 as he as requested a condition of the pharmacy to provide hard standing adjacent to the development which includes his property.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 7th March 2010 Agreed as a true record.</p> | Noted. |
| <p>4. Matters Arising KB noted that his comments regarding consultations was around the late notice of these and that people need at least a month to get the information circulated to their representative groups.</p> <p>MB noted that there would be a period of about a week where the current premises running the temporary leisure activities would not be available so that equipment could be moved into the Forum.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development IR informed the board that a number of meetings are due to take place this week with Stockland representatives.</p> <p>There has been an issue with broken paving from the market traders vans coming into the Town centre. This is being looked into with SBC and Stockland</p> | IR to circulate notes from the meeting where possible. |

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| <p>It was noted that some of the shops in the centre have been charged for the repairs to the rotunda which is on top of their normal business charges.</p> <p>The Board raised a number of queries to be fed into the discussions with Stockland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query on the Billingham Arms and whether it has closed for refurbishment or not. • Issue of cycling in the Town Centre; it was noted that they appreciated that they should not be rode in the centre but people have been stopped and warned for pushing a cycle through. • Query as to Stocklands intentions with the car park at the back of the centre and whether they will introduce charging. • Query as to Stocklands intention with the flats above the shops and whether they would be used again. <p>JM raised that he had approached the Town Centre manager regarding using the centre as a performance area for the festival but was told there would be a charge so they would not be using it this year.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>IR to feed all the issues back to Stockland at the meeting this week.</p> <p>KS to check with the Police on whether they can issue fines on private land.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>MB noted that SBC after taking legal advice have agreed to hold off any further demolition works until the conclusion of the judicial review. This was agreed to speed up the review hearing which is now due to take place on the 10th May 2011. However it is possible that Bizzy B could take out another injunction even if SBC win but it would have to be on another issue.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>A question was raised on the grant funding from One North East. MB noted that the money has been drawn down from them and Tees Valley Unlimited are currently holding the funding on the Councils behalf.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>A question was raised as to whether the petition that Python Properties have been conducting will be presented at the</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>review. MB noted that they were unsure but to date it has not been logged with the council.</p> <p>c. Forum MB noted that a couple of tours of the Forum have taken place and the facility is changing at a fast pace now.</p> <p>Tours for the board were taking place this week. MB asked those present that had shown an interest if they could make the planned dates this week of either Wednesday am, Thursday all day and potentially Friday. If any members could not make this week more tours could be arranged after the elections as agreed by SBC legal department.</p> <p>d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility It is envisaged that the Department for Health ministers will make a decision before Easter on the mini business case.</p> <p>A question was raised on the proposed new hospital and whether it was going ahead. MB noted that it was still being looked into.</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></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>6. Billingham Forum The Board were introduced to the new Forum manager Roy Broadbent as well as representatives from Tees Active Jeremy Platt and Ian Hodgson from SBC.</p> <p>They noted that the formal arrangements for the maintenance contracts will come into force on the 1st May 2011. This will clearly state who is responsible for which aspects and it is a signed contract. The building will be inspected every two</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>years and every five years a comprehensive inspection will be undertaken. Some of the previous problems have been designed out during the comprehensive refurbishment.</p> <p>It was noted that in terms of the Theatre there is an agreement with Tees Active and Riverside Leisure in which it details who is responsible for which aspects.</p> <p>Tees Active have a fifteen year funding lease with the council, so they can review leisure provision in the future. The lease with Riverside Leisure is different.</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>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>7. QA Consultation Paper</p> <p>AA informed the Board that from a consultation undertaken in 2009 it was noted that there was confusions on Quality Assurances (QA) for the sector. The document is a tool to be used by the sector but it does not replace any of the other quality assurance marks.</p> <p>AA noted that they will be working with the General Practitioner consortia commissioning groups once they have been established.</p> <p>The Board noted that the document probably needs more levels, diversity / equality opportunities and green area policy are missing from the QA mark. They also noted that the funding levels probably need to be reassessed as relatively small groups can access large amounts of funding.</p> <p>The board raised a concern as to whether smaller groups may not be able or want to undertake the work and whether this</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>would effect them. AA assured the board that it is just a tool and that groups have the option to use it.</p> <p>The Board asked whether there would be any training available for groups and what QA would they need to be able to take over an asset. AA informed the board that they are piloting some work to look at the sustainability of the QA and training on it. In terms of assets it would depend on the complexity of the asset.</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>8. Stockton Town Centre Consultation</p> <p>IR gave a presentation to the board on the proposed redevelopment for Stockton Town Centre. He informed the board that there are three main parts to the redevelopment the first part is “we are delivery”. This includes bringing back some car parking provision to the Northern and Southern end of the high street, the public realm in the middle of the high street will be improved and there will be links to an events area, a new area “Infinity View” will be created through the redevelopment of Lindsay House, the market could be relocated to the southern end to have it one location and restoration of the some of the historic buildings in the centre.</p> <p>IR noted that they are concepts at the moment and that they have been drawn up from previous consultations. They will hopefully create a better quality environment and stimulate interest and businesses into the town centre.</p> <p>A question was raised on the timescale for this development. IR noted that a definite timescale has not been set yet as the plans are still out for consultation but they would like to start the work after Christmas on the Northern end to tie in with the Globe redevelopment.</p> <p>A point was noted that shared surfaces i.e. no curbs can be an issue for blind and visually impaired people and that they</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>have to be built to withstand the loads of vehicles.</p> <p>A query was raised on the funding for this redevelopment. IR noted that they have the funding in place for the first phase, i.e. a mixture of public and private investment. The work on the first phase will take around five years to complete. In terms of Lindsay House although there is a rental income from it when the building was purchased it was with the intention to knock it down.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? Yes</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? Yes</p> <p>Any Declarations Of Interest? None</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>9. Thematic Group Updates BS informed that the crime rates are down again.</p> <p>AH informed the board that ERTP had also received the Town Centre redevelopment presentation. Digital City is currently mapping the creative businesses in the area they also can provide support for creative business start ups. AH also informed the board that the Enterprise Zones have been announced with the Tees valley being one of them however the location is still to be agreed.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing, Housing and Neighbourhoods, Arts and Culture, Children’s Trust Board, and Stockton Renaissance have not met or have been cancelled since the last meeting.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>10. Board Updates a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: RMcC gave an update to the Board on the work of the Town Council.</p> <p>The Board noted that the Town Council were one of the forces behind the newspaper.</p> | <p>KS to circulate the report.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>The Board discussed that the additional Enforcement Officers should be complementary to the Borough Council funded Officers not instead of. They requested a breakdown of activity for the Borough Council Officers as well as the Town Council Officers to ensure that this is the case.</p> | <p>BS to check.</p> |
| <p>ii) SBC: Cllr Woodhouse raised that the Central Billingham Residents Association queried whether it was a public right of way next to the community centre as people cut through to get to the Town Centre. He noted that it actually was not a public right of way.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>b. Community Sector: KB noted that there have been some objections raised for the drive through pharmacy and the traffic flow needs to be looked into before it goes ahead.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: No update.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>ii) SRCGA: JS noted that SRCGA were not successful in the tender for the Community Empowerment Network however they will still support grass roots groups.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>A few queries were raised on who will be running it, when will the Billingham Network will be informed of this change, and clarity on what they will actually be doing.</p> | <p>KS to invite the new provider to a future meeting.</p> |
| <p>iii) BELP: No update since the last meeting.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>iv) Legacy Fund update: JM informed the Board that they are looking for volunteers to help raise funding for the Legacy Fund</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>v) Clarences Update: A detailed update will be given at the next meeting.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>c. Voluntary Sector: JM informed the board that they have had discussions with the Theatre in terms of using it as a</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |

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| <p>venue for the Folklore festival. They were informed that they do not believe it will be ready in time for the festival and the costs were too great.</p> <p>JM also informed the Board that Enforcement will be helping with the parades. The Arts and Culture partnership have also withdrawn some funding from the Arts Councils for the festival.</p> <p>KE noted that Churches Together were having their annual Easter walk over the Easter weekend.</p> <p>d. Business Sector: Issues raised under item 5</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>11.Any Other Business</p> <p>The Chair informed the board that David Campbell will be retiring at the end of April 2011 so will no longer be a board member. The Chair and the Board expressed their thanks for all the work and support that David has given the board and wished him luck in his future endeavours.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>12.Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 9th May 2011, 5:30pm, Clarences 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> | |