

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
9th May 2011 5:30pm
Clarences 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), Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Association), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), 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), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council)</p> <p>* Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p><u>Advisors:</u> Mike Bowron, Kelly Smith (Stockton Borough Council), Danielle Barns, Paul McGee (Know How North East), Kevin Pitt (BELP)</p>
<p><u>Observer:</u></p>
<p><u>Apologies</u> Hilary Aggio (Stockton Borough Council), Ken Ellis (Churches Together in Billingham), Victoria Cooling (North Tees Teaching PCT), Insp Andy Fox (Cleveland Police), James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Chris Humpleby (Over 50's Assembly), Louise McDonald (Stockton Borough Council), Carol Redden (Grindon Parish Council), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough 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>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 4th April 2011 Agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising KB noted that the Billingham Network had sent a letter to Lesley King regarding the Community Empowerment Network.</p> <p>GMcG noted that he had raised a query at the last meeting on what was happening now that Building Schools for the Future has been stopped. He also noted that there was still no information on the query on the Billingham Arms and whether it has closed for refurbishment or not.</p> <p>KB asked whether there had been an update on the request for a breakdown of activity for the Borough Council funded Enforcement Officers as well as the Town Council funded Officers to ensure that the Town Council activity is additional. RMcC informed the Board that this had not been progressed but will look into it for the next meeting.</p> <p>GS queried whether there had been any feedback from the queries raised at the April Board meeting for Stockland. MB noted that he would look into them.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to provide MB with the list of queries.</p>
<p>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update</p> <p>a. Town Centre Development MB informed the Board that the council had their meeting with Stockland. They are looking to progress on the supermarket on the west precinct but it will be around two months before it is resolved. This will have an effect on toilet provision. The Board noted that they were unhappy with this lack of provision and queried whether there was a legal requirement to have them.</p> <p>b. Billingham House MB noted that review hearing is due on the 10th May 2011.</p> <p>c. Forum</p>	<p>MB to check if there is any legal requirement and whether the facilities at the Forum could be used in the interim. Noted.</p>

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<p>MB noted that there are some remedial works to be undertaken due to sub contractors but it is being handed over to Tees Active from the main contractor today.</p>	Noted.
<p>MB noted that the external air conditioning units are to be secured.</p>	Noted.
<p>MB to check if there are sin bins in the ice rink for the ice hockey games.</p>	Noted.
<p>d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility</p>	
<p>MB informed the Board that they are looking at different ways to deliver this project although discussions are at a very early stage.</p>	Noted.
<p>VS noted that at a LINK meeting last week they had received an update. VS noted that she had been informed that “NHS Stockton- on- Tees remains committed to providing care closer to home as outlined in the Momentum: pathways to healthcare programme and is now working closely with Stockton Borough Council to explore alternative options for the development of Billingham Town Centre, including the possibility of a new building and the refurbishment of existing buildings. Part of the work currently ongoing includes a scoping exercise of existing premises in Billingham to ensure that they are all being utilised to their full potential and this work will help to inform future planning for Billingham Town Centre”.</p>	Noted.
<p>This will effect the size and scope of the proposed hospital at Wynyard, the facility is still planned to go ahead but it will be smaller.</p>	Noted.
<p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</p>	
<p>No</p>	
<p>Are any other boards affected?</p>	
<p>No</p>	
<p>Any Declarations Of Interest?</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>6. Clarences Update</p>	

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<p>Paul McGee went through some of the work being undertaken at the Clarences as detailed in their development plan for example they have secured a licence for the Post Office and will be undertaking a small consultation in the area on the services required before it is reinstated in the centre; the multi agency CCTV cameras are in use in the hotspot areas; Sure Start are providing pre-school educational provision for 15 two year olds living in the Clarences; the ICT suite has been re-established in the building and to date it has helped 55 people back into work and they are also looking to establish either a walk to work or cycle to work scheme with local businesses which will also hopefully get people back into work.</p> <p>PMcG noted that transport was still a major issue for the area and they are currently looking into community transport arrangements. The other major barrier for the area is the postcode. It was noted that it would be up to the Council to change the postcode however if they were able to change it they would also look to change the name in conjunction with the residents of the area.</p> <p>The Board noted that they fully support the work that is being undertaken in the Clarences.</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>7. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>BS circulated crime figures for the Billingham area and noted that there had been a 15.91% decrease in over all crime. There had been a decrease in all crime categories apart from the 'theft other' category which had increased but this may be due to the increase in metal theft.</p> <p>JS informed the Board that the Health and Wellbeing partnership had its last meeting until the new board is established.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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Housing and Neighbourhoods, Arts and Culture, Children's Trust Board, and Stockton Renaissance have not met or the representatives were unable to attend.	Noted.
<p>8. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: RMcC noted that the issues raised at the last Town Council meeting with KB were in the hands of the council officers. Board members requested more information on this issue. KB informed the Board that he had received correspondence from the Town Council relating to his conduct in meetings however he has not been told directly what the issues are.</p> <p>GMcG asked who KB represents when attending the Town Council meetings, whether a complaint had been received by the Northern Area Board or the Billingham Network. KB replied that he attends as a member of the public and that no complaints had been received by the Board or Network.</p> <p>The Board noted that this was an issue between KB and the Town Council</p> <p>ii) SBC: Cllr Woodhouse noted that there will more than likely be a new direction which is still to be agreed.</p> <p>b. Community Sector:</p> <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: No update the next meeting is on the 23rd May 2011.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: JS noted that SRCGA were moving to Marlborough House on Yarm Road.</p> <p>iii) BELP: KP informed the Board of some of the work being undertaken by the BELP. They have undertaken a full audit of the allotments within the Clarences with the help of the Clarences leisure and garden association. They are hoping to draw down some funding to establish a dedicated area for a Clarences Equine Association. There are a number of horse owners using the allotments and they would like to have an area dedicated for them freeing up some of the allotments. This is an area that once established could be expanded into horse management and Ferrier training.</p> <p>They are working with a number of young people on their dedicated allotment and are looking to put water and electricity</p>	<p>RMcC to feed back to the town council</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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facilities into the site which could be used to house the CCTV cameras.	
They are also looking to enter the Britain in Bloom competition and are working with Network rail on a project around heritage railings for the area which would cost around £97 thousand.	Noted.
The farm is currently being used as a training base for hard landscaping work and hopefully in the future a gateway to Saltholme.	Noted.
JH noted that the MUGA and play area are in great condition and that the community have really taken ownership of them.	Noted.
iv) Legacy Fund update: JM informed the Board that the next meeting is due on the 2nd June 2011 and they have over £7k in the fund.	Noted.
v) Clarences Update: Issues raised under item 6.	Noted.
vi) ATS: The next meeting will be held on the 9 th June at 6:30 at the Forum. KB informed the Board that the Community Engineer initiative which was introduced in 2001/2 has been suspended with immediate effect and that any concerns over speeding or requests for traffic calming should be directed to technicalservices@stockton.gov.uk .	Noted.
KB also notes that the budget for the Northern ATS had been raised to £30,000 which is in addition to the new Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) allocated of £20,000.	Noted.
c. Voluntary Sector: GH informed the Board that the Low Grange Community Centre has changed its name to Low Grange Community Resources Centre. The centre has its IT training suite back up and running Monday to Friday 10 till 12:30pm.	Noted.
d. Business Sector: No update.	

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<p>9.Any Other Business The Chair informed the Board the LINK AGM was being held on the 6th June between 11 and 2:30pm.</p> <p>KB noted that SBC had refused Python Properties permission to present their petition on Billingham House to the leader of the Council as it was the purdah period although the officers could accept it.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>10.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 6th June 2011, 5:45pm, Low Grange Community, Billingham</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>	