

Minutes
The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)
Monday 6th June 2011, 6 p.m. at The Wilson Centre, Long Newton

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg **(MR)** - SBC
Members: Jennifer Pinkney **(JP)** – Yarm Residents, Maurice Snowdon **(MS)** – Over 50's Assembly, Philip Addison **(PA)** – Yarm Fellowship Committee, John Rosser **(JR)** – Long Newton Parish Council, Geoff Turner **(GT)** – Eaglescliffe and Egglecliffe Parish Council and Cllr Alan Lewis – **(AL)** - SBC

Advisors:
 Sophie Richardson **(SR)** and Cllr Phil Dennis **(PD)**

Apologies
 Bill Johnson
 Doug Nicholson
 Hazel MacGregor
 Marjorie Simpson
 Victoria Cooling

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions Members were introduced and welcomed to the Western Area Partnership. The meeting was not quorate so no decisions were made		No
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		No
3. Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.		No
4. Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of previous meeting on 28 th March 2011 agreed as an accurate and true record.		Noted
5. Matters Arising Jennie Beaumont has been a very supportive and valuable member of the WAPB and also to Maureen Rigg over previous years. Jennie has not stood for re-election and will no longer be a member on the Board. MR would like to write to Jennie on behalf of the Board to thank her for		Noted Agreed

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<p>her contribution over the years.</p>		
<p>6. Community Fund Update There had been some issues with Challoner House due to the roof collapsing, which resulted in some of the course being suspended. 14 people have signed up for the IT courses and it is currently running with 7 people on each session. Received good feedback from people attending the course and it was positive to see people who had never used a computer before attending the course.</p> <p>First Aid course has had to be cancelled due to the issues with Challoner House, this had been rescheduled and 12 people had signed up. 9 learners have signed up to attend the Food Hygiene course. The majority of the learners who have signed up are young mums, so crèche facilities have been provided.</p> <p>Taster sessions were held at Preston Park, the attendance was poor, but this could have been a result of the poor weather on the day. Taster sessions have arranged for 10th June at Preston Primary School with the Head Teacher agreeing to circulate leaflets to parents. 20th May is Adult Learners week and hoping to promote the work of Tees Achieve during this time. A presentation took place at Challoner House on 19th May.</p> <p>Tees Achieve are looking to get people to progress into mainstream courses in September. Currently Tees Achieve are working with Tristar Homes Patch Managers to recruit learners and this has proved useful in getting new people using local centres.</p> <p>MR attended the celebration event at Challoner House where learners were presented with their certificates. MR met the learners, some who were young mums and was really pleased to see how enthusiastic they were and how they are looking forward to getting enrolled on further courses. The learners took the event as an opportunity to thank Tees Achieve and the Board for arranging the taster sessions. As a result one of the young women is now volunteering and 1 is actively looking for work. The word is definitely spreading within the community and the Board thanked Jennifer Pinkney for recommending Challoner House as a venue. The Board still has £11,000 remaining and is working with Tees Achieve to look at holding some CV writing, Interview Techniques and Food Hygiene courses for School leavers within the Western Area.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>7. Western Area Transport Strategy Western Area Transport Strategy meeting will be held on 20th June 2011 @ 6.30 p.m. at the Claireville Hotel. The Western Area will have £30,000 LTP3 funding and £20,000 for sustainable transport projects which include walking and cycling not public transport. Cllr Dennis informed the Board of residents raising issues on Greenfield Drive and Durham Road turning circle and the difficulties for residents crossing.</p>		
<p>8. Western Area Youth Board – Uz The newly formed Western Area Youth Board met on Wednesday 25th May and agreed to call the new group Uz. Most young people who attended were from Layfield Youth Club. It is hoped that 2 members of each Area Board Youth group will be elected to sit on a Youth Board. WAPB identified that it would be useful to try and get a mix of young people from across the Western Area and look to utilise Youth Groups in Long Newtown, Eaglescliffe and Yarm. WAPB also discussed using Facebook and email to keep young people informed.</p>		Noted
<p>9. Thematic Partnership Update An update on the Thematic Partnerships was circulated. PA provided an update on the Economic and Transport partnership. The Environment Partnership was postponed. JR received papers for the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership however they were very late and he was unable to attend.</p>		Noted
<p>10. External Funding None</p>		
<p>11. Any Other Business The WAPB to send a special invite to Inspector Mal Suggitt who has replaced Ian Garret. PA updated the Board on the consultation carried out by Tees Heritage Park which received 100 responses. The artists are now working up plans and designs and planning permission is almost ready to be submitted for 5 sites. The Board has a dedicated seat for Tees Valley Rural Community Council (TVRCC), but as yet it has not been filled. Fiona Chesters has been put nominated by TVRCC.</p>		<p>SR to send a special invite to Inspector Suggitt.</p> <p>SR to add Fiona Chesters to future mailing lists.</p>
<p>12. Date and Time of Next Meeting 27th June 2011, 6 p.m. at Eaglescliffe Village Hall</p>		