

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
21st June 2011, 9.30 am at Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby.

Members:

Chair: Graeme Oram (**GO**) – Five Lamps, Tom Bowman (**TB**) – Ingleby Barwick Parish Council, Carol Adams (**CA**) – Village Park Residents, Cllr Kevin Faulks (**KF**) – SBC, Dorothy Fairhurst (**DF**) – Over 50's Assembly, Diane Patterson (**DP**) – Tees Credit Union, Cllr Tracey Stott (**TS**) - SBC

*Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Haleem Ghafoor (**HG**), and Tracey Roberts (**TR**) – SRCGA, Jill Anderson (**JA**) – SBC, Ray Morton (**RM**) – Teesdale Friends of the Park

Apologies:

Members:

Doug Nicholson
 Cllr Sylvia Walmsley
 Victoria Cooling

Advisors/ Observers:

Nigel Laws
 Rachel Cockerill
 Katherine Linton

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1. Welcome and Introductions Board members and advisors were welcomed to the meeting		Noted
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		Noted

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<p>3. Declaration of Interest</p> <p>GO declared an interest in Item 6 as Chief Executive of the Five Lamps Organisation, as they receive revenue from the Communities Fund.</p> <p>DP declared an interest in Item 6 as Manager of Tees Credit Union who has received funding from the Communities Fund.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4. Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 31st May 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		<p>Agreed</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>For the record, please note that Cllr Stott did not receive the papers ahead of the meeting, therefore was not in attendance at the last meeting.</p>		<p>Noted</p>
<p>6. Communities Fund update</p> <p>Teesdale park – Ray Morton</p> <p>Ray Morton (RM) gave an update on the progress to date. He gave an overview of the park and explained how useful it has been to provide the community room, which is still being rented out. RM informed members that he met with both Thornaby Academy and the Westland's who have agreed to use the classroom as a pilot, where they will be able to undertake work such as orienteering etc; The long term view is that the classroom will become regularly used as an educational facility in the community. In terms of Teesdale Park, work is continuing to develop and creation of a forest environment and refurbishment is continuing until the official launch which is on the 28th August 2011, at 2pm. RM cordially invited all board members to attend, and stated that an official invitation will be sent out to all members nearer the time.</p>		<p>Noted</p>

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<p>RM explained that the football club has also benefited from the renovation and now has a new fence. New groups are also beginning to become involved and using the facilities i.e. a running network. RM stated that he continuously wants to work to get more residents and groups involved.</p> <p>It was queried where the entrance was for the park. RM explained that the park is signposted under Thornaby FC for now, which is next to the Golf Club on Acklam Road.</p> <p>GO discussed the vision for the park and some of the possibilities i.e. by bringing the children and young people to help develop the park, and get them involved in activities, bringing the park to life, by clearing the River Tees and developing the park as nature reserve, linking it with the Tees Heritage Park etc;</p> <p>It was queried how many football pitches there were available and who owned the building. RM stated 3 and that the building was owned by the football club. RM stated that a lot more new people from the community had begun to use the park and that the gates had been put back. The length of the walkway was asked about. RM stated that the left pathway takes you up to Teesside Park.</p> <p>The flytipping was problem was discussed; however RM stated that the main problem of arson and flytipping had improved immensely. It was felt that the park was recognised now more as a potential valuable site for Thornaby and its community, with a much improved green space and that the building would be great educational facility for the community to use in the future.</p> <p>GO asked whether there was an opportunity for a future Area Partnership meeting to be held in the cabin. RM agreed that it could be arranged. SR to arrange the September 11 meeting in the cabin at Teesdale park.</p> <p>Windmill park – Cllr Faulks and Keith Matthews Cllr Faulks updated the board on progress with this scheme. KF explained how the park is</p>		<p>SR to arrange the September 11 meeting in the cabin at Teesdale park.</p>

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<p>much needed increasingly in the area as the other parks are too far away fro some of the communities of Ingleby Barwick to access. He informed the board that the work is progressing well and that the school is working alongside them in partnership and is also investing several thousand pounds into the park. The school has also been involved in the design of the park and there have been no objections from residents in the area. There is still some fencing which requires completion and the enforcement team have agreed to open and close gates for the park.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the importance of these parks in some of the areas, where these had not been planned for originally when Ingleby Barwick was being developed.</p> <p>KF noted that the contribution and support from the board has helped immensely. GO noted that Keith Matthews and team have done a fantastic job on developing parks across the area.</p> <p>Stockton Communities Fund update to Renaissance GO gave an update on the Communities Fund item which went to the Stockton Renaissance Partnership Board on the 14th June 2011.</p> <p>Some key achievements from the report were highlighted, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the two years to March 2011 the Communities Fund providers have engaged with and completed action plans for 2,716 residents. This is 133% above profile. • Some of the priority groups engaged included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 338 lone parents; ○ 157 people with a drug or alcohol issue, of which at least 52 are currently in drug treatment; ○ 288 ex-offenders, of which a minimum of 15 are either Prolific Offenders (PPO), High Crime Causers (HCC) or meet the Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR); ○ 227 people with a health condition; ○ 194 residents from a black or ethnic minority community; ○ Over 300 residents have cited multiple barriers not included in the above 		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>figures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After two years of delivery 1,037 of those residents engaged have found work, which equates to a ratio of 2.6:1, an improvement since the 18 month report. <p>GO updated on how the work in Thornaby was undertaken through the Five Lamps has gone really well with the JSA percentage decreased whereas the national trend has increased. GO explained how the number of people claimed who have been sustained in employment at 26 weeks is now 401, an increase of 246 in the last six months. As a result the job retention rate is now 62%, which is a very good return compared to mainstream programmes. GO also informed the board of how to date over £750,000 has been paid to subcontracting organisations.</p> <p>The key achievements of the work through the Future Jobs Fund was also explained of how after the initial 26 weeks of Future Jobs Fund 162 people were still in employment. The Future Jobs Fund scheme ended in March 2011 after which 38 people were retained in employment by their Future Jobs Fund host organisation, 35 have found jobs with other employers and some others have now chosen to return to full time education. A staggering 628 pieces of accredited training was undertaken, with 80 NVQs being completed and 27 full apprenticeship frameworks.</p> <p>The work undertaken through the Area Partnerships was noted as being successful, as these small sums of funding help attract larger investment. The Eastern Area Partnership had received a total of £114,359. Some examples of the Eastern Area funded projects in particular for example the Reaching Eastern Areas Together project (REACT), Debt Advice and Support which were both funded over the three years and the Credit Union Capacity Building project.</p> <p>The REACT project in last year alone has engaged with 367 young people and the allotment project has been a great success. The Debt Advice project has caseloaded over 300 people and dealt with debts totalling well over £1 million. The Credit Union has had an increase of 65 new accounts in the last year.</p>		

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<p>There was a discussion about the difference small amounts of delegated budgets can make for example the difference its making to Teesdale Park and the Area transport budgets.</p> <p>The work achieved through the Enterprise Gateways was noted for example how up to the end of March 2011 the Enterprise Gateways have provided a minimum of 3 hours of enterprise coaching to more than 646 residents and supported the creation of 147 businesses. The work taken place within schools on Enterprise culture was also noted as being extremely successful.</p> <p>GO finally updated the group on the 'Over the threshold project' and informed the group how the success of the enterprise work had been the engaging and doing the one to one with the community stuff.</p>		
<p>7. Eastern Area Transport Strategy</p> <p>GO updated the board on the Eastern Area Transport Strategy meeting which was held on Monday 13th June, 6.30 p.m. at the Five Lamps Organisation. The ATS allocation for 2011 / 12 was £30,000 and for Local Sustainable Transport funding there was £20,000 available. Transport had £10,000 to be used to supplement Thorntree remedials and Westbury Street.</p> <p>The following schemes were put forward to be used through the LST funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barley Fields / St Therese of Liseux Primary School 20 mph and school zone. • Bader Primary 20 mph and school zone • Thornaby Church of England School zone and 20 mph • Myton Park Primary School 20 mph. <p>The Board agreed to the LSTF projects subject to contribution from Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>Thorntree Road Remedials Board agreed to use £26,500 out of this year's allocation. Transport are looking to review the scheme to see if they can reduce costs further</p>		Noted

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<p>Maltby Traffic Calming Agreed to put 2 SIDs at a cost of £5,000 each with contributions of £2,000 from Maltby Parish Council and £3,000 from Local Ward Councillors budget, with the remaining amount being used out of the ATS budget.</p> <p>Havilland Road Street Lighting £5,000 to be used from Street Lighting budget £2,500 to be used from ATS budget £2,500 to be used from Local Ward Councillors budget</p> <p>Station Street £3,000 to be used from the ATS budget subject to Local Ward Councillors contributing £2,000.</p> <p>Westbury Street Agreed to use £3,000 ATS budget and to find remaining £2,000 from Local Ward Councillors budget.</p>		
<p>9. Thematic Partnership Update</p> <p>GO was unable to attend the Children Trust Board.</p> <p>GO noted the e-mail from the Safer Stockton partnership. It was agreed that Mal would be encouraged to attend future meetings and report back to the partnership.</p> <p>GO informed the group that there were no updates from the Children's Trust Board and updated the group on the Health Improvement Partnership which was currently in transition to a Health & Well Being board.</p> <p>HG agreed to ensure that DF is invited to a future Culture Partnership meeting.</p>		<p>Noted</p>

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HG stated that he will request that SR brings a list of dates and times of all the thematic partnerships meetings to the next board meeting.		SR to bring a list of dates and times of all thematic partnership meetings to a future meeting.
<p>10. External Funding</p> <p>None</p>		Noted
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>GO invited members to put forward agenda items for future meetings.</p> <p>Some suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tees Heritage Park (which is coming to the next meeting) • An update on Stockton Town Centre was requested; • An update on North Shore was also requested. <p>It was felt that even though these items were in the Central area they still have an effect on the Eastern area therefore an update would be useful.</p> <p>Other items requested included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Tristar Neasham site • Update on the Inshops • Update on Teesside park • Update on Mandale park <p>Members were requested to put forward any ideas to SR in the future.</p>		Noted

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12. Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday 26 th July 2011, 9:30am at The Five Lamps, Eldon Street.		Noted