

**Minutes**  
**The Northern Area Partnership Board**  
**4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 5:45pm**  
**Low Grange Community Centre, Billingham**

<p><b>Chair:</b>  Val Scollen (<b>Roscoe Road Residents Association</b>)</p> <p><b>Members:</b>  Gerald Barrass (<b>Low Grange Residents Association</b>), Kevin Bowler (<b>North Billingham Residents Association</b>), Cath Coldbeck (<b>Stockton &amp; District Trade Union</b>), Ken Ellis (<b>Churches Together in Billingham</b>), Fred Gook (<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>), Geoff Harrison (<b>Low Grange Community Centre</b>), Chris Humpleby (<b>Over 50's Assembly</b>), Joe Maloney (<b>Billingham International Folklore Festival</b>), Ged McGuire (<b>South Billingham Residents Association</b>), Jim Scollen (<b>Old Billingham Community Association</b>), Bert Smailes (<b>Safer Billingham Partnership</b>), Barry Woodhouse (<b>Stockton Borough Council</b>)</p> <p>* Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p><b>Advisors:</b>  Mathew Clifford, Hazel Grant, Sean McEneany, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith (<b>Stockton Borough Council</b>), Roy Sandbach (<b>Billingham Town Council</b>)</p>
<p><b>Observer:</b>  Hilary Aggio, Andrew Sturrock, Sandra Sturrock (<b>Public</b>)</p>
<p><b>Apologies</b>  Mike Bowron (<b>Stockton Borough Council</b>), Victoria Cooling (<b>North Tees Teaching PCT</b>), Insp Andy Fox (<b>Cleveland Police</b>), Sandy Gibson – Bell (<b>Disability Advisory Forum</b>), James Hadman (<b>Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association</b>), Andy Hatton (<b>Federation of Small Businesses</b>), Ray McCall (<b>Billingham Town Council</b>), Louise McDonald (<b>Stockton Borough Council</b>), Carol Redden (<b>Grindon Parish Council</b>), Gil Smith (<b>Billingham Business Association</b>), Kim Staff (<b>Stockton Borough Council</b>), Mike Womphrey (<b>Stockton Borough Council</b>),</p>

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<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b>  Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>  Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p><b>3. Approval of the last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>  A spelling mistake was noted on page 9 it should read "Skate park"</p> <p>Agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b>  None.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update</b></p> <p><b>a. Town Centre Development</b>  IR noted that the new BM store is due to open in August. IR also informed the Board that the traders have been given a letter today informing them that market vehicles are banned from the centre. Sessions for the traders are being offered to ensure that that no stalls are lost.</p> <p>A query was raised on whether SBC vehicles will be allowed onto water the plants in the centre. IR noted that Stockland will be taking over the maintenance of these from now on.</p> <p>The group noted that some of the traders operate from their vehicles so this would directly effect them. IR noted that that this is something that will have to be looked at and they will try and get them a pitch to suit them but this will be discussed at the sessions.</p> <p>IR noted that work has started on units 27 – 31 Queensway and the new store will hopefully be opened in January 2012. If the work is completed in October 2011 they may open early however under the terms of the agreement they are under no obligation to do so.</p> <p><b>b. Billingham House</b>  IR noted that the hearing was adjourned till the 17 – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Planning committee upheld the decision to demolish the building at the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>Python Properties presented their petition to Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. GMcG noted that there was only 59 people on the petition from the Billingham South ward and in terms of the funding if they were not successful it would be Bizzy Bee that would be putting their money forward not Python Properties.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>The group agreed through majority vote that they would still support the council line in their decision. To note one member abstained from voting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>c. Forum</b></p>	
<p>IR noted that the Forum has been open for over a month and there has been a lot of support and people visiting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>GMcG noted that between 4 and 5 o'clock young people can access the gym and queried whether this time could be extended so that parents that work can attend with them. IR to check this out.</p>	<p>IR to chase this issue up.</p>
<p>Hillary Aggio noted that there is now wheelchairs available at the centre for members of the public who have mobility issues.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>d. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility</b></p>	
<p>IR informed the Board that there were no further updates on this development.</p>	<p>Noted,</p>
<p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b></p>	
<p>No</p>	
<p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b></p>	
<p>No</p>	
<p><b>Any Declarations Of Interest?</b></p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p><b>6. Youth Board Update</b></p>	
<p>Unfortunately no one attended to undertake this agenda item.</p>	<p>KS to get a update</p>

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<p><b>7. Protecting Playing Fields</b>  Unfortunately no one attended to undertake this agenda item although a report was circulated with the papers. This will be put on to the forward plan for a future date</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>  No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>  no</p> <p><b>Any Declarations Of Interest?</b>  None</p>	<p>KS to put on the Forward Plan</p>
<p><b>8. Planning for Housing</b>  Mathew Clifford from Planning attended the Board to raise awareness of the consultation on the Planning for Housing issues and options document which starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and runs until the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011. MC informed the Board that the strategy in the adopted Core Strategy focused the bulk of housing development in the core areas of Stockton in particular the riverside sites. It has been highlighted in some recent work that from 2021 to the end of the plan period (2028) there are not enough housing sites that are deliverable and compliant with the preferred areas identified in the adopted Core Strategy. The result is a gap of about 2800 dwellings.</p> <p>The consultation document does identify some potential sites as options for housing development, all of which have sustainability issues and objectives identified. There are two areas identified in Billingham these are: North West Billingham and Billingham Bottoms. The group noted that there is an issue with flooding at Billingham Bottoms. MC noted</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>that these comments need to be fed into the consultation.</p>	
<p>A query was raised on whether the Clarences was a village. MC noted that it was not defined as a village. It was also noted that a site near Cowpen Bewley had been put forward for consideration in a technical study (the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). However, this site is not mentioned in the issues and options document. This is because although the issues and options document discusses the principle of village extensions, it does not identify potential village extensions.</p>	Noted.
<p>MC noted that the document also discusses the future of Wynyard including Wynyard Park, which is currently identified as a key employment location. It also discusses Wynyard as a housing location and asks if housing were permitted in the broad Wynyard area then where should it be located and what type of properties should be part of the mix. A query was raised on whether affordable housing would be included on this site. MC noted that this is one of the questions asked in the document.</p>	Noted.
<p>The comment was made that it would be beneficial to look at the type of housing that is needed for the estimated shortfall of 2,800 i.e. is it family homes or executive etc. MC stated that such comments would be welcomed through the consultation so that the views could be taken into account.</p>	Noted.
<p>A query was raised concerning the New Homes Bonus. MC stated that the New Homes Bonus is an incentive for house building which the current government has introduced.. For each house built the Local Authority receives a financial benefit.</p>	Noted.
<p>A query was raised on the housing targets referred to in the issues and options document. MC informed the Board that they were based on the regional spatial strategy and that people can comment on the validity of the statistics in the consultation.</p>	Noted.
<p>MC concluded by stating that a questionnaire is available on the Council's website and hard copies have been left in the libraries and planning reception at Gloucester House, Church Road, Stockton.</p>	Noted.

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<p><b>9. Parkside Care Home</b>  Hazel Grant (HG) informed the Board that Stockton Council has been going through a review process of all its services since 2009 known as Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT). At the same time the PCT expressed an interest in developing the Alma site where Alma House and Alma Day Service were located, the funding raised from the purchase of the site was used to extend the Halcyon centre in Thornaby in order for the service at Alma Centre to be re-located.</p> <p>HG noted that at the time the funding was available there were no plans to extend Parkside. The layout of the facility is not adequate for example two people cannot pass in the corridor, there are only two main rooms which do not easily facilitate small group activities and have evolved into male/female segregation making it difficult to provide any shared activities.</p> <p>The numbers attending Parkside and Halcyon Centre have fallen recently due to the introduction of the revised FACS banding whereby only clients with substantial or critical needs are eligible to attend. The proposal which is the focus of the consultation is to provide the service at the Halcyon centre where they have recently refurbished facilities and the capacity to accommodate the users. The current users have been asked what they like about their current provision with the majority highlighting the staff, the meals and the community transport as their main points. If the proposal is approved the staff will have the same terms and conditions and hours and the users will attend on the same day etc. In terms of travel HG informed the board that there will be no additional costs to the individuals and that small buses will be used so that there are shorter collections and drop of journeys. The users will also be having visits to the new facility in the coming weeks.</p> <p>HG noted that the only other option as Parkside cannot be modified would be personalised budgets so that individuals can buy / access their own services.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>Cllr Woodhouse noted that although it was a shame to lose a facility in Billingham the Halcyon centre was excellent.</p> <p>HG offered the Board a visit to both centres and anyone interested should contact Kelly Smith to arrange.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>  Yes</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>  No</p> <p><b>Any Declarations Of Interest?</b>  None</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>10. Thematic Group Updates</b></p> <p>BS informed the Board that the next Safer Stockton Partnership meeting was on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011.</p> <p>GH informed the Board that at the Children’s Trust Board it was noted that the local authority still had the mobile skate park but that it was only used at special events due to costs.</p> <p>GH also noted that there is currently a pilot on mental health being undertaken in Billingham Schools, the number of referrals from the Common Assessment Framework has increased and the Shadow Youth Board is now up and running.</p> <p>GMcG asked what was happening with the out of hours youth provision for St Michael’s and Northfield schools.</p> <p>VS noted that the last Stockton Renaissance meeting agenda were all items that had already been to the Board</p> <p>Arts and Culture, E RTP, Heath and Wellbeing and Housing and Neighbourhoods have not met or the meeting has been cancelled since the last Board meeting</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>GH to raise at the next meeting</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p><b>11. Board Updates</b></p> <p><b>a. Public Sector: i) Town Council:</b> No update as the representative had left the meeting. KB informed the Board that the Town Council had been approached by SBC for them to takeover the running of the café in John Whitehead Park from Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm during the summer. VS noted that the supporters of John Whitehead Park no nothing about the approach.</p> <p><b>ii) SBC:</b> No further update</p> <p><b>b. Community Sector:</b></p> <p><b>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park:</b> No update</p> <p><b>ii) SRCGA:</b> No update</p> <p><b>iii) BELP:</b> 12 schools have joined the planting scheme.</p> <p><b>iv) Legacy Fund update:</b> No update</p> <p><b>v) Clarences Update:</b> No update</p> <p><b>vi) ATS:</b> Report was circulated with the papers.</p> <p><b>vii) Over 50's assembly:</b> Issues raised under item 9.</p> <p><b>c. Voluntary Sector:</b> JM noted that the Folklore Festival will be taking place from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011.</p> <p><b>d. Business Sector:</b> No update</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</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><b>12. Any Other Business</b>  KS noted that there will be a workshop on Asset Transfer on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011 for those considering taking over an asset.</p> <p>Sandra Sturrock informed the Board that she is working with young people from the Billingham area who are interested in BMX's. They are registered with the cycle network however the only resources locally is in Hartlepool but they would like something in Billingham. They have had a meeting with Parks and Bert and has identified a potential area on Greenwood Road</p> <p>The Board support the need for the track.</p>	<p>KS to send KB the information.  GH to take this to the next Play Partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>12.Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 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 <a href="mailto:kelly.smith@stockton.gov.uk">kelly.smith@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Noted.</p>