

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
3rd September 2011 5:45pm
Low Grange Community Centre, Billingham

<p><u>Chair:</u> Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Residents Association)</p> <p><u>Members:</u> Hilary Aggio (Over 50's Assembly), Gerald Barrass (Low Grange Residents Association), Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association), Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Ken Ellis (Churches Together in Billingham), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), 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> Beccy Brown, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith (Stockton Borough Council), James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Helen Atkinson (Billingham Town Council)</p>
<p><u>Observer:</u></p>
<p><u>Apologies</u> Mike Bowron (Stockton Borough Council), Victoria Cooling (North Tees Teaching PCT), Insp Andy Fox (Cleveland Police), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Ray McCall (Billingham Town Council), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Janet Stubbs (Job Centre Plus), Mike Womphrey (Stockton Borough Council),</p>

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board. Apologies were noted.</p>	<p>No. Noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 4th July 2011 A spelling mistake was noted on page 6 it should read "purchase"</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>A query was raised on protecting playing fields. It was noted that an update would be coming to a future Board meeting.</p> <p>Agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising None.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>IR informed the Board that a meeting took place last week between Stockland and SBC. A meeting is due to take place on Thursday between elected borough Council Members and Stockland from which a press release will be issued. Unfortunately nothing further could be said at this moment although IR reiterated that Stockland and SBC are committed to the regeneration of Billingham Town centre.</p> <p>KB noted that his residents group has had no response from correspondence sent to Stockland and the Board noted that they would like to see a detailed programme or principles of proposals for the work in the centre after the meeting on Thursday and also a coherent communications plan so that the right messages are getting out to the public.</p> <p>IR informed the Board that the new representative for Stockland in Billingham is Alison Robertson.</p> <p>The Board raised concerns again on the Billingham Arms Hotel and what is happening to the building.</p> <p>b. Billingham House IR informed the Board that the as from this afternoon work will begin on site to demolish Billingham House however it was noted that Bizzy B have until the 19th September 2011 to appeal against the decision of the judicial review.</p> <p>c. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility</p>	<p>Noted. IR to get an update on what has been committed for the Board. Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to write to the Landlords.</p> <p>KS to circulate the press release.</p>

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<p>IR informed the Board that there were no further updates on this development.</p> <p>KS informed the Board that representatives from the PCT would be coming to the October meeting and if any one had any queries to get them to her in advance.</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>6. EIG Consultation</p> <p>Beccy Brown informed the Board that the consultation on the proposed changes to the early years services is going to all the Area Partnership Boards, Thematic Partnerships and CEN along with sessions at all the Children's Centres.</p> <p>BB noted that from December 2010 the Early Interventions Grant replaced the previous grant that funded early years services but with a 25% cut hence the need to look at how the services could be ran in the future. There are two main principles to the consultation firstly to target services to areas most in need and secondly to work in partnership with local organisations. SBC will continue to coordinate the services, offer free nursery places for all 3 and 4 year olds and to ensure there are sufficient places, continue to offer Information Advice and Guidance and operate a network of Children's Centres.</p> <p>The consultation document details all the proposals and the consultation runs to the 7th October 2011. There are a number of ways people can give feedback either people can complete the questionnaire at the back of the document and send it back via the free post envelope or on line.</p> <p>There is a public meeting at the Forum Tuesday night where people can ask questions etc. the sessions were advertised in the children's centres, through mail outs via midwives etc information was provided in local libraries, information was put</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>in schools bags before the children broke up for schools as well.</p> <p>The Board suggested having information at the Billingham Carnival and getting information out via Stockton LINK.</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>KS to send details to BB.</p>
<p>7. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>BS informed the Board that he didn't have the crime figures at hand to circulate although as noted previously there has been an increase in "theft other" which is mainly due to metal theft. At the last meeting they had a presentation from the Drugs Team which was very interesting. The Board agreed to have a presentation from them at a future meeting to look at the issues in Billingham.</p> <p>GH informed the Board that the Children's Trust Board did not meet in August. However at the last Play Partnership he raised the issue of the mobile skate park. He was informed that it could not be hired out as the people who run it are being made redundant and they are currently looking at selling the facility back to the suppliers. It was noted that the YMCA also have a mobile skate park facility that can be hired out.</p> <p>GH also raised the issue of capacity of the community representatives on the partnership as the information is a lot to take in and that it is a big time commitment. JH noted that this is an issue with all reps on the Thematic Partnerships and is something that the CEN are going to look at.</p> <p>VS informed the Board that at the last Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership they elected the Chair and Vice Chair and also had the presentation on Planning for Housing.</p>	<p>Noted. BS to send KS the contact details.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>VS to be the NAP rep on the Children's Trust Board. Noted.</p>

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JS noted that the new Health and Wellbeing Partnership have not met yet	Noted.
AH informed the Board that the Economic Regeneration and Transport Partnership have not met and are currently being reorganised.	Noted.
Arts and Culture and Stockton Renaissance have not met since the last Board meeting	Noted.
<p>11. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: An update report was circulated to the Board. It was noted that a business case for the café is to be worked up.</p> <p>ii) SBC: BW informed the Board that the Astronaut has had its trading hours reduced along with other restrictions which they must comply with or it will be closed.</p> <p>b. Community Sector:</p> <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: Information and plans were circulated to the Board on the progress from the stakeholders meeting. The MUGA and Tennis courts is going ahead and the plan of the skate park is an example of what could be in the park. It would be a place for young people to play and try out skating.</p> <p>It was noted that Sandra Sturrock from “Stand Up / Speak Out” who attend the last Partnership meeting has noted that this facility would not be suitable for BMX racing and she is looking into other more appropriate sites with Tony Raine from SBC.</p> <p>BS noted that from the consultation undertaking by the Safer Billingham Partnership last year and the subsequent work with Keith Mathews a mix of Skate and BMX track came out as top facility that young people wanted. They have approached Diane Rickerby and have identified a couple of sites. It was noted that the Board support BS and the Safer Billingham Partnership in their proposals.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: JH noted that the next Community Empowerment Network meeting is due to take place on the 19th September</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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at 10 o'clock at their offices on Yarm Road. They will have a meeting before this to look at governance which will feed into the CEN meeting.	
JH informed the Board that they are doing some work with BELP and their equine centre. They have set up an association for the horse owners and have applied for a grant to get the horses micro chipped.	Noted.
The Catalyst Conference / AGM and awards ceremony is taking place on the 16 th September 2010.	Noted.
JH also noted that the Boards of both Catalyst and SRCGA are having exploratory meetings regarding the future of VCS support.	Noted.
iii) BELP: No update.	Noted.
iv) Legacy Fund update: No update	Noted.
v) Clarences Update: No update	Noted.
vi) Over 50's assembly: Update report was circulated to the Board.	Noted.
c. Voluntary Sector: JH noted that Small Talk had been successful in securing £500 from Greggs.	Noted.
It was noted that the Billingham Carnival is taking place this weekend and they are looking for volunteers.	Noted.
d. Business Sector: GS noted the general level of unhappiness from the traders with the Town Centre and the lack of communication. BW noted that he would raise this at the meeting on Thursday.	Noted.
AH noted that he has been made aware of the noticeable decrease in trade on Station Road.	Noted.

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<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <p>AH informed the Board that the Billingham newspaper is due to come out next week the deadline for any information is Friday. The newspaper has also been nominated and shortlisted for a Catalyst award.</p> <p>KS noted that she had sent out information to the Board on 'Awards for all'. It has been noticed that the uptake is low from Stockton and they are encouraging applications.</p> <p>JS informed the Board that following on from the presentation at the last meeting himself and a couple of other members visited both Parkside and the Halcyon centre. He noted that it was an excellent facility. JH wished to thank both Hazel and Sean for coming out to meetings and for attending the Town Centre Residents group meeting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</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 3rd October 2011, 5:45pm, Hereford Terrace, Billingham, TS23 4AA</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>	<p>Noted.</p>