Cowpen Training Centre, Hereford Terrace, Billingham

Chair:

Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Residents Association)

Members:

Hilary Aggio (Over 50's Assembly), Gerald Barrass (Low Grange Residents Association), Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association), Ken Ellis (Churches Together in Billingham), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), 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), Mike Womphrey (Stockton Borough Council),

* Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Mike Bowron, Graham Glingan, Hazel Grant, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith (Stockton Borough Council), James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Kevin Pitt (Billingham Environmental Link Project)

Observer:

Apologies

Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Victoria Cooling (North Tees Teaching PCT), Insp Andy Fox (Cleveland Police), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Karen Merrick (Stockton Borough Council), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council),

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1. Welcome and Apologies	
Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board.	Noted.
Apologies were noted.	Noted.
2. Declarations of Interest	
Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.	Noted.
KB raised a potential DOI under item 11 Parliamentary Boundaries as it will affect the Residents Association he Chairs.	Noted.

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3. Approval of the last meeting on 5 th September 2011 HA noted a few grammar and typos in the minutes.	Noted.
Agreed as a true record.	Noted.
4. Matters Arising GS asked whether a response had been received from the landlords of the Billingham Arms. KS noted that a letter had been sent but has not received a reply to date.	Noted.
5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development	
IR informed the Board that after the last Board meeting a press release was released stating that the proposed food operator in the West precinct has fallen through.	Noted.
IR noted that a report would be going to Cabinet in the next couple of weeks on the proposed plans for improvements to the street scene i.e. seating, paving, lighting etc in the Town Centre. This work would be funded jointly by SBC and Stockland and would included the public toilets. The Board support the paving improvements and noted that the ideal location for the toilets would be in the centre square rather than the West Precinct.	KS to invite
IR noted that they are looking at other potential retailers or leisure facilities for the new site near the forum.	Noted.
KB informed the Board that North Billingham Residents Association have received a reply from Stockland.	Noted.
GMcG raised the question of Christmas decorations for the Clarences. MB to check the reply regarding this issue.	MB to chase up.
b. Billingham House BM informed the Board that Bizzy B could still appeal directly to the court and on the 29 th September they did so. SBC will	Noted.

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know in the next few days whether Bizzy B have been given the leave of appeal.	Noted.
A query was raised on the funding secured, BM informed the Board that they would lose the single programme funding if it is not spent by the Christmas period, but that it is under written by SBC.	Noted.
c. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility IR informed the Board that there were no further updates on this development and that information from Kahlid Azam had been circulated to the Board.	Noted.
The Board noted that three of the medical practices have moved into the new facilities with the remaining practices staying in their current locations.	Noted.
Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No Are any other boards affected? No Any Declarations Of Interest?	
None 6. Parkside Update Hazel Grant gave a verbal update on the transfer of services from the Parkside centre in Billingham to the Halcyon centre in Thornaby. The transfer of clients started as of the 12 th September 2011 and there have been no issues regarding transport raised by the clients to date although a number of buses arrive at the same time which is being looked into. The staff are all working well together and now have matching uniforms. A full survey will be undertaken with clients in a few months time.	Noted.
HG noted that there are a number of developments ongoing for the Halcyon centre including the café which is now open five days a week 2:15 to 3:30pm, they are working with local schools to perform a play on dementia to raise awareness, working with the prison service and local community groups on the gardens and developing a sensory garden, a	

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newsletter has been produced which is available on the Council website and clients are in the process of setting up a gardening club.	
HG noted that Mental Heath services have made enquiries on the Parkside building but it was only fully vacated last week.	Noted.
Board members commend the Council on the implementation of the move and especially the work of Hazel and Sean.	Noted.
Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No	
Are any other boards affected? Yes	
Any Declarations Of Interest? None	
7. Integrated Health / Hospital Update KS informed the Board that due to family commitments Khalid Azam could not make the meeting however information had been circulated to the Board members electronically earlier that day.	Noted.
8. Green Infrastructure Strategy Graham Clingan informed the Board that the Green Infrastructure Strategy will be going to SBC Cabinet on the 3 rd November 2011. The Strategy has 10 strategic objectives which will be met by the infrastructure network. A lot will be delivered in partnership with other organisations and sectors. The Action Plan is currently being developed. Keith Mathews will be feeding back to the Board at a future meeting on SBC's part of the Action Plan.	Noted.
It was noted that members of the public may not be able to walk down some areas of Gretham Greek.	Noted.
It was also noted that Cowbridge beck improvements was supported by the local residents association who helped raise around £150k of funding. A picture of what it looked like before the improvements could be included in the delivery section	Noted.

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if an appropriate picture was available.	
9. Thematic Group Updates BS informed the Board that there had been a reduction in violent crime this quarter. Billingham East is one of the main hotspot areas with 83 crimes however Stockton Central had 200 in the same time period. Cleveland Police have introduced a call back monitoring scheme, 95% of people who have been victims of crime have received a call back from the police.	Noted.
The Central Billingham Police Station would be open till 10pm at the latest deepening on staff rotas. It was noted that young people do hang around in gangs which does need to be reported but sometimes it is more perception rather than them doing any thing wrong.	Noted.
BS informed the Board that he has been selected to be the lay person on the domestic homicide review panel.	Noted.
GH informed the Board that he could not attend the last Children's Trust Board (CTB). JH noted that work is underway with Martin Graham to look at representatives on the partnership. VS will be the Boards rep on the CTB from now on.	Noted.
VS informed the Board that she could not attend the last Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership but the agenda items had all been to the Board previously.	Noted.
VS informed the Board that at the last Stockton Renaissance meeting under any other business she raised the issue of information going out to the press before the Board were informed, Neil Schneider acknowledged this and has since wrote to her with an apology.	Noted.
Arts and Culture, Economic Regeneration and Transport Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Partnership have not met since the last Board meeting	Noted.

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10. Board Updates a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: An update report was circulated to the Board. A question was raised on the old urban district chains. RMcC noted that they were in a fragile state and did not have the appropriate permissions from the heraldic society.	Noted.
ii) SBC: BW informed the Board that the Council is still looking to make savings through its Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation process. The Borough Council is also working with the stakeholders group on the work in John Whitehead Park.	Noted.
 b. Community Sector: i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: VS informed the Board that there had been no meeting this month. The stakeholders group, which the supporters group are the main lead on, will be submitting a funding application into the lottery and will include the tennis courts. 	Noted.
The next stakeholder meeting is on the 14 th November 2011.	
ii) SRCGA: JH noted that the next Community Empowerment Network meeting is due to take place on the 17 th October 2011.	Noted.
JH informed the Board that the Billingham Choral Society were successful in securing a grant of £650. They will be playing at the Sage in Newcastle as part of their 60 th anniversary.	Noted.
JH also noted that the proposed merger of Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association and Catalyst was still at the early stages. The two Boards have approved the merger in principle. An update from the council of interest was circulated to members.	Noted.
iii) BELP: Kevin Pitt informed the Board that the BELP AGM is to be held at Hereford Terrace on the 26t October 2011 at 5:45pm it will highlight where BELP originated from and their vision for the future. Some of the work they have undertaken	Noted.

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includes the work to Hereford Terrace, building a lavender park at the Clarences working with Network Rail, working with the equine association at the Clarences and also being part of the open day at the Clarences.	
KP also noted that Dave Munt won an award at the Catalyst awards.	Noted.
iv) Legacy Fund update: No update the next meeting is on the 5 th October 2011.	Noted.
v) Clarences Update: No update	Noted.
vi) Over 50's assembly: Update report was circulated to the Board.	Noted.
c. Voluntary Sector: No update	Noted.
d. Business Sector: No update	Noted.
11. Any Other Business The Agnes Spencer Foundation will award grants of up to £1,000, the deadline for applications is the 31 st October and they would welcome applications from Stockton.	Noted.
MW asked if any Board members could help or knew any one who could help with a historic programme for the area. KB noted that Ivor Harrington would be worth contacting.	KB to send MW contact details.
KS noted the report on the Community Asset Transfer strategy and the meeting to be held on the 27 th October. KB raised the issue of the meeting being held during the day which doesn't give people who work the opportunity to attend.	KS to raise this issue with relevant officers.
KB noted the information that was circulated to Board members on the proposed changes to the Parliamentary Boundaries which would effect Billingham. The group noted that it should not be about numbers but about communities	Noted.
KS noted that the next Northern Area Transport Strategy Group meeting is due to take place on the 1st November 2011 at	Noted.

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12.Date of Next Meeting	
The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:	
Monday 7 th November 2011, 5:45pm, Hereford Terrace, Billingham, TS23 4AA	Noted.
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	