

Minutes (DRAFT)
The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)
Monday 31st October 2011, 6 p.m. at Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings, Church Road.

Chair: Members:

Cllr Maureen Rigg (MR) – Chair and Local Ward Councillor, Geoff Turner (GT) – Eaglescliffe and Egglecliffe Parish Council, Marjorie Simpson (MS) – Yarm Youth and Community Centre, Philip Addison (PA) – Yarm Fellowship Committee, Jennie Beaumont (JB) – Kirklevington Parish Council, John Rosser (JR) – Long Newton Parish Council, Maurice Snowdon (MS) – Over 50's Assembly, Mark Chatburn (MC) – Local Ward Councillor.

Advisors:

James Glancey (JG) – SBC, Sophie Richardson (SR) – SBC, Cllr Phil Dennis (PD) – Local Ward Councillor, Cllr Andrew Stephenson (AS) – Local Ward Councillor

Apologies

Bill Johnson, Fiona Chester, Jenny Pinkney, Doug Nicholson and Alan Lewis

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions Members were introduced and welcomed to the Western Area Partnership.		None
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		None
3. Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.		None
4. Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of previous meeting on 26 th September 2011 were agreed as an accurate and true record.		Noted
5. Matters Arising None		Noted
6. Stockton Town Centre Update – James Glancey James provided an overview of the new proposals for Stockton Town Centre which has		Noted

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<p>recently been out for consultation. Work to date includes the redevelopment of Stockton library, which has recently been updated and has seen vast improvements with the inclusion of the new contact point providing a one stop shop for the public. The library will be officially opened on 14th November 2011. Work internally has started on the Globe and a new roof is to be erected. Advanced negotiations are now taking place with a national operator to run the Globe. The opening of the Globe has slipped to May 2013.</p>		
<p>Stockton Town Centre recently held Business Awards and gave out 6 awards for various categories, including eatery of the year and independent trader of the year. The Council will be launching a new loan scheme for existing and new businesses within the area. The enterprise arcade has been a great success with 3 of the businesses from the scheme relocating within the borough. There has been 50 new or relocated businesses in the Town Centre this year. Moby Grape is reopening as an Italian restaurant with nightclub.</p>		Noted
<p>No decisions have been made regarding the relocation of the markets. Discussions are still on going and a working group has been created made up of 4 market traders and representatives from the Council. Further consultation for the Town Centre will be open in the Shambles for 2 weeks from Monday 24th October 2011.</p>		Noted
<p>Proposals for the North end of the High Street include: 61 new car parking spaces at Lyndsay House which will be demolished providing better views to the river. 56 new car parking spaces at Bishop Street with taxi space included.</p>		Noted
<p>Proposals for the Southern end of the High Street include; 7 new taxi bays, bus stop and 46 new spaces.</p>		Noted
<p>The Central High Street proposals include</p>		

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<p>More open space and public realm with water and greenery. No through traffic and only access for buses. The Board were urged to view plans and leave comment via the website or at Stockton Shambles.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>No further update provided on the Swallow. It is currently the liability of Whitbread to pay the rates on the building.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>The taxi ranks available in the North and South of the high street will be in allocated spaces where the bus stops where during the day to accommodate the nightlife around the Globe.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>JB asked what would happen with the outside Coffee Shop outside the town hall? JG has had discussions with the Coffee Shop, and potentially it may stay where it is. It is a very successful business and negotiations will continue.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>JG will be getting results of the consultation from the Shambles in the next few days</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>How much and how long will the parking be for in the town centre? The duration and price to park has not been agreed yet. There is a review of all car parking across the borough currently taking place.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Cllr Phil Dennis would like to see a list of the 50 new or relocated businesses within the town centre.</p>	<p>JG to send Cllr Phil Dennis a list of new or relocated businesses</p>
<p>JG has met with the Communications Team at SBC to discuss and promote all businesses in the Town Centre before and during the run up Christmas. It is hoped that during the Christmas period car parking will be free after three p.m.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>MC asked JG if there are any risks or worries for the future of the Town Centre? JG identified that there are always risks with change, however if the Tow Centre is left as it</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>is, it will go into further decline.</p> <p>PA requested an update on the Town Centre at the next Culture Partnership.</p>		<p>JG to liaise with Haleem Ghafoor to arrange for the update to be presented at the next Culture Partnership meeting.</p>
<p>7. Spaces for Play – Tony Raine Due to a technical fault, Tony will attend the meeting in November.</p>		<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Communities Fund Update – Sophie Richardson SR provided an update on the Western Area Communities Fund update. SR has met with Jane Breckon from Connexions, who are currently ringing all young people on their database to update their information and get an accurate picture of which young people are actually NEETS. Jane is unsure how many NEETS there will be within the Western Area. The Board agreed that they would be happy to include any young person who went to Conyers or Eggescliffe School in the project. Each eligible young person will meet with a Personal Advisor to assess their needs and identify whether they would like to go into employment or education. If the young person wishes to enter employment or education they will be assessed and the Personal Advisor will identify what additional training or resources are required which will be funded through the Communities Fund. SR is still awaiting a final number of young people who are eligible for the project. Once the number is identified work with the young people will begin.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>SR to liaise with Jane Breckon to progress with this project.</p>
<p>9. Thematic Partnership Update PA circulated the notes of the Culture Partnership. Environment and Health partnerships have not met. Safer Stockton Partnership – very little crime in the Western area, mainly metal thefts. MR is unable to attend the Environment Partnership on 29th March 2011 at the Education Centre and asked for a member of the Board to consider attending in her absence.</p>		<p>Noted Noted Noted Noted</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business None</p>		

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11. Date and Time of Next Meeting		
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Monday 28 th November, 6 p.m. @ The Wilson Centre, Long Newtown.		
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