

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
5th December 2011 5:45pm
Billingham Forum, Billingham

<p><u>Chair:</u> Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association)</p>
<p><u>Members:</u> Hilary Aggio (Over 50's Assembly), Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Ken Ellis (Churches Together in Billingham), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), Ray McCall (Billingham Town Council), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council), * Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p><u>Advisors:</u> Mike Bowron, Tony Raine, Neil Russell, Kelly Smith, Dave Willingham (Stockton Borough Council)</p>
<p><u>Observer:</u></p>
<p><u>Apologies</u> Gerald Barrass (Low Grange Residents Association), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Iain Robinson (Stockton Borough Council), Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Residents Association), Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Mike Womphrey (Stockton Borough Council),</p>

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p> <p>KB informed the Board that both the Chair Val Scollen and advisor Iain Robinson have had a family bereavement over the weekend. The Board would like to pass on their sincere condolences to them both.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to send cards on behalf of the Board</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p>	

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Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.	Noted.
<p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 5th September 2011 HA noted a few grammar and typing errors in the minutes.</p> <p>Agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising HA enquired what the third focal point in the Town Centre was going to be. The Board noted that the focal points would be the bandstand, the statue and the toilets.</p> <p>MB informed the Board that unfortunately Care For Your Area cannot provide a breakdown on Christmas decorations as it all comes from one budget.</p> <p>MB noted that Tees Active are aware of the damage being caused to the heating slats at the back of the Forum and SBC security have also been made aware.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development MB informed the Board that unfortunately he didn't have an update on the Town Centre but would take any comments the Board had.</p> <p>The Board raised concerns on the timescales and the toilets as members had heard that it will be either one super toilet at the old location or will be located in the West Precinct as previously discussed. HA queried if the funding for the toilets was coming from the SBC MB thought it was from the sale agreement but would clarify.</p> <p>It was noted that the extension to units 31 and 37 would mean a loss of disabled parking spaces at the back. RMcC noted that the Town Council had supported this development but had been assured that other disabled facilities would be put in</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>MB to check.</p> <p>MB to check.</p>

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<p>place.</p> <p>AH noted that when the scaffolding was up the business underneath had seen a 30% reduction in footfall and although they know the work has to be undertaken there had been no discussions between them and Stockland. The Board would like to see Stockland having discussions with the businesses to mitigate the impact of the forthcoming improvements when they are being undertaken. It was also suggested that they have information available to the public on the works similar to the updates on the Forum refurbishment.</p> <p>b. Billingham House MB informed members that SBC had been advised that Bizzy B have submitted a request for an oral hearing to the court of appeal to reconsider their application for leave to appeal. The Court of Appeal has listed this oral hearing to take place on 20th January 2012.</p> <p>At this moment SBC are working with Tees Valley Unlimited on the implications of the single programme funding not being spent by the 31st March 2012.</p> <p>c. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility MB informed the Board that there were no further updates on this development.</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>MB to look into this.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>6. Spaces For Play Tony Raine informed the Board that this programme started in 2008 and with match funding came to around £2.2 million pounds. The funding has implemented 21 new and refurbished play areas throughout the borough. In Billingham the</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>projects were the play area at the Clarences, additional lighting and slight changes to the facilities at Carlton Avenue. It has implemented new play equipment for older young people e.g. teenagers at John Whitehead Park, developed a new play area with the same natural feel as the surrounding area within Cowpen Bewley Woodland park. The project at Wynyard Woodland Park was to increase the size of the existing play offer with 10% of the budget spent on burying the electric cables.</p> <p>All the funding has now been spent and all the works have been completed. All the equipment meets the required standard and are inspected by SBC Officers as well an annual check by RSPA. Royal Society for the Protection of Accidents</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>7. Protection Playing Fields</p> <p>Neil Russell informed the Board that SBC has already been developing a playing pitch strategy which highlights issues e.g. changing facilities, parking etc at facilities in the borough so when the Protecting Playing Fields fund was announced they were in a good position to apply. The fund is part of the governments £135 million Olympic Legacy Fund. The Protecting Playing Fields fund is available in five rounds of two million pounds and is for Rugby, Cricket, Football and Hockey.</p> <p>SBC submitted three bids to the fund. These were for the full costs of drainage at the Junior pitches at Billingham Rugby Club, full renovation and cost of the cricket square at Billingham Synthonia Cricket Club and partial costs to improve drainage at Rievaulx Recreation ground. The match for the Rievaulx project is from the £126k available from the 106 sale agreement from the old college site and is ring fenced for the Billingham area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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All three bids were successful and work will be undertaken in spring to autumn next year.	Noted.
KB raised a query if the funding could be used towards the MUGA facility at High Grange. NR noted that probably not from this fund but if other opportunities were made available they would put it forward.	Noted.
<p>8. Billingham Youth Cafe</p> <p>Dave Willingham informed the Board that Stockland had a 'get out' clause in the original lease for the building that the youth café is based in. SBC have been asked by Stockland to vacate the current premises by May 2012. DW assured the Board that the current youth workers and resources will be staying in Billingham. They are currently looking at alternative venues including the Forum which was used for a recent "Beat the Boredom on ice" event which was really well attended.</p> <p>A query was raised on the number of young people that attend the café. DW informed the Board that they get 15 to 20 young people per night and are usually between 13 and 15 years of age, if numbers start to drop the workers will then go out and undertake street work.</p> <p>DW offered to have regular updates on the agenda and to come to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to include on the forward plan</p>
<p>9. Billingham Town Plan</p> <p>The Chair requested this item be discussed as it had come from a request from a Board member.</p> <p>AH noted that there were a few stakeholders missing from the first meeting but the follow up meeting which is due to take place in January is an opportunity to get everyone there.</p> <p>RMcC noted that the Town Council are duty bound to produce the plan and all the information from the first meeting is currently being collated and will be presented at the next meeting in January from which a steering group will be established to drive the work forward.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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A query was raised on the monitoring of the Plan and who was responsible for it. RMcC said he would clarify this.	RMcC to clarify.
The group noted the area that the plan will cover needs clarifying and that it would be useful for Dianne Rickaby to come to a future NAP meeting to give an update.	KS to invite DR to a future meeting
<p>10. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>BS informed the Board that unfortunately he did not have any information to report from the Safer Stockton Partnership.</p> <p>No updates from the Children’s Trust Board, Housing and Neighbourhood, Health and Wellbeing and Stockton Renaissance as the representatives had submitted their apologies for the meeting.</p> <p>AH noted that the Economic Regeneration and Transport Partnership was currently under review and hopefully will have an update in the new year.</p> <p>JM noted that the Arts and Culture Partnership had not met since the last meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for January 2012.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>11. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Public Sector: i) Update report was circulated to the Board.</p> <p>ii) SBC: BW informed the Board discussions had taken place with the boundary commission on the proposed changes.</p> <p>The Early Intervention Grant review is now at the staff consultation stage which will last till February 2012.</p> <p>b. Community Sector:</p> <p>i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: No update from the supporters group.</p> <p>KB had circulated an update from the Stakeholders Group. KB would like to clarify that it would be a multi use skate / BMX</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>area in the Park and that the BMX track is a separate project and both are progressing well. The group is also waiting for a list of sites where the mobile skate park will be located.</p>	
<p>BS informed the group that a couple of potential sites for the BMX track have been identified, Osbourne Park, West of the Ecology Park and the area behind the Synthonia football pitches. Once they have confirmed the land owner owners they will then look to put an application in.</p>	Noted.
<p>ii) SRCGA: The next meeting will be in January 2012.</p>	Noted.
<p>iii) BELP: No update.</p>	Noted.
<p>iv) Legacy Fund update: No update at the moment a further update will be given next year on the work being undertaken.</p>	Noted.
<p>v) Clarences Update: No update.</p>	Noted.
<p>vi) Over 50's assembly: Update report was circulated to the Board. HA noted that the group is always looking for new members.</p>	Noted.
<p>c. Voluntary Sector: JM noted that Ray McCall in his Town Council capacity will be the figurehead position of Chair for the Billingham Folklore Festival. The group congratulated Ray.</p>	Noted.
<p>GH noted that the hours for the computer room at Low Grange have been reduced and it is now open from 12:30 to 2:30.</p>	Noted.
<p>d. Business Sector: AH noted that Pauline Osbourne is no longer the Chair of the Teesside branch of Federation of Small Businesses and will let KS know of the other Federation representative for the Northern Area Partnership Board.</p>	Noted.

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<p>11. Any Other Business No funding updates all information is circulated electronically.</p> <p>The group noted the Healthwatch consultation.</p> <p>A query was raised on Billingham West Residents Association and if it had folded. KB informed the Board that it has folded as all of the work was left to one person. He went on to explain that it's individual and communities responsibility to form an association and that SRCGA will support residents in doing so.</p> <p>AH informed the Board that the old picture House has recently been taken over and they are looking for any information on the building and pictures ideally. If anyone has any please contact either Andy or the Community Newspaper.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>12.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 9th January 2012, 5:45pm, The Forum, 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 kelly.smith@stockton.gov.uk</p>	<p>Noted.</p>