

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
9th January 2012 5:45pm
Billingham Forum, 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), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership), Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Mike Womphrey (Stockton Borough Council), * Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p><u>Advisors:</u> Mike Bowron, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith (Stockton Borough Council), Tony Donnelly (Stockland), Hugh McShane (Know How North East), Janet Stubbs (Job Centre Plus), Kevin Pitt (BELP)</p>
<p><u>Observer:</u> Pat Chambers, Gillie Hatton, Graeme Wilkinson</p>
<p><u>Apologies</u> James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Ray McCall (Billingham Town Council), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council), Kim Staff (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>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p>	

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Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.	Noted.
AH and VS noted an interest in item 9 as they are both involved in the Billingham newspaper	Noted.
<p>3. Approval of the last meeting on 5th December 2011 AH noted that on page 7 it should read "AH noted that Pauline Osbourne is no longer the chair for the Teesside branch of the Federation of Small Businesses"</p> <p>Agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising No matters were raised.</p>	Noted.
<p>5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development IR informed the Board that the meeting with Stockland had been put back till Friday 13th January 2012. The meeting will hopefully finalise details so the work to the Town Centre can move forward. IR noted the need to improve the communications to the public and once everything has been agreed a press release and pictures will be sent out.</p> <p>A query was raised on what was happening to the units in the West Precinct, TD noted that the West Precinct is currently being cleaned out for future letting. A query was also raised on the toilets and IR noted that unfortunately they have not been able to move forward with the toilets and they are looking into the best and most cost effective facility.</p> <p>A query was raised on the walkways from the car parks to the Town Centre IR noted that it is the intention to up grade the two open crossings and remove the two that are currently closed.</p> <p>It was noted that they are currently extending units 27 - 31, with a query raised into the possibility to extend other units? TD noted that it could be a possibility if there was a need but it would depend on the current lease of the unit, however there would be the loss of car parking.</p>	<p>IR to send KS information from the meeting to distribute.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>b. Billingham House MB informed members that Bizzy B's oral hearing has been delayed until the 6th March 2012. SBC are currently challenging this delay.</p> <p>A query was raised on the funding from One North East (ONE). MB noted that they have had confirmation to extend the funding from ONE.</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>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>6. BELP update Kevin Pitt updated the Board on some of the work being undertaken by the BELP project. The work on the Clarences Horticultural project is progressing well, the second polly tunnel will be erected shortly with plans to have paving included so it can be used as a learning classroom. They are getting a couple of the allotments cleared for free by local businesses and are hoping to get some fencing erected by the side of the road to stop people driving onto the land and fly tipping.</p> <p>Some of the plans for the Communities in Bloom project at the Clarences have been agreed and Tristar are looking to put some funding into it. They are establishing a group to take this forward.</p> <p>KP noted that they are working with Network Rail to establish the Eco Wildlife Corridor and will be starting to look at raising the funding for the project shortly.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>Hereford Terrace now has 36 computers available in the IT site and A4E have booked in a programme of training sessions for the coming year.</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>	Noted.
<p>7. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>BS informed the Board that unfortunately he did not have any crime statistics to circulate to members but noted that the crime rate has increased slightly over the last few months. BS also noted that they had discussed the new Police Commissioners.</p> <p>AH noted that the Economic Regeneration and Transport Partnership was currently under review and are planning a meeting in February 2012 to look at how it will be run in the future.</p> <p>No updates from the Children’s Trust Board, Housing and Neighbourhood, Health and Wellbeing, Arts and culture and Stockton Renaissance as they had not met since the last update.</p>	Noted. Noted. Noted.
<p>8. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: No update as they did not meet in December.</p> <p>ii) SBC: No update.</p> <p>b. Community Sector: i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: No update.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: JS informed the Board that information will be sent out to all members shortly.</p>	Noted. Noted. Noted. Noted.

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<p>The next Catalyst Council of Interest meeting is due to take place on the 20th February at the Catalyst building. it was noted that at the end of every meeting a representative has a meeting with Alison to feedback and the Chair of the COI has a seat at the Board of Directors meetings although is not a director.</p> <p>iii) BELP: Covered under item 6</p> <p>iv) Legacy Fund update: No update.</p> <p>v) Clarences Update: HMCS informed the Board that the community came together and re built two of the stables that had been burnt down. He then went on to give a brief update on the work being undertaken at the Clarences including the success of the new prescription service which 20 residents have used to date. The new Post Office facilities has also taken off and they are looking to extend the offer to include passports, car tax etc and have a representative from the Post Office visiting on the 10th January. The work on getting a shop established is underway and they are hopeful of getting a retailer signed up. They are looking to revamp the Credit Union and are working with young people and establishing some apprentice opportunities and lots more.</p> <p>A query was raised on the work on changing the post code for the area, HMCS noted that they would need to take this higher.</p> <p>vi) Over 50's assembly: Update report was circulated to the Board.</p> <p>c. Voluntary Sector: No update.</p> <p>d. Business Sector: No update.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. HMCS to provide a regular written update for the Board. KS to provide deadline dates KS to send a letter of support on changing the post code to HMCS</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business KS informed the Board of the Stockton Borough Community Fund which has grants available of up to £500 for community groups and activities.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>GH and PC members of the public informed the Board that the Town Council had withdrawn its financial support to the Billingham Newspaper. They noted that there will be financial implications, but they will continue and remain independent. They have launched a Billingham lottery to help sustain the paper. They also informed the board on the work of the Young reporters and the Board thought it may be worth while inviting them along to a future meeting.</p> <p>A query was raised on the reasons behind the Town Councils decision, AH noted that in the letter they stated that is was down to finances. A further query was raised as to whether the Town Council had any requirements to communicate to the residents and if so it would be more economically viable to continue with the free newspaper rather than developing and distributing their own newsletter.</p> <p>Board members to put on the agenda for the Billingham Network and to be included on the agenda for the February meeting.</p> <p>A query was raised on the possibility of Westland's School being incorporated into the Campus site. KB noted that they are currently looking at the feasibility of using parts of the site for Westlands. The Board felt that they would like to know more about this proposal as they would like to ensure that any educational facility on the site is the best that can be provided.</p> <p>KP noted that at the Infinity group which he attends they discussed the changes to the benefits system and the potential problems it may cause to the most vulnerable in society i.e. debt and rent arrears. The Board felt that they would like to know more on the issue and would like to include it on the Forward Plan</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to check if it's a requirement.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to include on the forward plan.</p>
<p>12.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on: Monday 6th February 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>