

Minutes
The Northern Area Partnership Board
5th March 2012 5:45pm
Cowpen Training 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), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Ray McCall (Billingham Town Council), Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership), Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council), * Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p><u>Advisors:</u> Mike Bowron, Louise Etherington, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith, Paul Surtees (Stockton Borough Council), Tony Donnelly (Stockland), Kelly Lemon (Fabrick)</p>
<p><u>Observer:</u> Pat Chambers, Gillie Hatton, Sandra Sturrock, Graeme Wilkinson</p>
<p><u>Apologies</u> Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), James Hadman (Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Janet Stubbs (Jobcentre 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.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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JS noted an interest in item 6 as he is a Board member of Fabrick.	Noted.
Cllr BW noted an interest in item 5.a. as a member of Stockton Councils Planning Committee.	Noted.
3. Approval of the last meeting on 6th February 2012 Agreed as a true record.	Noted.
4. Matters Arising VS noted that representatives of the Billingham Newspaper and the Town Council have met and had a productive meeting. BS noted that he had been informed that Westland's School was moving into the usable areas of Billingham Campus.	Noted. KS to make further enquiries.
5. Major Redevelopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Development IR informed the Board that the final detailed specification of the work and costings need to be finalised and once agreed Stockland and Stockton Council will move onto the tender stage. Work on the toilets will start as soon as this has been agreed. The Board raised the issue of the planning application for a new Public House and adjacent unit in the Town Centre. TD noted that issues of Anti Social behaviour had been raised and that through a multi agency approach they are putting more resources into the centre at night, this will be reviewed in a few months to assess how effective it has been. KB noted that at his residents group meeting they were not against the Public House just the location as it would in effect be closing the gap if the new unit went in near Boyes. TD noted that they would have some interest in letting the new unit if they put it in and have an operator willing to sign if the Public House gets approval The Board noted that it would be better to have it near the other proposed leisure facilities near the Forum. It was noted	Noted. TD to take this issues back. IR to find out when it is going to planning Noted.

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<p>that it would make more sense commercially to still have that site as a food retailer.</p> <p>b. Billingham House MB noted that Bizzy Bee have had their appeal agreed and it will be either the 8th or 9th May 2012 however the actual date will not be confirmed till the 4th May. It was noted that if SBC win again Bizzy Bee will have no other options in the UK courts.</p> <p>c. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility IR noted that £1.5 million has been agreed for the proposed customer contact centre and that more detail will hopefully be available at the next meeting. They are still waiting to hear from the PCT if they will be linking in with this project.</p> <p>A query was raised on the Library based on Bedale Road, IR not that he was unsure about this but would check.</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>IR to check.</p>
<p>6. Housing consultation Kelly Lemon from Fabrick Housing informed the Board that previously Derwent House was transferred to Erimis Housing and subsequently demolished in 2009. They are currently out to consult on the proposed Housing development on the site. The plans are for 12 two bedroom bungalows, four two bedroom and two, two bedroom houses all of which will be available for affordable rent and built to "life time homes" standards.</p> <p>They will be putting an application into planning at the end of March and if agreed will hopefully be completed by March 2013. KL issued the comments / feedback forms for members to comment on and noted that they will be having another consultation event at Low Grange Community Recourse centre on the 8th March. All comments received will be taken into</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>account and will be supplied with the planning application.</p> <p>A query was raised on the facilities within the buildings, KL noted that all will have their own facilities and are buildings for life which mean that they can be adapted if peoples needs change.</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>KS to send a letter of support on the Boards behalf.</p>
<p>7. Armed Forces Covenant</p> <p>KS informed the Board that following on from the February meeting she circulated the report that went to Stockton Renaissance on the Armed Forces Covenant. KS went through the report and noted the salient points and noted that the covenant is for all armed forces, veterans and those still in active service.</p> <p>It was noted that the grant scheme is for everyone providing services to the armed forces.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>8. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>BS informed the Board that the crime figures for the last three months have increased by 57% against the same three months last year. Over all there has been a 13% increase in Billingham in the last financial year which is still lower than the borough average which was 29%. BS noted that Stockton still has the lowest crime rate in the Tees Valley and that over the last five years crime had reduced by 47%. It was noted that the biggest contributing factor on the figures was the bad weather conditions last year and the increase in theft other i.e. metal theft.</p> <p>BS noted that the Safer Billingham Partnership (SBP) want to be more proactive in Billingham and have drafted a constitution so they will become a standalone partnership. The Board agreed that BS will be the NAP representative on the SBP.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>FG encouraged the group and residents to report any criminal behaviour they may see and also to put it in writing.</p> <p>JS noted that the Health and Wellbeing Partnership met last week and looked at the overall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment report. JS will feedback to the group once the overall feedback from the session as been compiled.</p> <p>AH noted that a report on the Economic Regeneration and Transport Partnership is going to the relevant Head of Service in the council and will feedback to members once a way forward has been agreed.</p> <p>VS noted that Stockton Renaissance is holding a Family Poverty event on the 6th March 2012.</p> <p>No updates from the Children’s Trust Board, Housing and Neighbourhood, Arts and Culture and Renaissance as they had not met since the last update.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>JS to feedback.</p> <p>AH to feedback</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>9. Board Updates</p> <p>a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: An information report was circulated to members. A query was raised on the date for the next Town Plan meeting RMcC noted that a date had not been set yet.</p> <p>RMcC apologised for not having feedback to the queries raised at the last meeting but will pick them up at the next Town Council meeting and feedback to the Board at the April meeting.</p> <p>A query was raised on the announcement on the precept and what it would be, RMcC noted that there will be an announcement but could not go into detail as it was not in the public domain yet.</p> <p>KB requested if RMcC could raise the reasoning behind the increase in the precept with the Town Council and report back to the Board at the April meeting.</p> <p>ii) SBC: BW noted that Billingham campus would not be an appropriate facility for the pupils of Westlands School.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>RMcC to feedback in April.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>RMcC to feedback in April.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>b. Community Sector: i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: VS noted that at the last Stakeholders meeting they went through the outcome of the consultation and new plans had been drawn up. The Stakeholders and the Supporters of John Whitehead park have agreed to option three which includes locating the MUGA outside but near the tennis courts / skate area. This would mean that whilst retaining the four tennis courts they could facilitate a better space for the skate / BMX area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>The project would be called 'skate in the park'.</p>	<p>KS to send a letter of support on behalf of the Board</p>
<p>ii) SRCGA: JS noted that from the 1st April 2012 JH would be working for Catalyst as the Voice Development Officer. It was noted that the Billingham Network would be renamed "Billingham Voice Forum" and the borough wide CEN would be renamed 'Voice Network'. There is also the possibility of the other areas in the borough looking into having their own networks.</p>	<p>KS to send a thank you and congratulations letter to JH</p>
<p>iii) BELP: No update.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>iv) Legacy Fund update: KB noted that at the BELP AGM in February 2012 the financial accounts reported that at 31st March 2011 the fund stood at £6,072. It was reported at the AGM that the fund currently stood at £10,400 to date</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>At this time the Directors are pursuing very exciting avenues for the future and expect to make announcements regarding developments in the very near future hopefully in the March edition of the free Billingham newspaper.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>v) Clarences Update: JH informed the Board that initial discussions with local business had shown they are supportive of changing the postcode. They are currently planning their summer activities programme a number of which have been sponsored by local businesses. JH also noted that Citizens Advice will be having a number of sessions in the centre and they are currently running martial arts classes for young people and adults.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>vi) Over 50's assembly: Update report was circulated to the Board.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>c. Voluntary Sector: No update.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>d. Business Sector: GS noted that all the businesses would be supportive of any progress in the Town Centre and the West Precinct.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business The Chair informed the Board that a reply letter had been received from the PCT with regard to the concerns the Board had on the proposed plans from the Hospital Trust to 'update' the League of Friends café area and increase the prices.</p> <p>A query was raised on the George Hardwick Foundation facilities in the hospital and if anything was going to happen with them.</p> <p>KS noted that the consultation on the children's centres had ended and they are currently in the transition stage. The Foot Steps and New Life Centres in Billingham will remain open with core services being offered from them.</p> <p>KS noted that Ken Ellis had stood down from the Board as the representative from Churches Together.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>VS to look into this.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>KS to send a thank you letter to KE for all his support.</p>
<p>12.Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Northern Area Partnership Board will be held on: Monday 2nd April 2012, 5:45pm, Cowpen Training Centre, 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>