

**Minutes**  
**Northern Area Partnership Board**  
**Monday, 11th June, 2012, 5:45 pm at 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), Chris Bieda (Billingham Town Council), Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association), Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), Jayne Hector (Clarence's Residents Action Group), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council), .

**Advisors:**

Mike Bowron, Haleem Ghafoor (Stockton Borough Council), Pat Chambers (Billingham Community Newspaper)

**Apologies**

**Members:**

Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Cllr Womphrey (SBC)

**Advisors/ Observers:**

Allison Agius (Catalyst), Victoria Cooling (Stockton NHS), Ian Robinson, Kelly Smith (Stockton Borough Council),

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<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>50/11. Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Members were welcomed to the Northern Area Partnership Board.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>51/11. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>52/11. Approval of minutes for meeting on 14th May 2012</b></p> <p>Agreed as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>53/11. Matters arising from 14th May 2012 minutes</b></p> <p>It was noted that there was no one present to update on the negotiations between the Town Council and the newspaper</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>54/11. Major Redevelopment Scheme updates:</b>  <b>a. Town Centre Development</b>  <b>b. Intergrated Service Centre</b>  <b>c. Billingham House</b></p> <p>a. Town Centre Development  Mike Bowron (MB) explained that there were no major updates. Work will begin on the public toilets on the West Precinct within 4-5 weeks. There was a query relating to the planning permission for JD Wetherspoons and how many units that this will cover? MB agreed to find out and feedback.</p>	<p>MB to find out more information</p>

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<p>There was a discussion relating to the land. MB explained that a section 79 notice has been served for which everything must be done within its parameters, which also means that it does not allow SBC to manage the site.</p> <p>b. Billingham House            MB updated members on progress on Billingham House. A timetable for demolition is to be confirmed with the demolition contractor and will be distributed once full details are available.</p> <p>c. Integrated Health and Social Care Facility            There were no further updates.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>55/11. Plain Standardised Packing consultation</b></p> <p>Ruby Poppleton (RP) a Health Improvement Specialist from Stockton NHS Tees came along to encourage the partnership to support a Plain Standardised Packaging of tobacco products campaign which is aimed at protecting children from tobacco marketing.</p> <p>RP provided some context and background to the consultation and circulated some examples of the plain packaged boxes. RP also described the different products on the tobacco market which were designed to entice different target groups to smoke for example skinny cigarettes for women or different colour cigarettes for younger people etc;</p> <p>RP agreed to send the draft consultation document to KS for circulation to members.</p> <p>RP requested members to sign up to support the campaign and circulated a postcard which could be completed or members can go online to complete a form outlining your support at <a href="http://www.freshne.com/plainpacks">www.freshne.com/plainpacks</a></p> <p>The standardised packaging consultation will be ending on the 10th July 2012.</p> <p>RP informed members that all the councils in the North East are all supporting the campaign and explained that it</p>	<p>RP to send KS the consultation doc.</p>

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<p>is too early to see any results from the work being undertaken in Australia however research from Cancer Research UK has evidenced that standardised packaging cigarettes is less likely to be taken up by young people.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how cigarettes will not be displayed in shops and how the standardised packaging is seen as 'uncool' by young people.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how cigarettes support the government's revenue and how this may affect the government's income and how standardising packaging may affect the black market i.e. those selling cigarettes from home.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>56/11. Stockton Navigation Point</b></p> <p>Dawn Clennett (DC) gave members an update on the Stockton Navigation project which is a free service and aims to expand the options available to patients presenting common health problems to their primary health. These problems are often caused or exacerbated by social factors such as deprivation and isolation. The project aims to improve the mental, emotional and physical health issues of patients who maybe suffering from depression, anxiety, isolation etc; by helping them to take just one step and supporting them to access a range of non-medical support provided by a range of providers. DC also explained how the project aims to identify what support is available to access in communities and also promote keeping active, eating well, counselling, volunteering etc;</p> <p>The project works with individuals on a one to one basis and provides tailored support whether at their office or their homes. DC asked members for details of activities/projects in their communities, so that she can refer clients to those as appropriate.</p> <p>DC informed members that she hopes that the project in the long term will sit under Healthwatch which will support its long term sustainability.</p> <p>It was queried whether the project was aware and linked in with Common Assessment Framework (CAF) for</p>	

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<p>children and young people. DC explained that she was aware and ensured that the project adheres to the CAF principles.</p> <p>GH provided details of activities and services being delivered at Low Grange Community Centre.</p> <p>It was queried whether clients needed to be referred through their GP or can they refer themselves or through family and friends. DC explained that clients can self-refer or family and friends can with the clients permission.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>57/11. A19 Noise Action Group</b></p> <p>Barney McClean (BM) gave members a presentation on the problems with the A19, which is generated by high volumes of noise particularly for those living in West Billingham.</p> <p>BM explained how those gardens which back onto the A19 have even higher levels of noise to deal with especially when it's windy, which tends to make it noisier. BM gave some background and context to the A19 and informed members how the bypass opened in 1982 with a concrete section of 4.2km on, adjacent to Wolvstion Court estate and how 49,000 vehicles per day drive down the stretch of road, with this figure likely to rise over coming years. It was also noted that the road has grooves in it which makes it noisier. BM explained that the noise level is 76dB and at peak times can reach 90dB, a demonstration was given using a vacuum cleaner to show the noise levels as an example.</p> <p>BM explained how the noise can affect the health and well being of those living in the surrounding areas. It was recognised that the road is important within the borough of Stockton-on-Tees and that the location is critical for many vital existing and future services.</p> <p>BM explained that the way forward was to achieve the earliest remedial action, thus the section of the trunk road needs to be designated as a first priority location whilst A19NAG and its supporting residents would continue to do everything possible to achieve priority list status with Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). BM explained that it was important that the group receive formal backing of Stockton Council as well as Billingham Town Council (BTC) to expedite the matter.</p>	

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<p>BTC have fully supported their campaign and have provided a letter of support.</p> <p>It was noted that the biggest obstacle is funding.</p> <p>It was queried whether the Highways Agency would be able to help and whether an additional lane would help with the noise. It was noted that it would be too expensive and the DEFRA have stated that the local authority is responsible for the road.</p> <p>It was agreed that the NAPB will support the A19NAG by writing a letter of support for the first priority which is for the first strip of the road.</p>	<p>KS to write a letter of support.</p>
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>58/11. Thematic Groups Update:</b>  <b>Safer Stockton Partnership</b>  <b>Childrens Trust Board</b>  <b>Housing and Neighbourhood</b>  <b>Health and Wellbeing</b>  <b>ERTP</b>  <b>Arts and Culture</b>  <b>Stockton Renaissance</b></p> <p>BS informed the Board that he had sent KS an update on crime statistics for Billingham. BS reported that the overall crime rate for Billingham had dropped by 16%.</p> <p>VS reported that the last Children's Trust Board will be held in July 2012.</p> <p>VS stated that she will circulate an update via email on the Housing &amp; Neighbourhood Partnership.</p> <p>AH reported that Economic Regeneration &amp; Transport Partnership is still under review.</p>	<p>KS to circulate to members</p> <p>VS to email update.</p>

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<p>No updates from the Health and Wellbeing, Arts and Culture and Renaissance as they had either not met since the last update or the member was absent from the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>59/11. Thmatic Updates:</b>  <b>a. Publuic Sector i) Town Council</b>  <b>ii) SBC and Youth Service</b>  <b>b. Community Sector i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park / Stakeholders Group</b>  <b>ii) SRCGA</b>  <b>iii) BELP</b>  <b>iv) Legacy Fund</b>  <b>v) Clarences Update</b>  <b>vi) Over 50's Assembly</b>  <b>vii) ATS</b>  <b>c. Voluntray Sector</b>  <b>d. Business Sector</b></p> <p>a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: An information report was circulated to members. There were a number of queries relating to the Jubilee party. These included why there were groups of young people drinking alcohol when it was prohibited. CB stated that this was not permitted and that it had been reported to Enforcement. It was queried why there was no food at different points during the day. CB stated that the café was open to access food. It was queried why the beacon had been lit by the Chair and not by a young person. CB informed members that it had to be lit by adult with a young person for Health &amp; Safety reasons.</p> <p>ii) SBC and Youth Service: No update.</p> <p>b. Community Sector: i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: No update.</p> <p>ii) SRCGA: No update.</p> <p>iii) BELP: No update.</p>	

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<p>iv) Legacy Fund update: It was noted that since the last meeting the fund had distributed 3 grants ranging between £300 - £500. The grants were for one organisation and two individuals. The partnership congratulated the work of the Legacy fund.</p> <p>v) Clarence's Update: The Londis shop is opening on the 30th June 2012 and the café is now open 7 days a week at the centre.</p> <p>vi) Over 50's assembly: As noted in the circulated report.</p> <p>vii) ATS: The last meeting was held on the 23rd May 2012. The allocation for 2012/13 was a total of £45,000 with £30,000 for interventions to meet objectives of the ATS and £15,000 for interventions to meet sustainable objectives.</p> <p>After discussion the following schemes were allocated funding at this time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wynyard Road Study.</li> <li>• Central Avenue/Station Road R/bout build-out.</li> <li>• Portable SID for Whitehouse Rd/Thames Rd.</li> <li>• A1046 Port Clarence Rd 20 MPH signage.</li> <li>• Wallington Road Traffic Calming.</li> <li>• Neasham Avenue Parking.</li> </ul> <p>The Rievaulx Avenue hard standing scheme will be reviewed by officers and a report will be brought to the second meeting in September / October 2012.</p> <p>To date a total of £10,000 from the sustainable pot and £24,750 from ATS has been allocated which leaves £5,000 and £5,250 to be allocated at the next meeting 2012. Billingham SBC ward councillors to date have match funded the schemes above to a total of £10,850 from their Community Participation Budgets.</p> <p>c. Voluntary Sector: No update.</p> <p>d. Business Sector: No update.</p>	



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<p><b>NAP</b>  <b>60/11. Any Other Busienss:</b>  <b>External Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p>External Funding Opportunities</p> <p>HG encouraged members to attend the Funding Fayre which SRCGA are hosting on the 14th June 2012, at Marlborough House between 10 am-12pm and 1-3pm.</p> <p>HG updated Board members on Stockton's Voluntary &amp; Community Sector Investment Fund event which will help those considering applying for the fund with handy top tips and provide an opportunity to hear from those who have been successful in previous rounds of funding. The event will take place on the 18th June 2012, at 10am, in Stockton Central Library.</p> <p>HG also updated members on some workshops taking place which will help with understanding about the implications and responsibilities involved in ensuring that children and young people remain safe. A copy of a draft statement and safeguarding policy will also be provided at the workshop. The workshops will be held across the borough on the following dates:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="136 1034 1272 1169"> <tr> <td>Thursday, 12th July 2012, 6-8pm</td> <td>-</td> <td>South Thornaby Community Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday, 17th July 2012, 10-12am</td> <td>-</td> <td>Low Grange Community Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, 19th July 2012, 6-8pm</td> <td>-</td> <td>The Wilson Centre, Long Newton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, 26th July 2012, 2-4pm</td> <td>-</td> <td>Ragworth Neighbourhood Centre</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pat Chambers (PC) thanked the partnership for their letter of support for their funding application which was successful and will help renovate the bandstand and through the second round hopefully the canopy.</p> <p>There was discussion relating to the Olympic torch and where it will be going. The torch on Sunday, the 17th June 2012, will be going from Wolviston Road, to Station Road, to Central Avenue.</p>	Thursday, 12th July 2012, 6-8pm	-	South Thornaby Community Centre	Tuesday, 17th July 2012, 10-12am	-	Low Grange Community Centre	Thursday, 19th July 2012, 6-8pm	-	The Wilson Centre, Long Newton	Thursday, 26th July 2012, 2-4pm	-	Ragworth Neighbourhood Centre	
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