

**Minutes**  
**The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)**  
**28<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 6 p.m. at Nifco Centre, Durham Lane, Eaglescliffe, TS16 OPS**

**Members**

Cllr Maureen Rigg (MR) – Chair and SBC, Cllr Mark Chatburn (MC) – SBC, Philip Addison (PA) – Yarm Fellowship Hall, Doug Nicholson (DN) – Tees Heritage Park, Cllr Phil Dennis – Preston Parish Council, Jennifer Pinkney (JP) – Willey Flats Residents, Maurice Snowden (MS) – Over 50's Assembly, Gordon Smith (GS) – Long Newton Parish Council, Jennie Beaumont (JB) – Kirklevington Parish Council and Doff Pollard (DP) – Tees Valley Community Council

**Advisors:**

Sophie Haste (SH) , Richard McGuckin (RM), Bill Trewick (BT), Sarah Bowman (SB), Andrew Sherris (AS), Andrew Stephenson (AS1) – SBC, Luke Henman (LH) – SBC Volunteer, Roger Staples (RS) – Long Newton Parish Council, Fran Hoy - NIFCO

**Apologies**

Marjorie Simpson  
 Alan Lewis  
 Geoff Turner

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b> Members and Advisors were welcomed to the meeting.		None
<b>2. Apologies</b> Apologies were noted.		None
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were made.		None
<b>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Minutes of previous meeting on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 were agreed as an accurate and true record.		Noted
<b>5. Matters Arising</b> None		Noted
<b>6. NIFCO Update – Fran Hoy</b> FH provided an overview of the new Nifco factory on Durham Lane. The building took nine months to build and now employs 350 people Full Time from design through to manufacturing.		Noted

DOI – Declaration of Interest



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<p><b>8. Minimum Unit Price Consultation – Sarah Bowman</b>          Consultation is currently out for the minimum unit price for alcohol and will end on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Public Health are supporting a minimum price of 45p to be put on each unit of alcohol. Current taxation on each unit varies from 12p- 45p and beyond and varies from supermarket to pub.</p> <p>MC noted that there is nothing in the publication regarding education, however Health have tackled drink driving and smoking with various education programmes which have been successful. SB noted that education is paramount and would be incorporated with this scheme. Other issues were discussed which included training bar staff, supermarkets and licensing issues.</p> <p>Board members were encouraged to feed their comments and feedback into the consultation process before 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>9. Thematic Partnership Update</b>  <b>Housing and Neighbourhood Trust Meeting</b>          PA circulated notes of Housing and Neighbourhood Trust Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The main items discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Community Strategy</li> <li>• Affordable Housing Development in Stockton</li> <li>• Welfare Reform</li> </ul> <p>The Board discussed the 2 vacant spaces Western Area has on the Housing and Neighbourhood Trust meetings. Philip Addison and Cllr Mark Chatburn expressed an interest.</p> <p><b>Stockton Renaissance Update</b>          PA circulated an update from Stockton Renaissance on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The main items discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium Term Financial Plan</li> <li>• Communities Fund</li> <li>• Minimum Unit Price</li> <li>• Town Centre updates.</li> </ul>		<p>Agreed for PA and MC to represent Western Area Partnership Board on the Housing and Neighbourhood Trust Thematic Partnership</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><b>10. Future Meeting Dates</b>  Future meeting dates were circulated</p>		
<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b>  MR discussed with the Board Public Health funding which Stockton has got to put exercise equipment into one or two parks within the Borough. There is an opportunity for Western Area Partnership Board to support a bid to get the equipment into Preston Park. No further detail has been released and the suggestion came in too late to be a formal agenda item.</p> <p>JP noted she uses Preston Park for Health walks and would welcome new equipment at Preston Park. At the moment there is no idea of maintenance costs or the details of the equipment, at this stage it is purely to look at which parks the equipment can go in.</p> <p>PD declared an Interest as a member of Friends of Preston Park.</p> <p>DN identified that if successful local businesses could sponsor the equipment.</p> <p>The Board supported the suggestion and would like to submit their support for securing the equipment at Preston Park.</p> <p>Rural Housing Needs Consultation briefing note was circulated for information.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>PD</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>12. Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 6 p.m. at</p>		<p>Noted</p>