Minutes

The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB) 28th 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

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ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions		
Members and Advisors were welcomed to the meeting.		None
2. Apologies		
Apologies were noted.		None
3. Declarations of Interest		
No declarations of interest were made.		None
4. Minutes of Last Meeting		
Minutes of previous meeting on 29 th October 2012 were agreed as an accurate and true record.		Noted
5. Matters Arising		
None		Noted
6. NIFCO Update – Fran Hoy		
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

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In 2012 Nifco had a turnover of £40.6m. There are plans to build an extra factory in Stockton costing £12.8m, this is currently going through the planning process. Over the years Nifco have developed excellent partnerships with SBC and Tees Valley Unlimited and are working together on various projects including health initiatives, funding and travel plans. Nifco have previously been carrying work with Egglescliffe School promoting jobs in engineering and manufacturing.	
The Board thanked Fran for her update which was very informative. All attendees were invited to a tour of the factory at the end of the meeting.	Noted
7. Traffic Model for Yarm and Eaglescliffe – Richard McGuckin	
RM provided the board with an update on the Yarm and Eaglescliffe Traffic Model.	
SBC consulted on the need to find 600 new houses by 2029 and focussed on three main areas. South West Yarm, West Stockton and Wynyard. Statutory consultation regarding traffic is currently in the planning process. Taylor Wimpey is preparing a planning application for the redevelopment of land at Morley Carr Farm in Yarm. RM showed a video clip of the outcome of the traffic model for Morley Carr Farm which shows the impact of the potential housing scheme in South West Yarm. The base model was taken from an extract of a traffic study from 08.30 – 09.30 a.m. one morning and gives a brief overview of proposed traffic. The model would need to demonstrate the development would not make the current traffic situation worse. It was noted that on the model not a lot of cars were passing Yarm Primary School and at the moment it is very difficult to turn into the building and traffic build up starts around 08.40 a.m. The model built in a low growth factor which was built in for the North East by national guidance. The model showed that the proposed development would not make the current traffic issues worst.	Noted
A video was shown for the traffic model for the current planning application at South Yarm. Which showed significant traffic on Level Road, and significant queuing with majority of traffic headed towards A19 to avoid Yarm High Street. This application has been delayed as issues with transport have been identified. The modelling has been done as part of the infrastructure strategy which SBC have to do in order to indentify how SBC would cope with growth. Employment sites cause more traffic than housing sites and by putting housing on employment sites you are reducing the network of traffic.	Noted

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8. Minimum Unit Price Consultation – Sarah Bowman Consultation is currently out for the minimum unit price for alcohol and will end on 6 th 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.	Noted
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.	Noted
Board members were encouraged to feed their comments and feedback into the consultation process before 6 th February 2013.	Noted
9. Thematic Partnership Update	
Housing and Neighbourhood Trust Meeting	
PA circulated notes of Housing and Neighbourhood Trust Meeting held on 4 th December 2012.	
The main items discussed were:	
Sustainable Community Strategy	
Affordable Housing Development in Stockton	
Welfare Reform The Beard discount the Consequence Western Associate and the Henrice and the Management of the Mana	Agreed for PA and MC to represent Western Area
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 interested.	Partnership Board on the Housing and Neighbourhood Trust Thematic Partnership
Stockton Renaissance Update	
PA circulated an update from Stockton Renaissance on 15 th January 2013. The main items	Noted
discussed were:	
Medium Term Financial Plan	
Communities Fund	
Minimum Unit Price	
Town Centre updates.	

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10. Future Meeting Dates		
Future meeting dates were circulated		
11. Any Other Business		
MR discussed with the Board Public Health funding which Stockton has got to put exercise		Noted
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.		
JP noted she uses Preston Park for Health walks and would welcome new equipment at		Noted
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.		
PD declared an Interest as a member of Friends of Preston Park.	PD	Noted
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DN identified that if successful local businesses could sponsor the equipment.		Noted
The Board supported the suggestion and would like to submit their support for securing the		Agreed
equipment at Preston Park.		
Rural Housing Needs Consultation briefing note was circulated for information.		Noted
12. Date and Time of Next Meeting		110000
Monday 25 th February 2013, 6 p.m. at		Noted