

Boldon Newtown Partnership Group

Notes of Meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2007 At the Boldon Children Centre

Attendance:

Cllr Lina Waggott (Chair), Maureen Graham, Liz Purvis, Pam Bainbridge (all Newtown Residents Association), Sharon Charlton, Maria Anderson, Steve Thompson (All BN Neighbourhood Management Team), Craig Malcolm, APC (ST), Christine Allen (Home Housing), Anne Connelly (STC Housing), Anne Corrigan (Children Centre), Sharon Clark (ST Homes)

Apologies: Cllr Alison Strike, Paul Walker (STC), Cllr Joanne Bell

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Introductions & Previous Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>
1 & 2	Introductions were made for the benefit of new members. The minutes were agreed as a true record	
3	<u>Matters Arising</u> None.	
4	<u>Housing Development Update</u> Craig Malcolm informed the group that the letter inviting expressions of interest for the development brief had gone out to over 100 organisations and that the response has been high. When all tenders have been received a panel will score applications, and the top 5 or 6 will be brought to this group for discussion, this should be by mid September. Anne Connolly advised Christine that it had been sent to Marsha Jobling at Belmont. Christine asked the group if it could be agreed by this group that the minutes of this meeting be used as Home Groups expression of interest and that once ready, that the development brief be sent out to them (no decision was made by the group). Christine stressed that Home Group were very interested. Christine to check for letter again and Anne to check that letter has been sent.	

	<p>Liz Purvis asked if it was feasible for the houses to be demolished in blocks, whilst waiting for the last residents to be re-housed. Sharon Clark advised the group that it was feasible. Maureen Graham informed the meeting that residents living in the area have expressed concerns over the state of the living conditions, and have said to the Boldon Newtown Residents Association that they are sick of living in a slum. It was agreed that Anne Connolly should contact Jamie McDonald to see if demolition can begin immediately, but advised the group this decision would also rely on the contractor, Owen Pugh, being able to schedule the work in. Pam Bainbridge asked Anne Connolly for assurance that the SHIP money for the area is there for the area. Anne advised the group that although the money is there, it has been fully committed through acquisitions. The residents requested that more information regarding what the money has been spent on be brought to the next meeting. Anne to speak to Paul Walker regarding proof of SHIP money and also a full report of what commitments have been made. It was agreed that this information should be emailed to Maria Anderson to pass to the group as the group will not meet for another two months.</p> <p>Demolition Leaflet – Christine Allen asked if more information could be included. It was suggested that the leaflet include information on Home Group and also contacts for both Home Group and the Neighbourhood Management Team. Anne Connolly requested that Christine pass all comments to her via email as soon as possible as the leaflet should have been delivered to residents a while ago and also reminded Christine that the leaflet was a Council leaflet. Liz Purvis requested that information be included telling residents that they have to register with ST Homes before they can be rehoused as there are people who are unaware of this or what options are open to them. It was agreed that all the discussed information should be included and that Anne Connolly should make changes to leaflet and email to Maria to be circulated to the group for approval. It was also agreed that Liz Purvis should forward resident contact details to Anne, who will make sure all residents are contacted and and updated on what options are available to them.</p>	<p><u>CA, AC</u></p> <p><u>AC</u></p> <p><u>AC, MA</u></p> <p><u>CA</u></p> <p><u>AC.MA</u></p>
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5	<p><u>Youth Provision</u></p> <p>Maria Anderson explained the background to the project. Maria advised the group that the adverts for the youth worker posts were going on STC and Home Group websites today. Interviews will take place the end of July with view to the workers starting the beginning of August.</p>	
6	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <p>Steve Thompson informed the group that things were progressing well with the Cleaner, Safer, Greener projects. Final touches being put Pit Wheel, bins now installed, bollards will be renewed by the zebra crossing, the decorative boards will go up in Charles Street next week and they have now started to fill the planters. Met last week with Ron Wheetman regarding the extension of the paths at the shops and further consultation with residents needs to take place regarding phase 2 of the project. The residents requested a litter bin on Wilfred Street, near the Burn, due to the amount of rubbish being left by the young people from Boldon Comprehensive at lunch times. It was agreed that Steve should look in to. Christine Allen informed the group that the Neighbourhood Management Teams application to the Supporting Communities Fund for year 2 of the Gardening Project and Park had been successful. Christine advised the meeting that there was still funding available from the Supporting Communities Fund. Craig Malcolm informed the group of funding available from the Local Network Fund and the Youth Opportunities Fund. Craig gave an update on the Health Group and advised the group that Malcolm Moralee had now put together an action plan, but that some of the target dates and responsibilities needed to be set by partners. It was agreed that Maria and Craig should meet with Malcolm to discuss further. It was also agreed that Health should be put on the agenda for the next meeting and that Malcolm should be invited.</p>	<p><u>CM, MA</u></p> <p><u>MA</u></p>
7	<p><u>Exit Strategy</u></p> <p>Maria Anderson explained that as the funding for the Neighbourhood Management Project ends in March 2008 she is looking at an exit strategy for the project. She will be looking at exploring the possibility of a Development Trust regarding the Village Hall option. Craig Malcolm informed the group that the Local Authority are committed</p>	

	to the project and that there will be a meeting on 4 th August with Craig, Maria, Christine Allen and Sylvia Brown to look at the issues. Craig asked the group whether they would like a social event sometime in September to let people know what has been happening within the Neighbourhood Plan and what the Team have been doing. It agreed that there should be a street café during the day and a buffet in the evening and that Maria should get back to the group with a date.	<u>MA</u>
8	<u>Volunteer Policy</u> Sharon Charlton asked the group if they would support having a Volunteer Policy for the project. Sharon advised that the Policy would cover volunteer induction, training, support and expenses. The group agreed. It was also agreed that Sharon should bring the draft policy to the next meeting	<u>SC</u>
9	<u>Any Other Business</u> Christine Allen advised the group that Home Group have a few free places for residents on the Chartered Institute of Housing Course, should anyone be interested in attending they are to let Christine know or call in to the Village Hall. Linda Waggott thanked everyone for attending.	<u>ALL</u>

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Action point summary from minutes.

<u>Partnership Member</u>	<u>Action Point</u>	<u>Action to be completed by</u>	<u>Status</u>
Christine Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check for expression of interest letter from STC. - To forward comments on Demolition Leaflet to Anne Connolly. 		
Anne Connolly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check to see if expression of interest letter was sent to Home Group. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speak to Jamie McDonald to see if demolition can begin immediately. - Speak to Paul Walker regarding proof of SHIP money and full report of what has been committed. Forward information to Maria Anderson to email to Partnership. - Make changes to Demolition Leaflet and forward to Maria Anderson for groups approval. - Make sure residents are contacted and made aware of options available to them. 		
Maria Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To forward information regarding SHIP money and report on commitments once received from Anne Connolly. - To forward Demolition Leaflet to group for approval once received from Anne Connolly. - To meet with Craig Malcolm and Malcolm Moralee. - Include Health on next agenda and invite Malcolm Moralee. - Take Draft Exit Strategy to next meeting. - Organise a date for Social Event in September. 		
Sharon Charlton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take Draft Volunteer Policy to next meeting. 		