

## Boldon Newtown Action Group

**Notes of Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 2.00pm  
– 4.00pm  
At the Children’s Centre Reginald Street Boldon**

**Attendance:** Cllr Strike, Paul Walker (STC), Maureen Graham, Liz Purvis Chris and Pam Bainbridge (all Newtown Residents Association), Maureen Plunkett (Home Housing), Maria Anderson (BN Neighbourhood Management team), Doug Payne (Stride –Boldon Detached) Andy Gussy (Foundry Media), Craig Malcolm, APC (ST), Ray Pope (Home Housing), Dougie Mc Allister (Northumbria Police) South Shields, Ron Weetman (STC), Sue Stokoe (Children’s Centre)

**Apologies:** Inspector Sutton, Chris Wake (RA) I. Hunter (STHomes)

Item No		Action By
1.	<p><b>Amendments to previous meeting minutes: Bev Race HH was not at the meeting( name removed from attendance list) Ray Pope (HH) name to be included in attendance list.</b></p> <p><b>Minutes agreed as a true record</b></p>	<b>MA</b>
2.	<b>Introductions</b>	
3.	<p><b>Decorated Boards – terraced properties</b></p> <p>Andy Gussy (Director Foundry Media) gave a short presentation about the decorated boards for the backs of the properties in Charles Street. He provided large photographs of the properties as they look now and how they would look with the decorated boards on the windows and doors.</p> <p>The work will include the removal of the brown metal shutters and replaced with decorative painted boards. All the members of the partnership group agreed that this would make an improvement and wanted the project to go ahead.</p> <p>It was also agreed that if possible the project should</p>	<b>AG/MA/DP</b>

	<p>include young people perhaps working on the designs and implementation of the boards with Boldon Detached Project and Foundry Media.</p> <p><b>4 Safer Cleaner, Greener Funding</b></p> <p>Ron Weetman explained that there would be £156k from the above initiative to spend on projects in Boldon Newtown. Maria Anderson has completed questionnaires with local people and consultation during the summer, which highlighted specific categories that local people wanted the money spent on. The choices centred around: money for the park on New Road (subject to planning permission agreed) environmental improvements, community safety issues, litter bins, target bins, corner sites and gateway improvements and improvements to the terraced properties. It was agreed that projects would be costed up with some projects in reserve (if the Park has not received final planning permission by the end of the year). (DP to work on designing bins with young people for New Road and target shops) DP RW and MA to report back to next meeting</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Housing Development Update</b></p> <p>Paul Walker gave an up date and it was agreed that the development brief would be presented at the next meeting. Maureen Plunkett reported that six tenants still needed suitable properties (HH) It was unclear who was co-ordinating information on John Street from ST Homes. (Paul Walker to check for next meeting)</p>	<p><b>RW/MA DP</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Voluntary Sale of low demand properties</b></p> <p>The voluntary sale of 1 house and 6 flats in Charles street, was being discussed at the HH board. Ray Pope to report back to next meeting with the outcome and next steps.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Boldon Newtown Neighbourhood Action Plan</b></p> <p>Craig Malcolm explained that the Neighbourhood Plan was finished and distributed copies. The plan has been the result of a lot of hard work by Craig and residents, agencies, officers, and Cllr Strike. It will be monitored</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>

	<p>quarterly to inform the partnership of how it is progressing. There will be a launch of the plan and the re-opening of the Village Hall and an event around early December to inform local people of what is taking place.</p> <p><b>8 Partnership Group – Away Day</b></p> <p>After discussion by the group it was agreed that there would be a partnership group away day to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2pm to 7pm at the Friendly Hotel – Boldon. Update at next meeting</p> <p><b>9 Any Other Business</b></p> <p>A discussion took place around having a CCTV camera in the grounds of the Children Centre – Inspector Sutton/Kevin Thompson to discuss further at next meeting</p> <p><b>Naming – Signage of Village Hall</b> After a long discussion it was agreed that “The Village Hall” name would stay as it is and that a sign would be put up on the Building showing that the Neighbourhood Management Team was housed there and also some logos from other partners involved. There would also be a sign to show that it was a council building.</p> <p>MA presented the partnership with some samples of potential logos for the new neighbourhood management team. The group made a choice and asked for the colours in the logo to be in British Racing Green. Maria agreed to take this forward.</p> <p><b>Date and time of next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 26th October at 2pm at The Children’s Centre in Reginald</b></p>	<p><b>MA</b></p> <p><b>PS/KT</b></p> <p><b>CB</b></p> <p><b>MA</b></p>
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