

**Boldon Newtown Partnership Meeting Thursday 15th November
2007 2.00pm at Reginald Street Children's Centre**

Present: Anne Connolly(STC), Anne Corrigan (Children's Centre) Pam Bainbridge (RA) Maureen Graham (RA), Liz Purvis (RA). Cllr Alison Strike, Craig Malcolm (STC) Christine Allen (Home), Maria Anderson (Home)

Item		Action	Date
1.	Introductions		
2.	Apologies Cllr Linda Waggott, Paul Walker (STC), Mark Burrell		
3.	Minutes of last meeting		
	Agreed as a true record		
4.	Housing Update on Development/Demolition John Street and Charles Street		
	<p>Anne Connolly reported that the relocation of residents in Charles Street was progressing well. There were still some private tenants to re-locate and Home group have been contacted to see if they can assist. There are still 4 residents to be re-located from Charles Street.</p> <p><u>John Street</u></p> <p>Anne reported that the contractors have been out on site and that Northern Electric need to shroud the overhead electrical cables. This should be done early next week. This is a matter of health and safety and the demolition can not begin until this is carried out. The demolition is due to begin on Tuesday 27th November. Maria Anderson stated that she would arrange for the boards that the young people had been painting about safety during the demolition to be placed around the sight and also arrange for the press to attend when the young people were erecting the boards. Anne Stated that Owen Pugh would manage all of the safety arrangements. She also said the sub station would be part of the responsibility of the Development Brief</p>	MA	

	to improve it's appearance. Maria Anderson stated that she had been in touch with Kevin Thompson and Inspector Sutton concerning re-locating the CCTV camera on the demolition site. Maria to contact them again regarding this issue.		
5.	Development Brief		
	<p>Anne reported that there had been seven tenders submitted and the council would be meeting on the following Tuesday to look at them. A scoring matrix would be used against the criteria required. Three bids would be chosen from the seven submitted. Maria Anderson was asked to organise a special meeting before Christmas to discuss the outcome of the scoring exercise. It was agreed that the three bids chosen would be brought to the next partnership on 13th December for discussion. Cllr Strike mentioned that she had had enquiries from people re- properties in Charles/Arnold street. Christine Allen said she would investigate the status of the empty properties being brought back into use by Home Housing.</p> <p>Maria Anderson was asked to formulate a Housing Focus group to meet separately to discuss housing issues.</p> <p>A discussion took place around Landlords purchasing Home properties. There was a Landlord in Boldon who was interested in acquiring some of the properties. Christine Allen agreed to speak to the Housing Management Team about this and said she would liaise with Anne Connolly</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>MA</p> <p>CA/AC</p>	
6.	Neighbourhood Management Update		
	<p>Following on from discussions between Christine Allen and Craig Malcolm, Craig explained the proposal to re-structure the Neighbourhood Management Team. It was felt that a lot had been achieved over the last year but this new staff structure would best suit the needs of the community and the future of the project. The proposal for the staffing structure was:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager – Salary funded by Home Housing for 1 year (if match funding was available Home would fund for following year.</p> <p>Community Projects Officer</p> <p>Youth Project</p> <p>Employment Engagement Worker</p> <p>Community Gardener (part time)</p> <p>Admin worker (16 hrs (scale 2)</p>		

	<p>Craig asked the partnership what their views on the proposal were. The proposal was agreed and a discussion took place around the Youth project and the Employment Engagement worker all being managed by the NMI. It was agreed that this would be beneficial but further discussion would need to take place once the funding situation was more clear.</p>		
7.	NMI Team/Youth Work update		
	<p>The Youth Project is working closely with the NMI team. There is some excellent work being carried out. The young people have been putting benches and seating in the Welfare Cricket Ground and working in the community garden. There are two school groups working on projects in the garden each week. Over 40 young people are attending a floodlit football session every Thursday evening (13-25) and each Friday over twenty under 13's attend their own Football Fitness session. The NMI has formulated a Local Interagency Group to help support victims and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour. Maria Anderson updated the partnership on a proposal to apply for funding to renovate the old Tool Hire Building and explore the possibility of creating an activity centre solely for young people. It was agreed that Maria would report back to the next partnership on any developments</p>	MA	
8.	Evaluation		
	<p>Craig explained that we need to carry out an evaluation on the impact of the work that had been carried out. We need evidence to find out what has changed as a result of the projects that have been taking place in Boldon. He explained about the previous Beacon visit and how the judges and the council had been very impressed by the work going ahead and the enthusiasm of the residents who they spoke with. Work on the Community Park is progressing well and a decision on the lottery bid is expected on December 7th. It was agreed that Maria Anderson would meet with a smaller group of relevant officers to discuss the finance and budgets relating to the park spend before the next Park Meeting on 13th December.</p> <p>A discussion took place about environmental project and road repairs taking place in Boldon Newtown and it was agreed that Maria Anderson would reformulate the environmental projects group with Ron Weetman. This group will meet in the New Year to co-ordinate projects taking place.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING – Thursday 17th Jan 2008</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>MA</p>	

	2.00pm at the Children's Centre – Reginald Street.		