

Boldon Newtown Partnership Group

Notes of Meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2008 At the Boldon Children Centre

Attendance:

Cllr Linda Waggott (Chair), Maureen Graham, Liz Purvis, (all Newtown Residents Association), Maria Anderson, Mark Burrell (All BN Neighbourhood Management Team), Anne Connelly (STC Housing), Anne Corrigan (Children Centre), Paul Walker (HOS Planning) STC, Rachel Gibson (Area Co-ordinator) STC, Srgt Hudson (Police)

Apologies: Cllr Alison Strike, Paul Walker (STC), Cllr Joanne Bell, Craig Malcolm, Senior APC (ST), Christine Allen (Home Housing), Pam Bainbridge Residents Assoc.

<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> Warning boards showing the dangers of entering a demolition site which were designed by local young people were displayed on the perimeter fencing for demolition site. The housing focus sub group was created and has met. Home Group have decided not to sell all their properties to the one individual and have instead placed them on the open market	
4	<u>Housing Development Update</u> Anne Connolly informed the group that John street is coming down now, 6 were demolished before Christmas and the rest should be down by the end of the week. The delay in starting the demolition had been due to the electrical contractor who needed to shroud the cables prior to demolition but failed to do so in time.	

	<p>After demolition the site will be seeded and soiled and a small perimeter fence will be installed.</p> <p>Charles Street still has 6 tenants living in the future demolition site and the council, ST Homes and Home are working together to try and find these residents suitable accommodation. It is difficult as some tenants have requested certain areas where properties do not come onto the market very often. An additional problem is that many of the remaining tenants are single men and there is not a great deal of choice for this category of tenant in the area.</p> <p>Once the tenants are out, the properties will be checked for asbestos before any demolition can start,</p> <p>As mentioned in the previous meeting, there are 7 contractors submitted development briefs for the site. It is proposed that a special meeting, will be held where officers can share their views on the designs with residents. The financial details will not be revealed at this meeting. Home housing will not attend this meeting as they have submitted a tender.</p> <p>Anne will arrange this meeting</p> <p>Paul Walker pointed out that the process to decide the final contractor has not yet been decided. Residents and councillors will be consulted on this is due course.</p> <p>It is important that everyone considers the plan and takes into account the views of officers with regard to access roads and other items which need to be taken into consideration</p> <p>Chair shared her delight in the progression of the demolition. Group agreed.</p>	<p><u>AC</u></p> <p><u>ALL</u></p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Community Park</u></p> <p>Maria shared with the group the news that the £100K lottery grant for play equipment had been successful.</p> <p>Special meeting is due to be held soon where Comm.</p>	

	<p>Park group will view potential designs for play equipment.</p> <p>The issue of road safety around the park is still the topic of discussion. It was felt that only one person had raised objections but this is not the case. Kevin Flannery is bringing full details to the next park meeting.</p> <p>Maria is also hoping to get an extra £21K funding for the park as there is a small deficit to pay for getting internal structures into the park such as street lighting. This extra funding could help address some of the shortfall.</p> <p>Maria to keep the group informed</p> <p>Group agreed this is all positive news</p>	<p><u>MA</u></p> <p><u>ALL</u></p>
6	<p><u>Open Event</u></p> <p>Maria explained that the team are planning, along with Rachel, to hold an open event at the village hall on the 25-2-08. Details have yet to be formalised and Maria will let everyone know more when she has news.</p> <p>The event is to showcase what the project has achieved and what residents priorities are for the future,</p> <p>Group felt this was important</p>	<p><u>MA</u></p>
7	<p><u>Youth Project</u></p> <p>Maria informed the group that the Home Housing supported youth service is due to end in March. Maria is meeting Christine Smith(head of service for children and young people) ,Phil Bennett, Craig Malcolm and Steve Southern to discuss the future of the service in Boldon</p> <p>Chair stated herself and other councillors are willing to help in anyway to support the continuation of the good work that is taking place...</p> <p>The group shared this view. The residents association also gave their full support.</p> <p>Group asked Maria to keep them informed</p>	<p><u>AS, LW,</u> <u>JB</u></p> <p><u>ALL</u></p> <p><u>MA</u></p>
8	<u>Any Other Business</u>	

	Srgt Hudson explained that a group is to meet to discuss ASB on the 25-2-08. The group will include Home, ST Homes and the Neighbourhood Management team.	
9	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> 14 Th February 2008, 2pm Children's centre	

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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>
Anne Connelly	- Arrange meeting to look over plan for new development	Early February 2008	
Maria Anderson	- Keep group informed of progress with regards funding for Youth service	Next meeting	
Maria Anderson	- Inform partners of details for open event	Next Meeting	
Maria Anderson	- Keep the group informed of progress with funding of Comm. Park	Next meeting	