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**NICOLA GARNHAM, REGENERATION OFFICER – Stockton Borough Council**

Nicola gave an update on regeneration matters in Billingham, further to the report which was circulated in January.

Nicola gave members an update on the Integrated Health & Social Care Scheme. Nicola informed members that Stockton Borough Council is continuing to work with the PCT to finalise details of the scheme objectives, scope and deliverables required for the submission of an Outline Business Case (OBC) to the Department of Health (DH) to hopefully secure the £35m PFI credits, for which the Council presently has an allocation in principle.

The PFI Health & Social care credits will fund (in part) the scheme which consists of two separate developments:

1. An extra care facility providing long term residential care services for elderly and vulnerable adults. Fifty, two bedroom units will be created alongside a range of community facilities.
2. An integrated Health and Social Care facility providing access to information, advice and a range of services including:
  - Adults and children's integrated service area (social services)
  - PCT Integrated care services (polyclinic) offering care related to podiatry, heart clinics & dermatology (exact services yet to be confirmed)
  - 3 single handed GP's
  - Library
  - Council's Customer Service Centre which deals with queries on Council tax, benefits, housing etc.
  - Resource rooms/community facilities

The facilities will be designed, constructed and managed by the LIFT Procurement – Care Partnership 25.

Nicola informed members that the Council has been working to produce and submit the OBC in March 2010, however guidance issued by the Department of Health in mid December 2009 states that the OBC needs to be much more detailed than previously anticipated. In essence the OBC needs to be completed to Stage 1 detail; Stage 1 having previously been scheduled for February 2010. This is the first time that the Department of Health has issued any guidance on the submission of an OBC to secure PFI credits to deliver the scheme (this is a flagship scheme).

The Council, PCT and Care Partnership 25 are now working to prepare the detailed level of information required. Advisors (AECOM) have been appointed to assist with the preparation of the OBC.

A questions and answers session took place.

**Q.** Cllr Pollard – The OBC was due to be submitted in March 2010 does this mean that this will be delayed?

**A.** Yes the Council is trying to submit both the OBC and phase 1 together as opposed to waiting another year as the criteria from the PCT came through a year late.

**Q.** Cllr Mockler – Will the residential care site be in Billingham?

**A.** Yes it is proposed that the site be at Billingham Community Centre.

**Q.** Will the care in the community building for hospital cases that are discharged after two days be based in Billingham?

Cllr McCoy stated that the PCT have assured that the new hospital will not go ahead until all facilities for care are put in place.

Cllr O'Donnell commented that a full out-line planning application is necessary.

### **It was resolved**

The update from Nicolas is accepted.

Nicola was thanked for attending the meeting.

The Chairman advised members that a copy of the Billingham Town Centre Regeneration Consultation Report - Community Engagement Public Consultation & Responses November 2009 can be viewed at the Town Council office.

## **424/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public in attendance.

**425/10 MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Town Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

**It was resolved**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**426/10 MATTERS ARISING – from minutes of meeting (discussion only)**

**Item 410/09 Mugga at High Grange** - Cllr Stoker asked if any consultation had taken place? If so how was this carried out? Can we check with Keith Mathews, Parks & Countryside's, Stockton Borough Council.

**It was resolved**

The Executive Officer to clarify with Keith Mathews on the consultation process on the mugga at High Grange.

**427/10 MINUTES OF THE SERVICES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2010**

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the minutes of the Services & Amenities Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**It was resolved**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings and the recommendations made by the Committee are to be accepted.

**428/10 MATTERS ARISING – from the minutes of the Services & Amenities Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

**SA54/10 Billingham Train Station** – Members asked about the possibility of the Executive Officer contacting Charlene Cain at Network Rail. Discussions took place on the need for the priority areas of work to be carried out as soon as possible.

**SA55/10 Billingham Carnival** – Members enquired if Roger Black would be attending the Town Council meeting in April 2010. The Executive Officer advised members that Roger would be attending this meeting.

Cllr McCoy informed members that it has been reported that grit bins have gone missing within the borough and that every area in the borough that meets the criteria has been issued with a grit bin. Cllr McCoy asked if Stockton Borough Council could advise Billingham Town Council which areas do not quite meet the criteria and perhaps Billingham Town Council could place grit bins within these areas. Cllr McCoy stated that Stockton Borough Council officers have stated that grit bins are not a financial issue but any requests must meet the criteria.

Cllr O'Donnell enquired where the areas of concern are. Chairman highlighted problematic areas. Cllr McCoy stated that Stockton Borough Council has no legal liability in putting grit bins out. Cllr O'Donnell mentioned that unadopted roads had not been gritted in the inclement weather. It would be beneficial if housing associations took more responsibility for gritting resident's homes that come within their remit.

**It was resolved**

The Executive Officer to get in touch with Network Rail, try to speak with Charlene Cain, and for Executive Officer to work in partnership with Stockton Borough Council with regards to plans for this years grit bins.

Letter to Stockton Borough Council (Care For your Area) thanking them for all hard work help /and quick response during the inclement weather.

**429/10 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 14TH JANUARY 2010**

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee on 14th January 2010.

**It was resolved**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings and the recommendations made by the Finance & Resources Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 are to be accepted.

**430/10**            **MATTERS ARISING** – from the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee on the 14th January 2010.

**FR120/10 Enforcement provision** – Members discussed the proposals for additional enforcement provision in Billingham, including associated costs. Cllr Metcalfe asked about the possibility of exploring costs for the lease of a van. Cllr Stoker informed members that Middlesbrough Council pay £10k to lease two electric vans.

Cllr Mike Smith CCTV – what happens if the CCTV cameras need to be moved? He stated that he doesn't think that the quote obtained from Mike McLone, Stockton Borough Council is value for money.

At this point the Executive Officer suggested that as there are a number of questions asked that she is unable to answer, perhaps it would be beneficial if Mick McLone is invited to our next Town Council meeting so that members can ask questions directly.

**It was resolved:**

The Executive Officer to invite Mike McLone to next Town Council meeting, to commence at 6.00 p.m.

The Chairman advised members that at the Finance & Resources Committee it was recommended that a donation of £100 to be given to Priors Mill Primary School Choir who attended the Christmas event in John Whitehead Park on Saturday 5 December 2009 and performed Christmas carols and £50.00 to John Irwin, Photographer who attended the event to take photographs.

Members approved the donation to Priors Mill Primary School and John Irwin.

**431/10**            **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT & (recommendations from Staffing Committee)**

The Executive Officer briefly gave an update on projects highlighting areas around Community Orchard and other new projects for 2010/11.

The Executive Officer gave a staffing report highlighting a proposal received from Newtown & Clarence's Resource Centres for a 12 month contract/funding proposal for Laura, Community Development Officer to work full time on employment projects and to deliver a new project at Low Grange Community Centre.

Cllr McCoy enquired about redundancy costs and disciplinary lines should the Development Officer post be based at Low Grange Community Centre with funding via Newtown Community Resources Centre. Also what will happen to the funding for this post after the initial 12 month period?

The Executive Officer advised that as the contract for Laura's post is for 3 years, reviewed annually, redundancy would not be a problem as the post is 50% paid by Newtown. With regards to disciplinary lines – this would be highlighted in the contract of employment/offer letter.

Members discussed the proposal of restructuring the office and increase in hours and job title change incorporating extra duties for events and PR elements for the General Office Assistant.

The Chairman asked members to vote on these proposals.

**It was resolved:**

The Executive Officers report is accepted.

The majority vote to keep the Development Officers post under Billingham Town Council contract.

General Office Assistant to work 37 hours per week with effect from 1st February 2010 with increase in salary to NJC Scale 4 point 18.

**432/10 FINANCE**

The members considered the monthly Schedule of Accounts previously circulated.

**It was resolved**

The monthly accounts are accepted for payment.

**433/09 BUDGET/PRECEPT 2010/11 – To discuss, review & approve precept proposals for 2010/11 as recommended by Finance & Resources Committee**

The Executive Officer gave out copies of the proposed precept for 2010/11 that was discussed at the Finance & Resources Committee on 14 January 2010.

Members discussed the proposed precept which is set to rise by 0.84 p.a. per household on a band D.

The Executive Officer advised that the only increases in the precept are natural progression on salary scales for staff, and new projects such as grit bins, & Community Orchard and a small amount towards possible allotment provision.

Members discussed publicising a break down of annual costs for different bands in monetary terms as opposed to % increase on Billingham Town Council website and within the Community Newspaper/Newsletter.

**It was resolved**

The proposed Budget/Precept 2010/11 to be approved.

**434/10 PLANNING**

The planning application report (previously circulated) was reviewed/discussed by members.

Cllr O'Donnell informed members that Avecia are seeking planning permission for a proposed new dispensary and processing extension to expand its existing site.

**It was resolved:**

The planning applications are approved.

**435/10 CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

**436/10 OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman informed members that NPL will be attending the next Town Council meeting and that a decision is needed from Billingham Town Council to ascertain if we support or oppose the proposals to re-open the anhydrite mine in Billingham.

Members approved that the Executive Officer negotiate with NPL around community benefits i.e. lorry tax and land fill tax – and how this will be distributed within Billingham, and will benefit all of our community.

Cllr Stoker informed members that NPL had approached Stockton Borough Council regarding mineral and waste management and looking at the possibility of putting such waste in the mine.

Cllr Stoker also advised that with new companies coming into Billingham such as **INEOS/BIOMASS** Billingham Town Council look into allocation of S106 monies which must be kept within Billingham.

Cllr O'Donnell informed members that Stockton Borough Council is restructuring S106 monies and a decision was taken that money received from this should remain in the areas at which the developments take place.

Cllr Mockler asked the Executive Officer if she had any progress with the possible creation of Credit Unions in Billingham.

The Executive Officer advised that she had liaised with James Hadman, SCRGA, Stockton who advised that there are Credit unions throughout Stockton and that he would look into where they are based in Billingham and look into how this can be delivered. The Executive Officer to advise members accordingly.

**437/10                    DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010** commencing at 6.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

**Signed..... Date .....**  
**Chairman to Billingham Town Council**