

# STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS

*Care and Compassion in the  
Night-Time Environment*  
Registered Charity No. 1143017



## Management Board Meeting Summarised Record of Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	10am – 11:50am
<b>Location:</b>	St. Pauls Church Hall, Bishopton Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 0XA

<b>Persons Present:</b> (include initials)	<b>Reverend Derek Rosamond (DR) – Chair</b>	
	<b>Peter Chapman (PC)</b>	<b>Steve Brock (SB)</b>
	<b>Jan Knox (JK)</b>	<b>Andy Fox (AF)</b>
	<b>Jessie Jacobs (JJ)</b>	<b>Jim Wright (JW)</b>
	<b>James Glancey (JG)</b>	

Para No.		Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.1	DR welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a special greeting to JG at this, his first attendance as an STP Management Board member.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Opening prayer</b>	
2.1	DR opened the meeting in prayer.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
3.1	Stuart Cornwell (SC) – Has just arrived back in the UK after business abroad, and is tending to him wife’s medical needs.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b>	
4.1	<b>Accuracy</b> – The minutes were accepted by all present as accurate, and were subsequently signed by DR.	
4.2	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
4.2.1	<u>STP Engagement with Love Stockton (Para 4.2.3)</u> – DR reported that he had written to the Love Stockton Board formally registering STP’s interest in the possibility of sharing a café facility should a property become available.	
4.2.2	<u>Thankyou Card to Marilyn Davies (Para 4.2.5)</u> – SB confirmed that he had sent a card on behalf of STP to Marilyn upon her retirement as Community Safety Manager with Stockton Borough Council, expressing our thanks for all the help she has given STP.	

<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p><b>STP Treasurer’s Position</b></p> <p>The matters for discussion arose from the minutes of the previous minutes (Para’s 5.2. &amp; 5.3), which suggested a number of options in respect of PC’s continuation in the role of STP Treasurer.</p> <p>The offer as identified in Para 5.2(b) of those minutes were accepted – PC to remain in the role and for him to extend the working agreement he has with a third party, to include administrative treasurer support on behalf of STP. PC confirmed that this was the position, and DR thanked him for this personal contribution.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.2.1</p> <p>6.2.2</p>	<p><b>STP Management Board</b></p> <p><u>Skills Review</u> – Dr reported that this was initially raised by SC, who currently has other pressing matters. SC has access to a tested format and it would be wise to allow him to take the lead on this once he is able to do so. The issue was placed on hold.</p> <p><u>Christian Faith Representation &amp; Statement of Values</u> – SB had previously circulated the agreed ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ between STP and A Way Out, which included a statement of values.</p> <p>DR asked the Board to consider if it was possible to tweak this document to mention Christian faith representation. However, representation should reflect the current position that, although STP is, and will remain, a primarily Christian organisation; it will be openly inclusive of others who may not proclaim the same faith so long as they are in agreement with our ethos.</p> <p>Discussion took place and it was agreed that a ‘Statement of Belief’ should be produced to re-confirm that STP is a Christian faith-based organisation. JJ said that guidance may be available on the ‘Faithworks’ website. It was felt that a short statement was all that was necessary, to serve as a reminder to present and future Board members of our core motivation. <b>ACTION:</b> SB to prepare a draft document and circulate to members for consideration.</p>	<p><b>SB</b> (agenda item)</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p><b>Town Pastors in Yarm - Update</b></p> <p>SB reminded the Board of the history around the potential for STP providing a presence in Yarm, and that the focus had always remained in Stockton town centre as that is where there is still the greatest need because of the potential for violent crime and drink-related antisocial behaviour there.</p> <p>In December 2011 the Stockton police Senior Management Unit made a request to STP, asking us to consider providing patrols around an out-of-term-time series of ‘Cannonball’ events at The Keys licensed premises in Yarm High Street on Wednesday evenings, which had been attracting 2,000 first year university students and their friends. Operational officers had experienced a number of</p>	

	<p>these youngsters in need of help, and antisocial behaviour – although not of a violent nature – was beginning to concern residents.</p>	
7.3	<p>The STP Management Board had previously agreed that it would be good to be able to respond to this request but that we should first engage with churches local to Yarm to determine commitment. This resulted in SB making a presentation to the Yarm Ecumenical Meeting of Church Leaders, and subsequently to Yarm church members who had expressed an interest in becoming involved in this initiative.</p>	
7.4	<p>This resulted in four new applications being received and, together with five existing STP volunteers, there are now nine volunteers available to cover the dates of the next events – the 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> March, and the 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Training and administrative processes are currently taking place.</p>	
7.5	<p>An approach had been made to Yarm Parish Council who had agreed that volunteers could use Yarm town hall as an operating base, and SB has arranged a further meeting with them to discuss practical arrangements. He is also in contact with the CCTV manager to secure CCTV camera and radio coverage.</p>	
7.6	<p>Volunteers for the Yarm initiative will meet on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 for a further briefing to agree cover and the use of resources. Existing equipment will be utilised, and either SB or another experienced coordinator will be on duty during each of the patrols to ensure volunteer support and provide a direct contact with the police and council.</p>	
7.7	<p>AF confirmed that there will be a police presence at each of the events, to support volunteers and monitor the situation.</p>	
7.8	<p>Discussion took place around the use of the building as a ‘safe haven’ or ‘triage’ if needed. It was agreed that the matter should be reviewed after the Easter events had taken place, but JJ suggested that a ‘Church Army’ vehicle may be available to provide teas and coffees etc. <b>ACTION:</b> JJ to forward details to SB, who will make contact.</p>	<b>JJ &amp; SB</b>
7.9	<p>SB said that the progress made in respect of this initiative has underlined STP Management Board belief that if it is motivated by Christ then it will happen. We have not pushed in respect of any of this and doors have been opened simply as a result of asking questions; and we should take confidence from the achievement.</p>	

<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p> <p>8.5</p> <p>8.6</p> <p>8.7</p> <p>8.8</p>	<p><b>Project Managers Report</b></p> <p>SB circulated a report of operational activity, as below:</p> <p> PM Report 2012_03_05.doc</p> <p>Volunteer numbers continue to rise gradually, with 55 actively involved in patrols on a regular basis. 27% were from the Destiny Centre, who has jointly made a commitment to do patrols on one Friday a month. More efficient use of their numbers is not currently possible because of the range of other activities most of their volunteers are involved in throughout the month.</p> <p>29% of volunteers are from the Baptist Tabernacle, with a total of 17 churches now being represented. 55% of volunteers are female, with the average age being 50yrs.</p> <p>14 volunteers recently attended a one-day Emergency First Aid at Work course, organised free of cost to us, via Tees Achieve (Stockton Council) who had secured locally accessible funding. SB had contacted Christine Vipond from that organisation to thank her for the support given to STP.</p> <p>The Olympic Torch relay will be passing through Stockton and Middlesbrough on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012, in addition to there being a training venue during the Olympics at the Tees Barrage. A meeting at Gateshead on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 will hopefully reveal a coordinated plan in response to these local activities, in which volunteers from Stockton Middlesbrough and Hartlepool have indicated they would like to become involved.</p> <p>JG said that Reuben Kench, the Council’s Head of Culture and Leisure, will be responsible for ensuring adherence to a variety of policies and coordinating all of the activity taking place in Stockton around these events. <b>ACTION:</b> JG to forward Reuben’s details to SB, who will contact to ensure STP’s proper engagement.</p> <p>SB gave a round-up of other projects he was involved in as a direct result of STP, including Christian Nightlife Initiatives (CNI), Stockton Independent Advisory Group (IAG), Christian Police Association (CPA) and the developing ‘Love Stockton’ initiative. DR has advised SB to manage his time in respect of all of this, given that he is salaried with STP at 20 hours per week and the need to achieve a balance between his work and personal time.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the needs of local estates and the use of alcohol by younger people. This resulted in agreement that a meeting between STP, A Way Out and the police might be helpful in identifying a solution to the concerns. <b>ACTION:</b> JJ, SB &amp; AF to meet to discuss further.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p><b>JG &amp; SB</b></p> <p></p> <p><b>JJ, SB &amp; AF</b></p>
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<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p>	<p><b>Love Stockton Project</b></p> <p>JJ reported that the next meeting of the Love Stockton Development Board is on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012, and this will mark the start of a process of communication across Churches and with local communities. Tangible work will start to happen when two development workers are in place to develop these networking and communication links, and to explore the possibility of a High Street premises from which Christian activity and service to the community can take place.</p> <p>It was identified that Revd. Alan Farish from Stockton Parish church is a part of the Development Board and has cultivated good relationships with the local council and other church denominations, all of which will benefit the wider networking opportunities sought by the Love Stockton project.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>11.1</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>SB reported that he had received information that the Christian Nightlife Initiatives charity had been acknowledged in the</p>	

	Government's 'Big Society' Awards, although the exact nature of this was not yet known and Downing Street were keen to develop a communications strategy before details were disclosed. STP is an independent group linked to CNI, and a brief discussion took place around the development of this project.	
<b>12</b> 12.1	<b>Time &amp; Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 10am – 12pm St. Pauls Church Hall, Bishopton Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 0XA	