

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 2 FORUM

Community Centre,
West Cornforth.

Tuesday,
18th February, 2003

Time : 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor G. Morgan (in the Chair) - Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillors T.F. Forrest, J.E. Higgin, A. Hodgson, D. A. Newell and
Ms. C.J. Warbis.

Representing Cornforth Parish Council

Councillor L. Ord and W.R. Wilson

Representing Dean Bank Residents Association

P. Crathorne

Representing Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

Mrs. S. Slaughter and A. Lynch

Durham Constabulary

Inspector G. Docherty

In

Attendance: Miss M. Ferguson - Sedgefield Borough Council
Miss C. Todd - Sedgefield Borough Council
P. Cant - Sedgefield Borough Council
Neighbourhood Warden
A. Denholm - Sedgefield Borough Council
Neighbourhood Warden

Apologies: **Sedgefield Borough Council** : Councillors Mrs. C. Potts, B.F. Avery, J.P.,
G.F. Chaplin, B. Meek, Ms. M. Predki and M.F. Smith.

Ferryhill Town Council : Councillor J. Chaplin and A. Denton

Dean Bank Residents Association : D. Watson

Ferryhill Comprehensive School : S. Gater

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust : Bob Parker

Durham Constabulary : Sergeant O'Connor

AF(2).24/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December, 2002 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

During discussion specific reference was made to the following:

Dale Street, Chilton (Minute No. AF(2)18/02 refers)

Members of the Forum requested that Dennis Scarr be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue of private landlords particular reference being made to Dale Street, Chilton.

AF(2).25/02 POLICE REPORT

Inspector G. Docherty was present at the meeting to give details of the crime figures for Chilton, Ferryhill, West Cornforth and Bishop Middleham areas.

Members noted that the crime statistics were as follows:

<u>Type of Crime:</u>	<u>January 2001/02</u>	<u>January 2002/03</u>
Total Crime	122	143
Dwelling Burglary	8	8
Vehicle Crime	29	43
Criminal Damage	34	51
Anti-social Behaviour/ Public Disorder	118	144
Domestic Violence	36	26

The football initiative that had been introduced in connection with Darlington Football Club on Friday evenings had proved to be extremely successful.

It was pointed out that the Beat Officer working in Chilton was providing football coaching sessions at Chilton Community College.

Members noted that bogus official type burglaries were still occurring in the area. It was explained that the Police were preparing a leaflet for residents to raise awareness of this problem.

It was noted that problems of anti social behaviour had been experienced in Bishop Middleham. However the beat officer had confirmed that the situation had improved.

It was noted that the Police had been operating a speeding campaign in Bishop Middleham in conjunction with the Community Force.

It was noted that one person had been arrested for cultivating cannabis and one person had been arrested in connection with the possession of ecstasy.

A member of the Forum queried the position of the Police with regard to untaxed cars. It was pointed out that the Police had limited powers if a car was found to have no tax it would be reported to the DVLA.

AF(2).26/02 SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Arrangements had been made for Bob Parker to attend the meeting to give details of the NHS LIFT Initiative. However, he was unable to attend the meeting.

A. Lynch, Acting Director for Public Health, gave details of initiatives that were currently ongoing within the Primary Care Trust.

On Monday 17th February 2003 Sedgefield Primary Care Trust had moved from their current premises behind Sedgefield Borough Council offices, Spennymoor to Merrington House, Merrington Lane, Spennymoor.

A. Lynch explained that the PCT were involved in the Ferryhill and Chilton Sure Start Programme.

The Forum was informed that a Health Promotion worker was working in schools to promote an initiative called Healthy Schools Standard which aimed to help children make healthy lifestyle choices. Chilton Primary and Ferryhill Comprehensive School had achieved the standard. It was explained that Broom Cottages and Ferryhill Station were working towards the achievement of this standard. It was pointed out that the Healthy School Standard was a partnership between health and education.

The Forum was informed that in West Cornforth a young peoples drop-in Centre had been opened which was funded by the Primary Care Trust. It was noted that this Centre was proving to be extremely successful.

The PCT was working in conjunction with local schools to help teachers deliver drugs education and with community groups to raise the awareness and educate local people on drug issues. One of the local areas involved in this initiative was West Cornforth.

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust also had a specialist advisor who was working in conjunction with the Dales PCT and Darlington PCT to help pregnant smokers quit.

The Forum was informed of a national campaign called 5-a-day which was an initiative trying to encourage people to eat five pieces of fruit and vegetables a day. It was explained that a small amount of funding had been secured and therefore the Sedgefield PCT had been able to give grants of approximately £500 to community groups. It was noted that the following community groups had received funding :-

- The Ladder
- Chilton Primary School, and
- Ferryhill Station Breakfast Club

It was also pointed out that Sedgefield Primary Care Trust were reminding local people over 65 and those with particular health problems that it was not too late to get vaccinated against the flu this winter.

The Chairman thanked A. Lynch for her interesting presentation.

AF(2).27/02 TIDY ESTATES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVE
Consideration was given to a schedule detailing schemes that had been completed, schemes that had already been supported or

approved by the Forum together with pending schemes. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that since the last meeting the following schemes had been completed :-

- AF2/38** - Request for wall mounted lights to be fitted to footpath at side of Brancepeth Road and corner of Auckland Road near No. 20, Ferryhill. The Forum was informed that the extra light would be done by Durham County Council.
- AF2/48** - Request for higher metal fencing along cut – problems with youths between cut between Byron Road and Coleridge Road, Chilton.

Supported/Approved Schemes :

- AF2/46** - Planting of trees/shrubs to discourage youths playing football – grassed area opposite Nos. 1 – 13 Pennine Way, adjacent to No. 22, Grampian Way. Work had commenced on site and should be completed by the end of March 2003.
- AF2/56** - Request to raise fence height between gable of No. 6 and cut Ullswater Road, Ferryhill. The Forum was informed that it was not anticipated that work would start on site before 17th March, 2003. However, it was noted that the work would only take 3 – 4 days to complete.
- AF2/55** - Request for flowerbeds/shrubs etc., to grassed area, Maple Grove, West Cornforth. It was noted that the scheme was now with the contractor and was scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2003.

AF(2).28/02 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th April, 2003 at 6.30 p.m. at Ferryhill Town Hall.

AF(2).29/02 DAMAGE TO GRASSED AREA AT BLANDFORD STREET, FERRYHILL

It was reported at the meeting that damage had been caused to the grassed area at Blandford Street which was allegedly being caused by the milkman repeatedly driving over the path and verge. Photographic evidence was given to Miss C.L. Todd. The Forum requested that as it was housing land, the Housing Department request the milkman ceases this practice.

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Confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on
15th April 2003