

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday, 5 April 2004

6.30 p.m.

Middlestone Moor Community
Centre

AGENDA and REPORTS

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2004. (Pages 1 - 4)

3. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report of crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

4. SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A representative of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

5. LITTERING/DOG FOULING/FLY TIPPING

An Officer from the Environmental Health Department will attend the meeting to discuss law and enforcement procedures on the above.

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date to be agreed at Annual Council

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive Officer notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

N. Vaulks
Chief Executive Officer

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Item 2

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 1 FORUM

Spennymoor Town Hall,
Council Chamber.

Monday,
16th February, 2004

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor J. M. Khan (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council; and

Councillor Mrs. B. Graham	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Gray	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M.T.B. Jones	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B.M. Ord	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Smith	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Thompson	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor E. Foster	-	Durham County Council
Inspector S. Winship	-	Durham Constabulary
Mrs. M. Fordham	-	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
Councillor Mrs. S. Fleetham	-	Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor Mrs. E. Summerson	-	Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison	-	Spennymoor Town Council
Mrs. E. Croft	-	Local Resident
D. Gordon	-	Local Resident
Mrs. E. Hodgson	-	Local Resident

Apologies: Sedgefield Borough Council

Councillors Mrs. A.M. Armstrong, G.W. Scott and W. Waters

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

Mrs. G. Wills

AF(1)31/04 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December, 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(1)32/04 COMMUNITY CARE FORCE CENTRE

Eric Anderson, Control Centre Manager, Sedgefield Borough Council, attended the meeting to take questions from the Forum.

Members queried whether the CCTV cameras in Spennymoor Town Centre could monitor and identify number plates of vehicles using restricted areas, parking over dropped kerbs or posing problems to pedestrians within the town centre.

Inspector Winship explained that the use of CCTV cameras to monitor such activities may infringe the strict guidelines associated with the operation of CCTV.

It was explained that witness of any criminal activity should reported to the Police to enable them to deal with the problem.

Members also queried the implementation of two new cameras as part of the regeneration and development of Spennymoor Town Centre. It was explained that confirmation would be sought and reported to the next Forum.

AF(1)33/04 POLICE REPORT

Inspector Winship, the new Community Inspector for Spennymoor attended the meeting to present crime figures for the Area 1 Forum.

Members noted that the statistics were as follows: -

	January	December
Dwelling house burglaries	3	4
Non Dwelling house burglaries	5	4
Theft of vehicles	5	3
Theft from Vehicles	0	5
Criminal Damage	23	34
Assault	24	10
Domestic Disturbances	139	111
Anti-Social Behaviour	104	103
Racial Incidents	1	1

It was noted that although the figures reported at the Forum for assaults and anti-social behaviour were quite high incidents were reducing overall across the Borough.

Inspector Winship explained that Anti-Social Behaviour needed to be tackled by the local Councils and the Police's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit in partnership. The remit for the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit had recently been revised to include monitoring and focusing on specific problem areas and community initiatives.

The Forum questioned whether extra Beat Officers had been employed since the previous meeting.

It was explained that two new Police Community Support Officers had been introduced. The Support Officers would be working along side the Beat Officers and concentrating on community policing.

AF(1)34/04 SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Melanie Fordham attended the meeting to give a presentation on the latest health matters and current figures for performance.

The set target for giving flu vaccinations for those aged 65 and over had been achieved. Performance was being monitored to reduce the number of inpatients waiting for an appointment within 6-9 months.

Targets had not been met in relation to the Ambulance Service responding to calls within 8 minutes. It was explained that a Business Plan had been reviewed by the North East Ambulance Service to concentrate specifically on responding times in the Sedgefield area.

M. Fordham explained that financial penalties had been introduced to penalise Social Service Departments where they were responsible for delays in the discharge of patients from hospital.

It was noted that all practices in Sedgefield wished to opt out of providing an Out of Hours service, however a recent survey delivered to all GP's organised through South Durham Doctors showed that there were a number of GP's willing to cover some parts of the Out of Hours rota on a salaried basis. A Steering Group had been established to develop proposals for the service.

Members queried whether the GP's would have access to patients medical records during the out-of-hours service. It was explained that at present there were a number of initiatives being developed to have records available electronically. Access would then be available when required by GP's.

**AF(1)35/04 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR
Spennymoor Town Centre**

D. Gordon raised concerns regarding the cleanliness of Spennymoor Town Centre.

It was explained that consideration of the condition of the Town Centre was within the remit of the Town Centre Forum, which Mr. Gordon was a member of, and any concerns should be raised at that meeting.

AF(1)36/03 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5th April 2004, at Middlestone Community Centre at 6.30 p.m.

Confirm as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on 5th April 2004

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