

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday, 5 September 2005

6.30 p.m.

Council Chamber,
Spennymoor Town Hall

AGENDA and REPORTS

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2005.
(Pages 1 - 4)

3. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on 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. SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY LOCAL WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2005. (Pages 5 - 10)

6. SPENNYMOOR TOWN CENTRE

Letter from Southern Area Traffic Office attached for information. (Pages 11 - 12)

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th October 2005 at 6.30 p.m. at the Council Offices, Spennymoor

9. 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 the 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

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
25th August 2005

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Membership of Forum

Sedgefield Borough Council

Councillor J. M. Khan (Chairman)
Councillor A. Gray (Vice-Chairman) and

Councillors Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Mrs. B. Graham, M. T. B Jones, B.M. Ord,
G.W. Scott, A. Smith, Mrs. C. Sproat, K. Thompson and W. Waters

Spennymoor Town Council

Councillors Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. J. Wood

Durham County Council

Councillors E. Foster and N.C. Foster

Tudhoe Grange Comprehensive School Council

Ian Geldard and Nicholas Wood

Spennymoor Comprehensive School Council

J. Palmer and P. Lenagh

Church of England Representative

To be confirmed.

Spennymoor Police

Chief Superintendent M. Banks

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

Mrs. M. Fordham and Mrs. G. Wills

Tudhoe Community Centre

J. Smith

New Life Community Church

R. Gibson

CAVOS

G. Fortune

Community Network

Anne Frizell

Spennymoor Pub Watch

C. Fletcher

Spennymoor Chamber of Trade

J. Welsh

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators

R. Campion, T. Coulson & Mrs. E. Croft

The Oaks Residents Association

S. Bright

St. Pauls Gardens Residents Association

A. Williams

Eden Residents Association

Mrs. S. Bell

MARG

Ms. T. Pollard

Item 2

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Community Centre,
Kirk Merrington

Monday,
6 June 2005

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 B.M. Ord	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Smith	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Thompson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Inspector Green	-	Durham Constabulary
Mrs. M. Fordham	-	Sedgefield PCT
Mrs. G., Wills	-	Sedgefield PCT
Councillor Mrs. M. Smith	-	Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor F. Walker	-	Spennymoor Town Council
S. Cadman	-	St. Pauls Gardens Residents Association
K. Longthorne	-	St. Pauls Gardens Residents Association
D. MacLaughlan	-	St. Pauls Gardens Residents Association
I. Geldard	-	Tudhoe Grange School Council
N. Wood	-	Tudhoe Grange School Council
J. Smith	-	Tudhoe Community Centre
M. Farrow	-	Local Resident
J. Dixon	-	Local Resident

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Attendance: Mrs. G. Garrigan

Apologies:

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M.T.B. Jones	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.W. Scott	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor W. Waters	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor E. Foster	–	Durham County Council
Councillor N. Foster	–	Durham County Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Wood	–	Spennymoor Town Council
Mrs. E. Croft	–	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
D. Gordon	–	Local Resident

AF(1)1/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April, 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(1)2/05 **POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Green was present at the meeting to give details of crime figures for the area.

The crime statistics were as follows:

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>March 2005 :</u>	<u>April 2005 :</u>	<u>Year end detection rate :</u>
Total Crime	148	135	25.2%
Dwelling House Burglary	3	5	17%
Burglary Other	4	5	4.6%
Vehicle Crime	19	19	25%
Criminal Damage	63	42	64%
Violent Crime	32	26	19.5%
Theft	27	38	
Public Order Incidents (Borough wide)	937	933	
Total incidents within the Borough	2,930	2,983	

It was pointed out that there had been a 33% decrease in the number of criminal damage incidents for the month of April 2005 compared with the same period in 2004 and the number of public offences, including youths causing annoyance was 10% down on the same period in 2004. The total number of incidents to date Borough-wide had, however, increased by 8.7% when compared with the same period for the previous year.

It was pointed out that the elderly residents in St. Paul's Gardens, Spennymoor were very concerned regarding the standard of policing in view of the slow response to incidents of anti-social behaviour in that vicinity. It was noted that the residents had expressed their concerns in writing to the previous Community Inspector and the Chief Superintendent.

It was explained that the Police Force was moving to a new shift pattern towards the end of the year to support the Streetsafe Initiative, which should lead to a quicker response to incidents. It was also pointed out the police would continue to work closely with the Council's Neighbourhood Wardens and the PCSOs.

Concern was also expressed regarding the number of youths congregating behind St. Pauls Church Hall, Spennymoor to drink alcohol.

Reference was also being made to the problem of alcohol being sold to under 18s and to people purchasing alcohol for consumption by people under 18. It was reported that the consumption of alcohol in a public place was not an offence. The Police could only take action when the consumption of alcohol led to behaviour in a disorderly manner. It was, however, pointed out that the police would always remove any alcohol from any person under the age of 18 found drinking in a public place.

The pupils representing of Tudhoe Grange School Council expressed their concern regarding the extent of the problem and requested that stringent measures be taken by the Police.

It was also reported that the PCT was very concerned regarding the extent of the problem and currently provided a support programme to advise young people of the damaging effects alcohol had on their health.

AF(1)3/05

SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Mrs. G. Willis and Mrs. M. Fordham, Sedgefield PCT, attended the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

Members were informed of the PCT's financial position at the end of the 2004/05 financial year. It was noted that there had been a high number of non-elected (unplanned) activities which had resulted in an overspend. Consequently the PCT needed to make savings in the region of £2m in the 2005/06 financial year.

The Forum's attention was drawn to the fact that the Local Delivery Plan was to be agreed at the next meeting of the PCT's Board.

Specific reference was made to the investment the PCT had made in dentistry within Sedgefield Borough. It was reported that 64% of dentists had signed up to provide personal dentist services under the NHS. Open access sessions were now available at dental practices. It was also noted that 329 sessions were to be provided for those not registered with a dentist. 354 extra sessions had been introduced for registered people, 138 extra sessions for oral health and 230 additional orthodontic sessions.

Reference was also made to the Board's decision for fluoridated milk to be supplied to schoolchildren to improve their oral health.

With regard to the LIFT Programme, it was noted that the PCT Board had given approval for consultants to be appointed to undertake feasibility studies in respect of the three proposed LIFT schemes at Spennymoor, Chilton and Trimdon.

Specific reference was made to the report, "Achieving Patient Access Targets" and baseline performance requirements which had been considered by the Trust Board at its meeting on 12th May, 2005.

It was pointed out that the target ' Access to a GP within 2 Working Days and a Healthcare Professional within one day' had continued to be met.

With regard to the number of patients through A & E Departments within four hours – it was noted that the target of 98% had, in the month of April, been exceeded which was very pleasing.

It was noted that the North East Ambulance Service was still struggling to achieve the target of responding to 75% of all life threatening calls within 8 minutes. It was, however, pointed out that the performance information contained in the report related to the County as a whole and not specifically Sedgefield Borough. Officers of the PCT were continuing to meet with representatives of the Ambulance Service on a regular basis to try and improve performance.

The Forum's attention was drawn to the fact that the Healthcare Commission was again reviewing the PCT's yearly star rating. Sedgefield PCT would be submitting details of its performance and other information to the Healthcare Commission to assess and award the relevant star rating. It was hoped that the current star rating would be kept.

AF(1)4/05 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE

Consideration was given to a letter regarding nominations to the LSP Partnership Board. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was agreed that Councillor A. Smith be appointed as the representative for Area 1 Forum on the LSP Board and Councillor Mr. A. M Armstrong as the "alternate" for a period of three years.

AF(1)5/05 SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY LOCAL WORKING PARTY

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Spennymoor Road Safety Local Working Party held on 12th May 2005. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that lorries over the weight limit were still travelling through Kirk Merrington.

It was pointed out that the Police could only take enforcement action if they were informed of the registration number of the vehicle and the name of the company that owned it.

Spennymoor Town Centre Improvement Scheme

The Forum was informed of the difficulties experienced by a blind person in crossing High Street and Carr Lane, near the roundabout. Specific reference was made to the absence of tactile paving at the crossing points.

It was pointed out that disabled members of the Access and Signage Group of Spennymoor Town Centre Forum had visited various areas of the town centre on two occasions to identify any problems. It was pointed out that the absence of tactile paving had been highlighted and brought to the attention of Durham County Council as Highway Authority.

The Forum agreed that a letter should be sent to Durham County Council's Engineers Department to ascertain when the paving works were to be carried out and what measures could be put in place to make it easier to cross the road on Carr Lane, in the vicinity of the roundabout.

AF(1)6/05 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th September 2005 at 6.30 p.m. at Tudhoe Community Centre.

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Item 5

Minutes of the proceedings of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY LOCAL WORKING PARTY held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Thursday 14th July, 2005 at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT:	Councillor A. Gray	Chairman
	Councillor Mrs.E.Maddison	Spennymoor Town Council
	Councillor Mrs.C.Sproat	Spennymoor Town Council and Sedgefield Borough Council
	Councillor Mrs.A.Armstrong	Sedgefield Borough Council
	W.Davies	Co-opted Member
	Mrs.B.Newall	" "
	Inspector Green	Spennymoor Police

APOLOGIES:

- 1/05. **MINUTES.**
RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May, 2005 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 2/05. **PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PAVEMENTS.**
Reference was made to Minute 73/04 and it was reported that this is a national problem, which is managed by the police.

RESOLVED- That a presentation would be given by Ian Bosfield at the next Area 1 Forum Meeting.
- 3/05. **TUDHOE VILLAGE.**
Reference was made to Minute 77/04 and it was reported that a report was awaited from P.C.J.Riley.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.
- 4/05. **EDEN ROAD/DRAKE STREET.**
Reference was made to Minute 78/04 and it was reported that P.C.D.Southern was to provide feedback on this matter.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.
- 5/05. **TRAFFIC CALMING ON CARR LANE.**
Reference was made to Minute 80/04 and it was

RESOLVED- That this matter be discussed with County Councillor E.Foster.

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6/05.

KIRK MERRINGTON.

Reference was made to Minute 75/05 and it was reported that this information had been passed onto Michael Straucher the Traffic Manager at Durham County Council.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

7/05.

MOTOR BIKES.

Reference was made to Minute 79/04 and it was reported that the police were involved in monitoring this situation.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

8/05.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS.

Inspector Green gave a report on the Accident Statistics.

RESOLVED- That the information be received and Inspector Green be thanked for the report and for his attendance.

9/05.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Reference was made to Minute 74/04 and it was reported that correspondence had been received from Sedgefield Borough Council and Spennymoor Town Council agreeing to incorporate the Road Safety Working Party into the Area 1 Forum, as had been proposed by the Working Party previously.

RESOLVED- That a letter be sent to Sedgefield Borough Council and Spennymoor Town Council informing them of this decision and to thank them for their support and assistance over the years.

10/05.

ROAD (BACK STREET) TO THE REAR OF DURHAM ROAD.

Concern was raised about the speed of the traffic using the road (back street) to the rear of Durham Road.

It was reported that the police opinion was that the speed limit should be 30m.p.h. if the road was adopted, less if present danger.

RESOLVED- That the Chairman would raise this matter with County Councillor N.C.Foster.

11/05.

CAR PARK TO THE REAR OF SPENNYMOOR TOWN HALL.

It was reported that cars were accessing the car park to the rear of the Town Hall via the No Entry car park exit point.

RESOLVED- That this matter be raised with County Councillor N.C.Foster.

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12/05.

NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED- That the next meeting would be at the Area 1 Forum to be held at Tudhoe Community Centre.

COUNCILLOR A.GRAY
CHAIRMAN

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06th July 2005

Dear Mrs Garrigan,

Spennymoor Town Centre

Thank you for your letter dated the 8th of June 2005. Firstly may I apologise for my delayed response.

As rightly identified in your letter these issues have already been raised with the County Council via both the Borough Access Group and County Councillor E. Foster.

I can inform you that following a site inspection it was agreed that the County Council would provide tactile paving at the two raised crossing points within High Street and also provide an additional crossing point on Carr Lane to the west of High Street Roundabout. In addition to these works it has since been agreed that we will also install tactile paving at each individual junction crossing along the length of Whitworth Terrace, Clyde Terrace and Grayson Road, up to and including the junction area of Hirst Court / Aged Miners Homes.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out in September of this year. The reason for the delay in carrying out these works is mainly due to the delivery time for materials such as tactile paving.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on (01388) 602028.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter J Graham
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Southern Area Traffic Office



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