

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday, 3 September 2007

6.30 p.m.

Village Hall,
Byers Green

AGENDA and REPORTS



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AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To notify the Chairman if you have an interest in the following items.
- 3. MINUTES**
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2007. (Pages 3 - 6)
- 4. COUNTY DURHAM PCT**
A representative of the PCT will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters.
- 5. SEDGFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION REPORT - SPENNYMOOR SETTLEMENT REGENERATION PROJECT**
Report of Head of Strategy and Regeneration. (Pages 7 - 10)
- 6. NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT GRAYSON ROAD, SPENNYMOOR**
Report of Building Control Manager. (Pages 11 - 12)
- 7. POLICE REPORT (LOCAL ISSUES AND ROAD SAFETY)**
A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety in the area.
- 8. QUESTIONS**
The Chairman will take questions from the floor.
- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 29th October 2007 at 6.30 p.m. at Tudhoe Community Centre
- 10. 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 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.

Brian Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
23rd August 2007

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Community Centre,
Kirk Merrington

Monday,
18 June 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Smith (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor K. Thompson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs E. M. Wood	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
A. Inglis	–	County Durham PCT
I. Rooney	–	County Durham PCT
Inspector A. Green	–	Durham Constabulary
A. Lamb	–	Greenways Residents Association
Councillor Miss S.L. Armstrong	–	Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor J. Graham	–	Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor C. Maddison	–	Spennymoor Town Council – Tudhoe Grange Ward
I. Geldard	–	UK Youth Parliament
D. Gordon	–	Spennymoor Resident
G. Heslop	–	Spennymoor Resident
P. Wilson	–	Spennymoor Resident

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Attendance: J. Bennett, R. Brown, G. Garrigan and D. Maughan (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies: Councillor W. Waters – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor N. Foster – Durham County Council
Councillor E. Foster – Durham County Council

AF(1)1/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(1)2/07 **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(1)3/07

COUNTY DURHAM PCT

Alan Inglis and Ian Rooney, County Durham PCT, attended the meeting to give an update regarding the staffing structures of the new PCT and Spennymoor Health Centre.

The Forum was informed that it was anticipated that the new staffing structures would be in place within the next few weeks.

It was reported that County Durham PCT had inherited a large number of premises from the five predecessor PCTs and needed to develop a single estates strategy, which would incorporate all the strategic service development schemes that had been planned by the previous PCTs.

Sedgefield PCT had entered into a contractual partnership with LIFT to provide capital investment to modernise estate within Sedgefield Borough, and had identified seven schemes, including Spennymoor Health Centre.

County Durham PCT needed undertake further business planning to prioritise schemes in accordance with local delivery plans and consider the capital and revenue implications for the PCT in the long term.

With regard to Spennymoor Health Centre, a detailed feasibility study needed to be undertaken. This would involve further consultations with GPs and the public to ascertain what services should be provided. The revenue implications would then need to be worked out and a suitable site identified.

AF(1)4/07

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SPENNYMOOR TOWN CENTRE

R. Brown, Neighbourhood Warden Co-ordinator Community Safety, D. Maughan, Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Manager and J. Bennett, Street Scene Controller, were present at the meeting to address the concerns expressed at the last meeting of the Forum regarding the amount of dog fouling and litter in the town centre and areas of Spennymoor.

R. Brown, who was responsible for enforcement in respect of litter, dog fouling and abandoned vehicles, reported that 143 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued for the 2006/07 financial years, of which 50 related to the Spennymoor area. 13 people had been fined in respect of dog fouling, 19 for fly-tipping and 18 for littering. It was pointed out that his staff carried out both high visibility and covert patrols as well as education programmes within schools.

Members of the Forum were of the opinion that more enforcement action was needed.

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of rubbish, especially packaging from takeaways located around the seats in the Town Centre and it was proposed that litterbins should be located nearer to the seats. It was pointed out that there were a large number of litter bins within the Town Centre and so people should not be any great distance away from a bin.

Specific reference was also made to the lack of street cleansing on weekends. It was pointed out that the Town Centre/Zone 1 was cleaned on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The amount of chewing gum deposited on the pavements in the vicinity of schools was also highlighted. It was noted that the Council was looking to buy a new chewing gum removal machine as the existing machine had not been as successful as anticipated in removing the gum.

With regard to the provision of dog bins, it was suggested that the Council should consider purchasing foot pedal operated dog bins as they were much easier to open. It was pointed out that the Council had investigated the possibility of using such bins, however, they were more expensive and did not have a long life.

The suggestion was also made that those people caught dropping litter should be asked to undertake community service rather than pay fines. It was pointed out that the Council was currently working with the Probation Service regarding a horticultural/street cleansing project in Shildon, which, if successful, would be rolled out throughout the Borough.

It was pointed out that residents needed to be made aware of the huge amount of money the Council spent on street cleansing and it was proposed that an article should be included in a future edition of Inform stating the cost per taxpayer of picking up litter.

AF(1)5/07

POLICE REPORT (LOCAL ISSUES AND ROAD SAFETY)

Inspector Adrian Green was present at the meeting and gave details of crime figures for the area.

The reported crime figures for May 2007 were as follows:

Total crime	146
Dwellinghouse burglary	10
Burglary (Other)	1
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Drugs related incidents	7
Rowdy/nuisance behaviour	123
Violence against a person	32

With regard to road safety, there had been three minor injury incidents and ten damage only incidents.

The Inspector reported that following some analysis work he had carried out approximately some eight months ago, he had received notification that five extra officers were to be imported to the Ferryhill /Spennymoor area.

Members of the Forum expressed concern regarding vehicles parking on the pavement. It was reported that the Police would deal with specific

complaints where vehicles were causing obstructions, however, it was not envisaged that there would be dedicated patrols to look at the problem.

Reference was also made to the problem of motorists speeding along Rock Road and to the accident that had occurred there a few months ago. It was reported that all road traffic accidents with fatalities/serious injuries were investigated to ascertain whether any road safety initiatives/measures should be introduced. With regard to Rock Road, the use of the mobile safety camera could not be justified.

Concern was also expressed regarding the consumption of alcohol in public places by persons under the age of 18 years. It was noted that a number of off-licences had now joined the Pub Watch Scheme and a number of joint operations had taken place between Sedgefield Borough Council and the Police.

Concern was also expressed regarding the opening hours of the front office of the Police Station. It was pointed out that it was less expensive for officers to visit people at their homes rather than keep the front office of the Police Station open 24 hours a day. Spennymoor front office was open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

AF(1)6/07

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd September at 6.30 p.m. at Byers Green Village Hall.

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Item 5

AREA 1 FORUM

3rd September 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application Report- Spennymoor Settlement Regeneration Project

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. This report provides additional information to the Area 1 Forum on the Spennymoor Settlement Regeneration Project for their consideration and comments, which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet in due course.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. This is broken down to provide approximately £278,000 of LIP funds each year for project activity.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Spennymoor Settlement Regeneration Project
- **Name of Applicant:** Spennymoor Settlement
- **Legal Status:** Registered Charity
- **Landlord:** Spennymoor Settlement Trustees
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project will refurbish the existing facilities at the Everyman Theatre to enable the Settlement Association to provide extra arts and community based activities to ensure that the Theatre is used to its full extent and safeguarded for the future.
- **Requested from LIP:** £140,000 (56%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £250,000 (revised from £168,106)

The Area 1 Forum held 6 November 2006 supported the Settlement Project going forward for LIP funding to a value of £118,106. Following the Forum meeting, the Settlement undertook a detailed Technical Study to examine the full scheme costs and establish a more accurate project budget.

The Technical Study, prepared by Sedgefield Borough Council's Property Services Team, has highlighted some additional areas of work to that identified in the original feasibility study undertaken in February 2005. This includes work to meet necessary disabled access requirements, appropriate electricity supply, security systems / emergency lighting, and building inflation. This has resulted in an increase in the anticipated project costs to £250,000 – see *value for money section*.

What will the LIP be used for: The building and grounds require considerable attention to bring them up to an acceptable standard and enable additional use to take place. Internal works will include a new layout providing modern male and female/disabled toilets, a new kitchen facility, new changing rooms and relocation of the boiler room as well as a new boiler / and heating system.

External works include re-pointing the whole building, replacing rainwater goods, improve under-floor ventilation, replacing windows, provide a new emergency exit and carry out improvements to the main entrance and signage. The gardens will be completely revamped with new hard and soft landscaping. Level access will permit the Settlement to provide additional activities for elderly and disabled users. Further details were provided in the November 6th Area Forum report that was supported by the Forum.

Value for money:

The original Spennymoor Settlement LIP application requested £118,106 (70%) from LIP for the original project costing £168,106. The additional works identified by the Technical Study have increased the overall project costs to £250,000 and The Settlement is now seeking £140,000 of LIP funding. However, since the date of the first Area Forum meeting, the Spennymoor Settlement has been very successful with their fundraising and can now contribute £110,000 in 'matched funding' to the project, reducing the percentage of LIP funding to 56% of project total.

Area 1 Forum had a LIP allocation of £278,800 for 2006/07, of which £54,882 has been allocated to two schemes. There therefore are sufficient funds remaining from the 2006/07 allocation to meet the Spennymoor Settlement's increased cost.

Further funding of £278,800 is available during the 2007/08 financial year for other projects within the Area 1 Forum locality.

Statutory Approvals:

Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission have been applied for.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the following:

- The initial Area Forum Report of November 2006.
- The relative priority of this project within the Area 1 locality and the historical importance of the building / organisation.
- The Area Forum's continued support for this application given the identified increase in project costs.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 1:

In taking the above decision, the Area Forum is requested to consider the implication of the funding level requested by the Settlement project against

the level of funding remaining from 2006/07 financial year and the resources available this year.

The Strategy and Regeneration Division are currently working with a couple of other organisation within the Area 1 Forum to develop LIP projects for future consideration by the Area 1 Forum later this year.

Given the resources available within the Local Improvement Programme (LIP) capacity exists to consider other project activity with the Area 1 Forum. For further details or to discuss any project ideas please contact Linda Goundry or Nicola Woodgate from Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388) 824002.

Applications from Area 1 Forum approved to date:

- Tudhoe Grange School value - £15,227
- Middlestone Moor Playground value - £39,655

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Item 6

REPORT TO AREA 1 FORUM

3rd SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE BUILDING
CONTROL MANAGER

NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT GRAYSON ROAD, SPENNYMOOR

A request has been received from George Wimpey North Yorkshire Ltd to officially name and number the above site comprising a mixed development of 159 dwellings. The site is currently being marketed as 'Moorcroft' by the developer and having regard to the layout of the site, six street names are required.

Spennymoor Town Council and relevant ward councillors were consulted and responses were received from the Town Council and Councillor Kevin Thompson. The Town Council forwarded the suggestion of EVERSON, name of the deceased, well respected councillor who represented the Middlestone Moor ward.

Councillor Thompson's suggestions:

<u>Songbirds</u>	<u>Wild Flowers</u>
Skylark	Campion
Greenfinch	Bugle
Yellowhammer	Celandine
Blackbird	Snowdrop
Chaffinch	Buttercup
Robin	Speedwell
Song thrush	Violet

Officers' suggestions:

<u>Local Historical Names</u>	<u>Wild Flowers</u>
Charhill	Larch
Shieldfield	Magnolia
Monks Close	Cypress
Marylands	Mulberry
Pickering	Elder
Loggins	Juniper

Developers' suggestions:

Lupin
Lavender
Jasmine
Magnolia

Unless the members of the Forum would wish to suggest alternative names, it is felt appropriate that six of the above names be recommended for the development.

Background Papers

TOWN IMPROVEMENT CLAUSES ACT 1847
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT Circular 3/93

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