

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday, 10 December 2007

6.30 p.m.

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

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 29th October 2007. (Pages 3 - 6)
- 4. NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT WHITWORTH PARK, SPENNYMOOR**
Report of Building Control Manager. (Pages 7 - 8)
- 5. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - OXCLOSE NURSERY PARENTS ROOM**
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 9 - 12)
- 6. CRIME AND DISORDER LOCAL PRIORITIES**
Presentation by Community Safety Manager.
- 7. POLICE REPORT**
A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety.
- 8. QUESTIONS**
The Chairman will take questions from the floor.
- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 11th February 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Spennymoor Town Hall
- 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
30th November 2007

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Community Centre,
Tudhoe

Monday,
29 October 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor C. Nelson (Vice-Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor Mrs. B. Graham	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Gray	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.M. Khan	– Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor Mrs E. M. Wood	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Sergeant M. Hall	– Durham Constabulary
Councillor E. Foster	– Durham County Council
A. Lamb	– Greenways Residents Association
C. Darkes	– Greenways Residents Association
J. Darkes	– Greenways Residents Association
E. Croft	– Neighbourhood Watch
Councillor J. Graham	– Spennymoor Town Council
Reverend L. Gough	– St. Paul's Church
A. Heslop	– St. Paul's Church
P. Storey	– St. Paul's Church
I. Lessiter	– St. Paul's Residents Association
N. Ashley	– Tudhoe Resident
A. Beel	– Tudhoe Resident
Councillor C. Maddison	– Elected Member Tudhoe and Low Spennymoor Ward
D. Gordon	– Local Resident
E. Jewitt	– Local Resident

In

Attendance: Mrs. G. Garrigan and Mrs. L. Goundry - Sedgefield Borough Council

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Smith – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor W. Waters – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Miss S.J. Armstrong – Spennymoor Town Council
I. Geldart – UK Youth Parliament
Inspector W. Bentham – Durham Constabulary

AF(1)15/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs. B. Graham and J. M. Khan indicated that they would be declaring a prejudicial interest in Item No: 5 – Local Improvement Programme – Application St. Paul's Parish Church – Technical Study – as they were Members of Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

AF(1)16/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(1)17/07 POLICE REPORT (LOCAL ISSUES AND ROAD SAFETY)

Sergeant M. Hall was present at the meeting and gave details of the crime figures for the area.

The reported crime figures for August and September 2007 were as follows:

	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>September 2007</u>
Vehicle Crime	6	9
Violent Crime	37	24
Burglary (Dwelling)	2	2
Burglary (Other)	6	5
Rowdy Nuisance	85	104
Alcohol Related Incidents	16	30
Sexual Offences	1	1
Criminal Damage	31	39

With regard to violent crime, it was noted that 24 of the reported number of incidents in August had been detected and 20 in September.

With regard to road traffic accidents the figures were as follows:

	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>September 2007</u>
Damage Only Accidents	12	5
Minor Injuries	4	6
Fatalities	0	0

Concern was expressed regarding the number of youths drinking alcohol in public places. Specific reference was made to the number of empty alcohol containers found beside the two seats in 'Valley' area of Spennymoor, particularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. It was reported that the Police were aware of the hotspots within the town and patrolled them as regularly as possible. They also patrolled off-licences on Fridays and Saturday nights between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 7.00p.m. It was, however, pointed out that much of the alcohol consumed by juveniles had been purchased by parents.

A request was made for consideration be given to the introduction of a Designated Public Places Order to give the police greater powers to deal with the disturbance and anti-social behaviour linked to the consumption of alcohol. Sergeant Hall agreed to inform his Inspector of the request.

Concern was expressed regarding criminal damage and anti-social behaviour around Tudhoe Community Centre and in Kirk Merrington. It was requested that residents should notify the Police of any problems as all incidents were logged and as a result hotspots were regularly patrolled.

The question was raised on whether it would be more beneficial for Police Officers and Community Support Officers to undertake patrols singularly rather than in pairs during daylight hours. Sergeant Hall agreed to raise the matter with his Inspector.

Local residents also expressed concern regarding the number of vehicles parked on footpaths. It was reported that all complaints were investigated, however, given the limited Police resources this offence was not classed as a 'priority'.

With regard to road safety, reference was made to the erection of a new Community Fire Station on Yorkhill Road and the potential increase in traffic using Yorkhill Road as a result of the development. Concern was also expressed regarding the narrow width of Yorkhill Road and the need for improvements at the junction of Yorkhill Road and the A167 at the Coach and Horses Public House. Councillor E. Foster agreed to raise the concerns with the County Engineer.

AF(1)18/07

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION ST.PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH - TECHNICAL STUDY

NB: In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members' Code of Conduct Councillors Mrs. B. Graham and J.M. Khan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion on the item.

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes)

The Reverend Linda Gough, St. Paul's Church, Spennymoor, was in attendance to present the application.

The Church was requesting funding to undertake a technical study to look at the options available to refurbish and extend the dilapidated Church Hall, located behind the Church. The project would examine the technical requirements of either a structural renovation and development of the existing premises or newbuild premises, with the aim of providing facilities for increased general use by community groups such as a coffee shop, meeting rooms and stage, as well as a base for three to five small social enterprise businesses. An initial community consultation process had demonstrated a clear need for the proposed facilities and enthusiastic support from all sections of the community. A more comprehensive

household consultation and a series of public meetings would take place to ensure that all residents in the area could comment on the concept and give input into the project. Discussions would also take place with the Police, Spennymoor Comprehensive and potential users of the Hall.

The amount of funding requested for the study was £6,848 – 100% funding. Once a preferred option had been decided upon, the Church would look to secure match-funding.

The Forum agreed to support the project.

AF(1)19/07

QUESTIONS

Area Action Plan for Spennymoor Town Centre

Reference was made to a recent newspaper article regarding the above.

It was reported that the Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 27th September 2007 had approved the commissioning of suitable experienced consultants to produce an Area Action Plan for Spennymoor Town Centre. The purpose of the Plan was to provide a comprehensive regeneration framework that challenged the existing use, targeted change and inspired action to guide future investment in activity in Spennymoor Town Centre.

Local Development Framework

With regard to the large number of homes to be built in Spennymoor in the future, it was queried what consideration had been given to the infrastructure requirements such as schools, shops, roads. etc.

It was reported that documents regarding the Local Development Framework for Spennymoor were available for viewing on the Council's website and any queries should be directed to Chris Myers in Planning Services Section.

AF(1)20/07

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th December 2007 at 6.30 p.m. at the Borough Council Offices, Spennymoor.

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REPORT TO AREA 1 FORUM

10th DECEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE BUILDING
CONTROL MANAGER

NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT WHITWORTH PARK, SPENNYMOOR

A request has been received from Barratt Homes to officially name and number the above development comprising 100 dwellings. The site is currently being marketed as Whitworth Park by the developer and having regard to the layout, four street names are required.

The developer has forwarded no suggestions for the site.

After consultation with Spennymoor Town Council and relevant ward councillors the Town Council responded to suggest names of miners killed in Whitworth Colliery Pit and asked that consideration be given to the use of the following names for the site:

Bray	Morgan
Goundry	Nelson
Lowe	Rothery

Officers have suggested continuing the theme of historic houses in the North East of England, which was used for naming the earlier site on Whitworth Park.

Bolton	Renishaw
Brodsworth	Ripley
Dunstanburgh	Rokeby
Ormesby	

Unless members of the Forum would wish to suggest alternative names, it is felt appropriate that a selection from one of the above-mentioned themes be recommended for the development.

Background Papers

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

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Item 5

AREA 1 FORUM

10th December 2007

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Oxclose Nursery Parents Room.

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and initially appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 1 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to further develop the project proposal prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £278,600 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £188,503 has been approved to date. A range of projects were allocated in the previous year for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from last year, which will be available to the Area Forum for additional project activity.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Oxclose Nursery Parents/Community Room and outdoor area.
- **Location:** Oxclose Crescent Spennymoor
- **Name of Applicant:** Oxclose Nursery School.
- **Brief Description of Project:**

To provide a purpose built venue for parents and the wider community to use to improve their learning skills i.e. Parenting classes, family learning sessions, confidential meetings, distance learning and informal drop in times. The project also aims to develop some unused land at the side of the nursery to create an outdoor all weather surfaced area for toddler play, to include willow structures, wildlife area, pathways and an area for growing vegetables and digging.

- **Requested from LIP: £57,551 (75%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £77,551**

- **What will the LIP be used for:**

- Building of Extension including professional fees and costs
- Development of garden for toddler use

Impact of the Project:

The applicant has stated that the project will be expected to have an impact on the Governments initiative to help to get people back to work by helping with improving adult's learning. The applicant would like to promote distance-learning courses and hold regular workshops and family learning session in the 'parent room'. Close links with Bishop Auckland College have been formed for distance learning. This would be offered to any adult in the community who wanted to extend their learning. As part of a healthier community, the project will offer drop-in sessions with the health visitor and an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss issues.

The applicant has also expressed the wish to develop some of the unused waste land at the side of the nursery to create an outdoor all weather surfaced area for toddler play including willow structures, a wildlife area, pathways and an area for growing vegetables and digging. This would provide an attractive learning environment for young children and outdoor play/being healthy are high priorities for the nursery. This facility would be extended to the wider community by offering it to any 2 and 3 year olds who would like to use the space.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has stated that consultation has taken place by way of questionnaires to over 300 parents from both the nursery and the Primary school. These were returned showing an overwhelming positive response to the provision of a Parent's Room and ideas of what could be provided within the project. As the majority of the parents and their extended families such as grandparents reside in the local area, the consultation has therefore included local residents. Bishop Auckland College and the Health Visitor have also been consulted to discuss what could be offered as a service to the local community and letters of support have been received.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**

The applicant has applied for £57,551 of LIP, which is 75% of the project costs. Three quotes have been sourced and a project manager engaged. Revenue costs will be absorbed into the nursery's annual budget.

Statutory Approvals:

- Planning Permission and Building Regulations will be applied for.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project proposal, the applicant will work with the Strategy and Regeneration Division to inform a full appraisal of the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process. This will include working with the partners identified, such as Bishop Auckland College, PCT to discuss the activities that will be held to ensure that a full Programme of use can be sustained within the proposed parents room.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 1 locality.

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 against the following projects that have been received for future determination by the Forum.

Applications received and under development

None

Projects endorsed by Area Forum and waiting decision by SBC.

None

Projects Approved to date:

2006/07	Tudhoe Grange School Family Centre	£ 15,226.00
2006/07	Spennymoor Settlement Technical Study	£ 3,231.00
2007/08	Middlestone Moor Play Area	£ 41,518.00
2007/08	Spennymoor Settlement	£140,000.00
2007/08	St Pauls Parish Hall Technical Study	£ 6,848.00

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