

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday,
19 January 2009
6.30 p.m.

Memorial Room,
Spennymoor Town Hall

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 10th November 2008. (Pages 3 - 6)

4. POLICE REPORT

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

5. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - OVERVIEW

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 8)

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

7. 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
9th January 2009

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Monday,
10 November 2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Smith (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B.M. Ord – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Thompson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Wood – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor N.C. Foster – Durham County Council
Inspector W. Bentham – Durham Constabulary
PC J. Rielly – Durham Constabulary
C. Darkes – Greenways Residents Association
G. Darkes – Greenways Residents Association
Councillor Miss S.J. Armstrong – Spennymoor Town Council
G. Brown – Middlestone Moor Committee
S. Brown – Middlestone Moor Committee
I. Lessiter – St. Pauls Gardens Residents Association
N. Ashley – Tudhoe Residents Association
A. Beel – Tudhoe Residents Association
D. Gordon – Local Resident

In

Attendance: Mrs. L. Goundry and Miss L. Kitto (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. B. Graham - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Gray – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.M. Khan – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor C. Nelson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor W. Waters – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Graham – Spennymoor Town Council

AF(1)13/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(1)14/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September, 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(1)15/08 POLICE REPORT
Inspector W. Bentham, Community Inspector for Spennymoor and Ferryhill, was present at the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety for the area.

It was noted that Sergeant Warren Edwards and PCSO Nicola Peacock were new officers within the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The reported crime figures for September and October, 2008 were as follows :-

	September	October
Vehicle Crime	8	11
Violent Crime	10	13
Burglary dwelling	3	4
Burglary other	6	9
Rowdy Nuisance	92	83
Criminal Damage	19	27

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

	September	October
Damage	18	6
Minor Injuries	4	7
Serious Injuries/ Death	0	0

It was noted that vehicle crime incidents remained fairly static, three arrests had been made during September. The majority of the offences reported in October involved the theft of property left on display.

Burglary dwelling incidents in September had involved a bogus Water Board and Police official who had targeted residents. The Forum were informed that all Police officers carried warrant cards and residents were encouraged to ask to see warrant cards if approached by Police officers.

Two burglaries in October took place whilst the occupants were away. Members of the Forum were informed of Operation Darc which was a Durham Constabulary initiative aimed at reducing house break-ins.

It was reported that criminal damage incidents had reduced significantly , whilst rowdy nuisance remained the same as August.

PC J. Rielly reported that the actions taken in respect of Neighbourhood Priorities for Area 1 had proven to be successful.

Members were informed that since the last meeting no incidents had been reported relating to the play area at Dene Valley. One incident had been reported to the Chinese takeaway in Deneside. The area had been very quiet with minor calls and no calls relating to alcohol.

It was noted that reports had been received relating to the pipe in the Dene Valley woods area. The area showed evidence of alcohol and the pipe

was reported to be covered in graffiti. Arrangements had been made to clean up the area. PC Rielly suggested that the area should continue to be a priority and be reviewed at the next meeting of the Forum.

With regard to Kirk Merrington, a consultation had taken place with regard to the increased number of traffic problems. It had been identified that the offenders exceeding the speed limit were mostly residents living in the area.

It was noted that rowdy nuisance and crime based incidents at Tweed Road had reduced and it was suggested that Kirk Merrington and Tweed Road be no longer classed as priority areas.

Concerns were raised regarding off-road motor cycles. Members were informed that individuals had been stopped in the Parkside area and were thought to be residents of the Whitworth Park Estate. It was explained that the Estate had been distributed with leaflets to discourage parents buying motor cycles as Christmas presents.

I. Lessiter informed the Forum that he had been considering a new scheme regarding off-road motor cycles involving a workshop to raise awareness and a legal track.

Members of the Forum agreed the following as a Neighbourhood Priority for Area 1:-

Dene Valley

It was noted that actions taken in respect of the priority area would be reported at the next meeting of the Forum in January, 2009.

- AGREED :*
- 1. That the information be noted.*
 - 2. That the Neighbourhood Policing Priority for Area 1 be as follows :*

Dene Valley.

AF(1)16/08 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY

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

Members were informed that Cabinet had considered the project applications received from the Area 1 Forum on 23rd October, 2008. It was reported that three applications had been approved by Cabinet and two had been considered as reserve projects.

The projects approved by Cabinet were :-

- St. Pauls Parish Hall - £200,000
- Kirk Merrington MUGA - £40,324
- Spennymoor Boxing Club - £150,000

The reserve projects were :-

- Tudhoe Moor Play Area - £106,615
- Jubilee Park Improvements - £210,897

Further discussions had been planned with Spennymoor Town Council - applicant for the two identified reserve schemes to consider the components of the schemes and assess opportunities to lever in Section 106 monies towards the proposals.

It was noted that the two reserve projects would be considered by Cabinet at a later date.

A query was raised regarding Section 106 monies and whether any had been received from Barratts for the Jubilee Park Improvements project. In response Members were informed that the relevant department would be contacted to identify whether match funding had been received.

AGREED : That the information be noted.

AF(1)17/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th January, 2009 at 6.30 p.m. at Spennymoor Town Hall Memorial Room.

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Item 5

AREA 1 FORUM

19th January 2009

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Overview

This report provides the Area Forum with an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme (LIP).

The purpose of the LIP Programme is to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas. As part of this, Local Communities can propose projects against set criteria agreed by Sedgefield Borough Council. Through this Programme resources will be released to improve sites and improve the usability of community facilities and buildings across the Borough.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. The Area Forum may recall that Area 1 was oversubscribed by £310,317 following the cut off date of 31st July 2008. Cabinet has now considered all project applications received from the Area 1 Forum locality and have allocated funding accordingly. Projects are summarised below.

Update on Project Activity

The main update since the last Area Forum meeting held in November is the approval of the Tudhoe Moor Play Area scheme submitted by Spennymoor Town Council. This project aims to replace the outdated equipment at the site and increase the amount of suitable play equipment. The proposal also includes the inclusion of a non-floodlit Multi-Use Games Area on the site of an existing small sided grass football pitch. Work will now centre on submitting a detailed planning application for submission to the Borough Council. Work on the play area is scheduled to start in the spring.

The Current Position with approved Area 1 Forum Projects:

LIP Approvals

Tudhoe Moor Family Centre	Project Complete
Middlestone Moor Play Area	Project Complete
Spennymoor Settlement	Project Complete
Ox Close Nursery	Project Complete
Ox Close Community Garden	Works ongoing
St Paul's Parish Hall	Awaiting match funding decisions
Kirk Merrington MUGA	Planning application submitted
Spennymoor Boxing Club	Technical works ongoing to confirm costs
Tudhoe Moor Play Area	Project approved 8/01/09

Reserve Project

Jubilee Park Improvements

£210,897 requested from LIP

The Area Forum will recall that a process for identifying reserve projects was set out in the previous Area Forum report. Reserve projects will only be considered if approved projects don't proceed as planned.

Next Steps

Although the application process for LIP is closed, work will continue supporting the groups who have received grants to assist with the implementation of the project. This will also include monitoring of the intended outcomes to ensure that targets outlined in the application for the residents within the locality are met. If necessary additional support will be offered by the strategy & Regeneration Division of Sedgefield Borough Council to support approved projects to achieve their intended outcomes.

In addition to this, it is clear that due to the budget pressure and the amount of schemes submitted against the funding available, not all projects have been successful. Officers from the Strategy & Regeneration Division will continue to work with these projects to assist in trying to secure additional external grant monies.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum notes the information provided on the current position of the Local Improvement Programme within Area 1.