

AREA 2 FORUM

Tuesday, 9 January 2007

6.30 p.m.

Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute -
Room Upstairs (Lift Available))

AGENDA and REPORTS



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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2006. (Pages 1 - 4)

4. POLICE REPORT

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

5. COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

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

6. SEDGEFIELD NECA HIGH STREET PROJECT

A representative from necA, High Street Project will attend the Forum to give a presentation to provide information on their role.

7. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

To consider the attached report outlining the proposed project: -

- Bishop Middleham Play Area Renewal Scheme (Pages 5 - 8)

8. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20th February 2007 at West Cornforth Community Centre at 6.30 p.m.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

Members are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items they would wish to raise under the heading not later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting, in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

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29TH December 2006

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Chilton and Windlestone
Community College

Tuesday,
31 October 2006

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor B. Fleming	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T.F. Forrest	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Hodgson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
C. Hall	–	Castle Residents Association
Councillor Mrs L. Dixon	–	Chilton Town Council
Councillor Mrs M. Errington	–	Chilton Town Council
Councillor Drew	–	Cornforth Parish Council
A. Learmonth	–	County Durham Primary Care Trust
J. Weston	–	Dean Bank Residents Association
Sergeant I. Rodgers	–	Durham Constabulary
Councillor R. Greenwell	–	Ferryhill Town Council
S. Maral	–	Government Office for North East
J. Birchall	–	LADDER Centre
M. Chappell	–	PDIF
S. Dodsworth	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
C. Todd	–	Sedgefield Borough Learning Co-ordinator
P. Forrest	–	Local Resident
B. Sheppard	–	Local Resident

In

Attendance: G. Wood (Sedgefield Borough Regeneration Manager)

Apologies:

Councillor B.F. Avery, J.P.	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.E. Higgin	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Meek	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G. Morgan	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D.A. Newell	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. C. Potts	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Ms. M. Predki	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G. Porter	–	Durham County Council
Mrs. D. Longsdale		

AF(2)13/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that Councillors A. Hodgson and R. A. Patchett would each be declaring a prejudicial interest in respect of Item No. 5 – Review of Area Forums as they were Members of Cabinet.

AF(2)14/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September, 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(2)15/06 POLICE REPORT

Sergeant I. Rogers attended the meeting to give details of the crime figures and local initiatives for the area.

It was reported that the crime figures for the area were as follows: -

	<u>August :</u>	<u>September :</u>
Detection Rate	166	130
Detection Rate	33.3%	30%
Dwelling Burglary	8	10
Burglary Other	5	6
Vehicle Crime	7	11
Criminal Damage	70	39
Violent Crime	45	33
Theft	31	36

Sergeant Rodgers updated Members of the Forum of the progress of Operation Acres Green, which concentrated on the Dean Bank area.

An update was also provided on staffing levels for the area. It was pointed out that two PCSO's would be based in West Cornforth and one in the Broom Ward. A further two officers were currently going through the required training, which was anticipated to be completed by the end of the year, resulting in 5 officers within Area 2.

Discussion was held regarding finances and staffing of the force as a whole and the debt that had occurred. It was explained that three hundred staff would be lost as a result of the financial difficulties.

Consideration was also held regarding Police attendance at public meetings. It was explained that the Police had made a commitment to only attend the Area Forums. Concern was therefore expressed as to the number of opportunities the public had to express their views. Sergeant Rodgers explained that the Police felt the Area Forums were the most effective way of receiving public views.

Questions were raised regarding responsibilities of the Police with regard to fly tipping. It was questioned whether the Police were able to stop vehicles carrying waste to check whether they carried the correct licence for disposal of the waste. Sergeant Rogers pointed out that fly tipping was a responsibility of the Council and not the Police. It was also questioned that now the Police were looking to target crime rather than anti-social behaviour would the local authority have to introduce By Laws and take responsibility for targeting such problems. It was explained that the Government was pushing for a crackdown on crime, however the Forum was reassured that PCSO's would still patrol the streets targeting problem areas. It was also pointed out that the Government had recently released a White Paper regarding responsibilities of local authorities this week.

Finally, questions were raised regarding the closure of Newton Aycliffe Police Station on weekends. Sergeant Rodgers explained that he was not aware of a closure, as the station was still designated and open 24 hours to allow offenders to be taken there.

AF(2)16/06

REVIEW OF AREA FORUMS

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members Code of Conduct, Councillors A. Hodgson and R. A. Patchett declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion.

G. Wood, Regeneration Manager, attended the Forum to consult and seek views from those in attendance regarding the proposals set out in the attached report to review the workings of the Area Forum. (For copy see file of Minutes). A questionnaire was also distributed.

Members of the Forum were informed that a Review Group had been set up to examine the operation and effectiveness of the Area Forums with a view to making changes to strengthen community involvement. The information provided throughout the review had been obtained from the Council's Regeneration Section with input from Council partners and tenants groups to ensure consultation was as wide as possible.

The Forum's attention was then drawn to the recommendations within the report and the questionnaire, which was requested to be completed.

AF(2)17/06

COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A. Learmonth was present at the meeting to update Members on local health matters.

A. Learmonth pointed out that this would be the last Forum she would attend as a result of the restructure of the Primary Care Trusts. Under the new County Durham Primary Care Trust she explained that it was unlikely that Area Forums would be attended by a field of Directors, instead it was suggested that invitations be extended to managers of the integrated teams.

With regard to the new health centre at Chilton it was suggested that contact be made directly with the lift company as Bob Parker had left the organisation.

Copies of the performance management report were also distributed where it was explained it was the most successful report to date.

Questions were raised regarding consultant appointments. Members of the Forum pointed that appointments were getting put back and questioned the reasoning. A. Learmonth suggested that contact with the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) to highlight concerns.

Discussion was also held regarding the Neurology Section and its move from Bishop Auckland Hospital to Sunderland General Hospital.

AF(2)18/06

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th January, 2007 at Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute at 6.30 p.m.

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Item 7

AREA 2 FORUM

9th JANUARY 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application Report

Introduction

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 2 Forum 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 2 Forum have been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. £278,700 has been allocated to 2006/07, £157,854 of which has been committed to date, leaving a balance of £120,846.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Bishop Middleham Play Area Renewal Scheme
- **Name of Applicant:** Bishop Middleham Parish Council
- **Legal Status:** Parish Council
- **Date of Application:** 20th November 2006
- **Landlord:** Sedgefield Borough Council, leased to Bishop Middleham Parish Council.
- **Brief Description of Project:** The Project will enable new play equipment and safety surfacing to be installed to a supervised toddlers play area at the rear of the Village Hall and a series of enhancements to the main children's play area in the Leisure Park within the village targeting 5 year olds and over.
- **Requested from LIP:** £69,320 (59%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £116,903 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** To provide new age appropriate play equipment and safety surfacing in both play areas, at the Village Hall and the Leisure Park. The existing limited play equipment has fallen into disrepair and needs to be removed due to safety concerns. The project will provide new stimulating play equipment at both sites enabling the sites to be fully utilised.

LIP Criteria

- **Department for Communities and Local Government Definition:**
The applicant has stated that the project will address a series of issues within the existing two play areas, which are currently underused.
- **Community Strategy Objectives:**
The applicant has stated that the project will link directly to develop and maximise the leisure and cultural facilities in the Borough by providing a safe leisure facility for the children of Bishop Middleham.
- **Evidence of need and community support:**
The applicant has stated that the village appraisal carried out by the Parish Council in August 2003 revealed that one quarter of all respondents were dissatisfied with recreational provision in the village. Respondents indicated that they would like to see more play areas for children and more for teenagers to do. Issues were raised regarding the current location of the park, feeling that it was too isolated. Consideration was given to other locations during the consultation but these were felt to be less suitable than the existing sites. A focus/community group was formed in May/June 2006 to establish the views of parents, children and residents in the village. Primary school pupils have also been consulted. The annual playground inspection report highlights the need for the replacement of existing equipment. Two community consultations days have also been held.
- **Value for money and revenue implications:**
The applicant has applied for £69,320, which is 59% of the overall capital costs. Applications are being submitted to Awards for All, The Big Lottery Fund and Lafarge for the remaining £47,583. The Lafarge funding is already confirmed. The remaining match funding is expected to be confirmed by March 2007. The applicant has outlined that Bishop Middleham Parish Council will cover future revenue costs associated with the project.

The applicant intends to use 'Kompan' to carry out the project, the preferred supplier of Sedgfield Borough Council who has been chosen following a full tender process.

Further appraisal and development work will be undertaken with the applicant with respect to the confirmation of the additional match funding prior to the project being progressed through the Council's full decision making processes.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the following key issues:

- The relative priority of this project within Area 2 locality.
- The enhancement of the play facilities at their current locations within the village.

Subject to discussion and agreement of the above points that the Area Forum supports the further development of this application through the Council's decisions making process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from groups within Area 2:

- The Ladder Centre – Extension. *Application to seek funding towards the cost of provided additional space at the Ladder Centre to accommodate new community activities.*

It is anticipated that a report on this project will be brought to the next Area Forum meeting.

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