

AREA 2 FORUM

Tuesday,
11 September 2007
6.30 p.m.

Chilton and Windlestone
Community College

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 26th June 2007. (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 from County Durham Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to provide an update on local health matters.

6. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

To consider the attached report outlining the proposed project: -

- Mainsforth Community Centre Improvements (Pages 5 - 8)

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th November 2007 at 6.30 p.m. at West Cornforth Community Centre.

9. 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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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Dean Bank and Ferryhill
Literary Institute

Tuesday,
26 June 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

- Present:**
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| Councillor Mrs. C. Potts
(Chairman) | – Sedgefield Borough Council and |
| Councillor B.F. Avery J.P | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor T. Brimm | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
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| Councillor V. Collinson | – Chilton Town Council |
| Councillor M. Errington | – Chilton Town Council |
| Councillor S. Drew | – Cornforth Parish Council |
| E. Hurrell | – Cornforth Parish Council |
| K. Lynn | – Cornforth Partnership |
| P. Irving | – County Durham Primary Care Trust |
| J. Weston | – Dean Bank Residents Association |
| Inspector A. Green | – Durham Constabulary |
| H. Drew | – West Cornforth Community Association |
| P. Ferguson | – West Cornforth Community Association |
| P. Forrest | – Local Resident |
| S. Pennick | – Local Resident |
| R. Greenwell | – Local Resident |
- Apologies:**
- | | |
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| Councillor J.E. Higgin | - Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor A. Hodgson | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor B. Lamb | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| B. Shepherd | – Dean Bank Residents Association |

AF(2)1/07

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in Item 6 – Local Improvement Programme:

Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy	Prejudicial and left the meeting
Councillor D. A. Newell	Prejudicial and left the meeting

AF(2)2/07

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(2)3/07

POLICE REPORT

Inspector A. Green attended the meeting to give details of the crime figures and local initiatives in the area.

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

	<u>Ferryhill:</u>	<u>Chilton:</u>	<u>West Cornforth:</u>	<u>Broom Ward:</u>
Total Crime	72	35	24	45
Violent Crime	9	7	6	9
Burglary (Dwelling)	9	4	1	3
Burglary (Other)	8	4	3	8
Rowdy Nuisance	63	21	12	33
Vehicle Crime	9	4	1	10

Discussion was held regarding staffing within the area. Members of the Forum were informed that there would be five Police Officers employed for the Ferryhill area. There were, however, to be a number of changes as the officer for Dean Bank would leave in July 07. New sergeants were scheduled to be interviewed, whilst Inspector Green explained that he was attending an interview next week.

Concerns were raised regarding youths congregating outside the Bell Store at Chilton and under age drinking. It was explained that the Police were aware of the issue and discussions had taken place with officers at the Council to remove some of the seating to deter the problem. With regard to under age drinking there were problems with proxy sales, with parents purchasing alcohol for their children. It was explained that it was a big problem, however, the issue was being targeted.

Finally, questions were raised regarding the No Smoking Policy and what role the Police would have during its introduction. It was explained that it was the Council's responsibility, however, the Police would be monitoring adherence to the policy. Landlords would be required to have a designated area, allowing customers to stand at the doorway would not be tolerated. Also if a person became aggressive when asked to put a cigarette out or leave the premises, the Police would be called as usual.

AF(2)4/07

COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

P. Irving, County Durham Primary Care Trust, attended the meeting to provide an update on health matters in the area.

With regard to the Health Centre at Chilton it was explained that the County Durham Capital Programme, which included the development of the Health Centre, would be submitted to the PCT in the near future.

Members of the Forum were reassured that the development was part of a County-wide Plan and a priority of the PCT.

Concern was raised that a Committee had been set up to monitor the development with no representation from local residents. P. Irving explained that the Committee had been set up a while ago and had not

met for some time. The Forum was re-assured that there would be representation from the community when it was re-organised and scheduled to meet.

Discussion was finally held regarding the provision of cancer drugs. It was questioned why in other parts of the country such cancer drugs were available through the NHS and not in others. All concerns would be taken back and the relevant officer from Public Health be invited to a future meeting of the Forum.

AF(2)5/07 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members Code of Conduct Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy and D.A. Newell declared a prejudicial interest in the following item and left the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report detailing an application submitted to be appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section for funding from the Local Improvement Programme. (For copy see file of Minutes).

A. Megginson updated the Forum of its role within the Local Improvement Programme.

An update was also provided on Bishop Middleham Play Area where work had already commenced. It was explained that funding had been released from Leisure Services to carry the work out as part of its Play Strategy. The requested funding from the Local Improvement Programme had therefore been put back into the allocated funding for Area 2.

Discussion was held regarding funding that was available via Leisure Services. Clarification was sought as to whether the amount of £70,000 had been ringposted.

Modernisation of West Cornforth Community Centre

H. Drew, West Cornforth Community Association, attended the Forum to inform Members of the proposals to modernise and refurbish the Centre. The proposals aim to expand the available use of the centre to more community organisations as its current state was out of date.

It was pointed out that the estimated cost of the project was high with match funding requested from a number of other agencies together with the LIP funding. It was noted that if the full amount was not available work would be carried out as and when with the use funding available.

Discussion was held regarding the provision of changing rooms for the newly developed football facilities. It was pointed out that consideration between the Association and Sedgfield Borough Council had been given to using porta cabins.

The Forum welcomed the project and supported its submission to Cabinet.

AGREED : That Cabinet be recommended to support the modernisation of West Cornforth Community Centre.

AF(2)6/07 NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT

Land East of Barratt Way, West Cornforth

Consideration was given to a report of the Building Control Manager regarding a request received from Gladedale Homes to officially name and number the above development comprising 47 dwellings. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members of the Forum proposed, with strong preference the name of "Howard" and secondly "The Lane".

AF(2)7/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th September, 2007 at Chilton and Windlestone Community College at 6.30 p.m.

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Item 6

AREA 2 FORUM

11th September 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Mainsforth & District Community Centre – Improvements to the Community Centre.

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 further develop the project proposal prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The Area 2 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £278,700 has been allocated to the year 2007/08. A number of projects have been supported in the previous year to the value of £174,024, 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:** Improvements to Mainsforth & District Community Association
- **Name of Applicant:** Mainsforth & District Community Association
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project aims to renew the boiler and heating system in the community centre and boxing club. This will enable the centre to install a more energy efficient boiler and zoned heating system with the aim of expanding the available use of the community centre to more community organisations.
- **Requested from LIP:** £75,830 (94%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £80,830
- **What will the LIP be used for:**
The refurbishment will include,
 - Removal of existing boiler plant and heating system
 - Removal and safe disposal of asbestos insulation
 - Installation of new gas boiler

- Installation of new heating system with zoned controls enabling heating to be provided to individual rooms rather than heating the whole centre.
- **Impact of the Project:**
The applicant has stated that although the Community Centre is well used there is additional capacity to cater for more user groups. One of the barriers to this is the cost of heating additional rooms within the building. One system controls the whole building and if one group wants to use space within the building then the whole building has to be heated. With monthly energy costs increasing it has been very difficult for the Community Centre to offer additional users space due to cost implications. By replacing the old system with a new 'zonal heating system' heat will be able to be directed to the rooms in use rather than the whole building.

The centre is the only community facility of its type in the village. Over the past five years the Association have undertaken a range of additional refurbishments including; Installation of a lift, Renewed ladies and gents toilets, Installed disabled toilets to both floors, Refurbished main hall and lounge, New lighting fitted, New windows and a refurbished kitchen.

The renewal of the heating system is the last major part of the overall refurbishment and will help to secure the future of the Community Centre and bring it into even more effective use.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**
The applicant has outlined that replies to a recent questionnaire indicates the need to have the facility available to the community. Some verbal consultation has taken place with positive results. Further work will be undertaken prior to the project being considered by Sedgefield Borough Council to identify an enhanced programme of use within the centre.

In 1999 a report was commissioned as part of the Area Appraisal for Ferryhill Station - The 'Options for the Future' Report. In relation to the Community Centre the report concluded that, "the building has very high running costs... the costs of running and maintaining the building dictates the activities rather than the needs of the community." By carrying out these works the group hope to reverse that trend.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**
The applicant has applied for £75,830, which is 94% of the total project costs. The remaining capital costs will be funded by a grant that has been applied for from the Co-op Group. The future revenue costs will be funded by income from room hire charges and bar takings.

The Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to identify other opportunities for additional 'match funding' to be brought into the project.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full project appraisal stage to explore a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal and how it will meet the priority needs of the Area 2 locality.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 2:

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 approved by Sedgefield Borough Council to date;

• West Cornforth Number 66 Project Works Completed and Grant claimed.	£64,400 approved
• Chilton Environmental Improvements Works ongoing, still to claim grant.	£93,454 approved
• Ferryhill LADDER Centre Technical Study Under development, still to claim grant.	£6,170 approved
• Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study Study being commissioned.	£10,000 approved
Total	£174,024

Applications under development

- Duncombe Heritage Centre Development – Ferryhill. Estimated project costs £200,000. LIP grant requested approximately £100,000. A more detailed project proposal is still being developed with the History Society and the Town Council.
- West Cornforth Community Centre Lip grant requested approximately £90,000.

Applications to be discussed at the next Area Forum – 6th November

- Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literary Institute £40,390 sought Works proposed to provide more space within the building for community learning opportunities and installation of a stage in the main hall.
- Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study – Update on the work of the consultants

