

# **AREA 2 FORUM**

Tuesday, 18 December 2007

6.30 p.m.

Dean Bank and Ferryhill  
Literary Institute

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> November 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. CRIME AND DISORDER LOCAL PRIORITIES**

Presentation by Community Safety Manager.

**6. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - MINERS WELFARE MASTERPLAN - CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 5 - 8)

**7. QUESTIONS**

The Chairman will take questions from the floor

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Chilton and Windlestone Community College

**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

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
10<sup>TH</sup> December 2007

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Mrs. G. Hall

### **Dean Bank Residents Association**

Mrs. J. Weston

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Mrs. K. Lynn

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**CAVOS**

Chief Executive

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

West Cornforth Community  
Centre

Tuesday,  
6 November 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. C. Potts (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. Farry	– Sedgefield Borough Council
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N. Wiffen	– Bishop Middleham Parish
M. Errington	– Chilton Town Council
Councillor W.R. Wilson	– Cornforth Parish Council
Councillor Mrs. E. Martin	– Ferryhill Town Council
W. Benson	– Durham Constabulary
M. Taylor	– Chilton West Residents Association
J. Weston	– Dean Bank Residents Association
D. Bradley	– Dean Bank Residents Association
G. Hall	– Ferryhill Station Residents Association
C. Heal	– Chilton Partnership
T. W. Garrett	– Ferryhill Partnership
M.D. Watson	– F.A.A.
B. Sheppard	– Ferryhill and Dean Bank Literary Institute
B. Catterall	– Local Resident
D. Waistell	– Local Resident
R. Greenwell	– Local Resident
S. Drew	– Local Resident
G. Barker	– Local Resident
B. Gibson	– Local Resident

**Apologies:** Councillor B.F. Avery, J.P. - Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor T. Brimm – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor D.A. Newell – Sedgefield Borough Council

### **AF(2)15/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy and A. Hodgson indicated that they would be declaring an interest in Item 6 – Application – Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute- Improvements to the Community Centre. The interest was personal and prejudicial as Members of Sedgefield Borough Cabinet.

**AF(2)16/07 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**AF(2)17/07 POLICE REPORT**

Inspector W. Bentham attended the meeting.

He explained that he was the newly appointed Inspector for the area having recently worked in Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe areas.

It was reported that in relation to crime figures there had been a reduction of around 15% reported incidents.

The crime figures reported were as follows :-

	<u>July :</u>	<u>August :</u>	<u>September :</u>
Vehicle Crime	9	11	12
Violent Crime	30	31	29
Burglary (Dwelling)	7	7	6
Burglary (Other)	5	2	11
Rowdy Nuisance	142	112	159
Sexual offences	3	2	2
Criminal Damage	43	59	51
Damage accidents	12	15	13
Minor injuries	3	1	4
Serious injuries/ death	0	1	0

It was noted that an operation had recently been held in relation to drug dealing in Dean Bank. Arrests had been made and an amount of drugs had been seized. More cases would be forthcoming as a result of that operation.

Discussion was held regarding incidents of anti-social behaviour in various locations throughout Area 2 and Inspector Bentham assured the Forum that the Police were taking steps to deal with the problem. He explained that they were actively targeting a number of offenders to issue Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders. It was, however, recognised that the problem would never been totally eradicated.

Discussion was also held regarding the sale of alcohol to underage youths. Inspector Bentham made reference to Operation Bottleneck, a project which was being run in the West End of Newcastle. He reported that funding was available to run such a project in the area, and within the next few weeks, following the publication of publicity material, etc., a similar project would be starting in the area.



**AF(2)18/07**

**COUNTY DURHAM PCT**

Councillor Conroy that she had held discussions with County Durham PCT regarding attendance at Forum meetings. The PCT had indicated that they were unable to send a representative to every meeting of every Forum. However, if there was a specific problem or issue they would endeavour to send the appropriate person to the Forum meeting. It was noted that there was to be a meeting with the PCT on 30<sup>th</sup> November regarding the proposed Chilton Health Centre.

**AF(2)19/07**

**NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT LAND AT CHURCH LANE, FERRYHILL - BESPOKE HOMES (NE) LTD**

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Building Control Manager (for copy see file of Minutes) relating to the naming of the above-mentioned site.

It was suggested, that as the development was adjacent to St. Lukes Church, it be named St. Lukes Place.

**AF(2)20/07**

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - DEAN BANK AND FERRYHILL LITERARY INSTITUTE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Member's Code of Conduct Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy and A. Hodgson declared personal and prejudicial interests in this item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon.**

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

B. Sheppard, Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute, was in attendance to present the application.

The Forum was reminded that the Area 2 Forum had been allocated £836,000 of LIP Capital Resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £278,700 had been allocated for the year 2007/8. A number of projects had been supported to the value of £249,855 and there was some additional underspend resulting from last year which would be available to the Area Forum for additional project activities.

It was explained that the project aimed to provide a two storey extension to provide a learning suite. This would involve the re-alignment of the public/emergency staircase. A total of 19.8 sq.mts. additional space would be provided. The project would also create a raised stage in the main hall.

The Forum agreed to support the project.

**AF(2)21/07      MAKE A CHILD SMILE**

Reference was made to a charity event, which had been held to raise money for the above charity. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to the organisers, Mr. and Mrs. D. Foster.

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# Item 6

## AREA 2 FORUM

18<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

#### Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

##### **Application - Miners Welfare Master Plan, Chilton Town Council.**

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 to date to the value of £251,105, 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: Miners Welfare Master Plan**
- **Name of Applicant: Chilton Town Council**
- **Brief Description of Project:** The Miners Welfare Master Plan was the result of one element of the LIP part-funded Chilton Environmental Improvements project which highlighted work still to be carried out in the Welfare Park. The report identified six phases of work, this project will address three of those phases.
- **Requested from LIP: £169,471 (53%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £319,471**
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The project includes works to extend and refurbish the pavilion building, the creation of a mini -golf area, replacing trees and shrubs, the creation of a car park, new lighting columns, seats and bins, signage and the restoration of the gate piers and new gates.
- **Impact of the Project:** The applicant has stated that the project, would provide a community hub which would include toilets, a café, play equipment and changing rooms and would also help resolve some anti-social behaviour issues. This will complement the works carried out earlier in the year to the tennis courts and the provision of floodlighting to the courts.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**  
The applicant has stated that Groundwork North East was engaged to carry out an appraisal for the Town Council's recreational facilities. As a result of this appraisal and various consultation exercises with members of the public, West Chilton Residents Association and Chilton Partnership, a master plan was developed. As part of the master plan, consultation also took place with Chilton Primary School, Chilton Sure Start and Windlestone Residential School. The Masterplan will address the issues raised and although this project only addresses phases 1,2 and 3, all phases will be addressed when funding for the remaining phases becomes available.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**  
The applicant has applied for £169,471, which is 53% of the total project costs. £150,000 of Town Council funding will be put into the project. Revenue costs will be covered by the Town Council precept and hire fees. The Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to identify other opportunities for additional 'match funding' to be brought into the project. All elements of the project will go out to tender if the project is approved by all funders.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to resolve the above issues, and clarify any additional points raised through the Area Forum process.

**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                      £64,400 approved  
Works Completed and Grant claimed.
- Chilton Environmental Improvements                      £93,455 approved  
Works almost complete. Small amount of  
grant to claim
- Ferryhill LADDER Centre Technical Study                      £6,170 approved  
Under development, still to claim grant.
- Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study                      £11,250 approved  
Study received and being considered.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainsforth Community Centre Approved 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007</li> </ul>	£75,830 Approved
Total	£251,105

**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. Approval by Area Forum awaiting decisions on matched funding.
- Dean Bank Institute LIP grant requested £50,000. Approved by Area Forum. Working with applicant to resolve queries and await decisions on match funding.

**Applications to be discussed at the next Area Forum – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

- Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study – Update on the work of the consultants. Study due for completion end Nov 07. To be discussed at Ferryhill Town Council in December.

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