

AREA 2 FORUM

Tuesday,
26 February 2008
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 18th December 2007. (Pages 1 - 6)
- 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. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - BISHOP MIDDLEHAM VILLAGE HALL**
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 10)
- 6. QUESTIONS**
The Chairman will take questions from the floor
- 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 6.30 p.m.
- 8. 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
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18TH February 2008

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Dean Bank and Ferryhill
Literary Institute

Tuesday,
18 December 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

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

Councillor B.F. Avery J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
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L. Dixon	–	Chilton Community Partnership
C. Heal	–	Chilton Community Partnership
A. Rutherford	–	Chilton Community Partnership
M. Taylor	–	Chilton West Residents Association
D. Bradley	–	Dean Bank Residents Association
J. Kent	–	Dean Bank Residents Association
J. Weston	–	Dean Bank Residents Association
S. Drew	–	West Cornforth Parish Council
A. Bruce	–	Chilton Town Council
E. Bruce	–	Chilton Town Council
M. Errington	–	Chilton Town Council
P. Gray	–	Chilton Town Council

In

Attendance: A. Blakemore, S. Barry, Mrs. G. Garrigan and N. Woodgate

Apologies:

Councillor T. Brimm	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Hodgson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Lamb	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D.A. Newell	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Inspector W. Benson	–	Durham Constabulary

AF(2)22/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy indicated that she would be declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in Item No : 6 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme – Application – Miners Welfare Master Plan – Chilton Town Council – as she was a Member of Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

AF(2)23/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Mark Hall was present at the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety in the area.

The reported crime figures for October and November 2007 were as follows:

OCTOBER 2007

	Dean Bank	Ferryhill Town	West Cornforth	Chilton	Total
Reported Incidents	186	99	76	164	525
Burglary Dwelling	2	1	0	1	4
Burglary Other	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	2	3
Rowdy Nuisance	63	25	20	51	159

NOVEMBER 2007

	Dean Bank	Ferryhill Town	West Cornforth	Chilton	Total
Reported Incidents	144	79	150	94	487
Burglary Dwelling	5	3	1	2	11
Burglary Other	1	1	0	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	0	0	1	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2	0	1	3
Rowdy Nuisance	46	19	10	20	95

Traffic Related Incidents throughout the whole of the area over the two month period :-

Damage only accidents	26
Minor injury accidents	8
Serious injury accidents	0

With regard burglary (dwellings), it was noted that Sedgefield Borough Council's Bin Wagons were helping to remind residents to keep their homes secure. The message, "Like it or Lose it" could be seen on all the Council's wagons. The message aimed to highlight to the public the importance of indoor and outdoor security lighting to prevent homes being targeted. It was pointed out that an unlit home presented an attractive opportunity to thieves.

With regard to vehicle crime, the Forum was reminded not to leave items on display in parked vehicles. Satellite navigation systems should be disconnected every time the car was left and not put in the glove box.

It was reported that it was intended to discuss and set the three neighbourhood priorities for Police action in Area 2 at the next meeting of the Forum on 19th February 2008.

AF(2)25/07 CRIME AND DISORDER LOCAL PRIORITIES

Allan Blakemore, Community Safety Manager, gave a presentation regarding the above.

It was explained that Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership was in the process of setting priorities for 2008/09 and was consulting residents on their local priorities.

It was explained that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006 had imposed a duty on the Council to share data for the purpose of reducing crime and disorder and replaced the three year audit and strategy process with an annual strategic assessment.

The presentation outlined the intelligence driven and national priorities, which were:

- Domestic Abuse
This was identified as a national priority. Two women die every week in Great Britain as a result of domestic violence.
- Domestic Burglary
Domestic burglary was very low in Sedgefield Borough, however residents did have a high degree of fear of being a victim of this particular crime. Borough average was 8.3 burglaries per 1,000 households in 2006/07 compared to the national average of 13 burglaries per 1000 households.
- Substance misuse
Substance misuse related to Class A, B and C drugs, alcohol and smoking
- Vehicle Crime
Vehicle crime relates to the organised stealing of vehicles for resale after changing identification, taking vehicles without owners' consent (better known as "joyriding"), theft from vehicles and vehicle interference.
- Criminal Damage
Criminal damage was the highest recorded crime across Sedgefield Borough, usually accounting for 40% of total recorded crime. It was linked to night time economy and anti-social behaviour.

- Anti-Social Behaviour

The usual profile figures were follows:

• Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour	-	73%
• Nuisance neighbours	-	10%
• Vehicle nuisance/Inappropriate use	-	9%
• Noise	-	3%
• Street drinking	-	2%
• Animal related problems	-	2%
• Substance misuse	-	1%

Questionnaires were then circulated at the meeting for completion. It was pointed out that by providing postcodes on the questionnaires, the Community Safety Partnership would be able to map localised priorities, whilst preserving anonymity. It was noted that the information would be shared with Durham Constabulary to assist in the setting of neighbourhood priorities for action.

AF(2)26/07 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - MINERS WELFARE MASTERPLAN - CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Member's Code of Conduct, Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting.

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

Mr. P. Gray, Clerk to Chilton Town Council, was in attendance to present the application.

It was explained that 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. The application under consideration related to a project that would address the first three phases.

The project included works to extend and refurbish the pavilion building, the creation of a mini golf area and a car park, replacement of trees and shrubs, provision of new lighting columns, seats and bins, signage, restoration of the gate piers and provision of new gates. The total estimated cost was £319,471.00 and the amount of funding requested was £169,471 (53%) of the total cost. Chilton Town Council would provide £150,000. The total cost of the six phases was estimated at £450,000. Revenue costs would be covered by the Town Council precept and hire charges.

It was noted that the Strategy and Regeneration Division would work with the applicant to identify other opportunities for additional match funding.

The Forum agreed to support the project.

With regard to other applications under development, it was noted that West Cornforth Community Centre had been granted £104,000 from Northern Rock Foundation.

AF(2)27/07

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th February 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Chilton and Windlestone Community Centre.

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Item 5

AREA 2 FORUM

26th February 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Bishop Middleham Village Hall

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 subject to budget approval. 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:** Bishop Middleham Village Hall
- **Name of Applicant:** Bishop Middleham Village Hall Association
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project will address the issues currently facing the village hall. A new roof will be installed as the current roofing needs replacing. The stage and hall floors will be replaced and new lighting and stage curtains installed. This will enable new activities such as drama groups to begin. The group also hope to make the hall more child friendly. New zoned heating will also be installed.
- **Requested from LIP:** £39,391 (92%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £42,691
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The applicant has stated that the LIP will be used to replace the flooring in the main hall and on the stage, replace the roof and heating. The applicant would also like to provide new stage lighting and curtains.
- **Impact of the Project:** The applicant has stated that the project will improve the hall as a whole, improving the safety of all users and will provide additional activities for young people.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**
A questionnaire has been circulated within the users groups. The members of the committee are voluntary workers or members of the user group that are held in the hall. The applicant has stated that this has given them an insight and link with the other users as to what is lacking within the current facility.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**
The applicant has applied for £39,391, which is 92% of the total project costs. The applicant aims to secure £3,300 from other sources. Quotes have been obtained for all elements of 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 possible impact of the intended project prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The detailed appraisal stage will also include consideration of the consultation that has been undertaken to date to assess the need for the enhanced facility.

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 almost complete. Small amount of grant to claim	£93,455 approved
• Ferryhill LADDER Centre Technical Study Under development, still to claim grant.	£6,170 approved
• Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study Study received and being considered.	£11,250 approved
• Mainsforth Community Centre Approved 25 th October 2007	£75,830 Approved
Total	£251,105

Applications under development

- West Cornforth Community Centre LIP grant requested approximately £90,000. Approval by Area Forum. Working to progress.
- Dean Bank Institute LIP grant requested £50,000. Approved by Area Forum. Working with applicant to resolve queries and await decisions on match funding.
- Miners Welfare Park, Chilton- Chilton Town Council- £169,471. Approved by Area Forum. Working with applicant to resolve queries and await confirmation of match funding.

Applications to be discussed at Area Forum

- Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study – Update on the work of the consultants.

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