

AREA 2 FORUM

Tuesday,
8 April 2008
6.30 p.m.

Community Centre,
West Cornforth

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 February 2008. (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. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY

Report of Assistant Chief Executive.
(Pages 7 - 10)

6. SELECTIVE LICENSING IN DEAN BANK AND CHILTON WEST

Presentation to be given regarding the above by Mrs. A. Stephenson, Private Sector Renewals Manger.

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed at the Council's annual meeting on 16th May 2008.

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
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31st March 2008

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Chilton and Windlestone
Community College

Tuesday, 26 February
2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

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

Councillor B.F. Avery J.P	–	Sedgfield Borough Council
Councillor T. Brimm	–	Sedgfield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy	–	Sedgfield Borough Council
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N. Wiffen	-	Bishop Middleham Parish Council
L. Dixon	-	Chilton Community Partnership
A. Rutherford	-	Chilton Community Partnership
G. Attwood	-	Chilton Town Council
A. Bruce	-	Chilton Town Council
E. Bruce	-	Chilton Town Council
M. Errington	-	Chilton Town Council
M. Walton	-	Chilton Town Council
J. Weston	-	Dean Bank Residents Association
D. Bradley	-	Dean Bank Residents Association
Councillor J. Robinson, JP	-	Durham County Council
Inspector B. Bentham	-	Durham Constabulary
Sergeant A. Sampson	-	Durham Constabulary
P. Atkinson	-	Ferryhill Town Council
D. Barber	-	Ferryhill Town Council
E. A. Martin	-	Ferryhill Town Council
Z. Roddam	-	Ferryhill Town Council
B. Sheppard	-	Ferryhill Literary Institute
G. F. Hall	-	Ferryhill Station Residents Association
R. Greenwell	-	Ferryhill Resident
R. Foster	-	Ferryhill Town Youth

Apologies: Councillor A. Hodgson - Sedgfield Borough Council
Councillor D.A. Newell – Sedgfield Borough Council
Councillor G. Porter – Durham County Council
Councillor P. McCourt – Ferryhill Town Council
Councillor S.C. Drew – Cornforth Parish Council
Councillor W.R. Wilson – Cornforth Parish Council
M. Chappell – Chilton Community Partnership
C. Heal – Chilton Community Partnership

AF(2)28/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy indicated that she would be declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in Item No : 5 – Sedgfield Borough Local

Improvement Programme – Bishop Middleham Village Hall – as she was a Member of Sedgfield Borough Cabinet.

AF(2)29/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(2)30/07 POLICE REPORT

Community Inspector Bill Bentham and Sergeant A. Sampson were present at the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety in the area.

The reported crime figures for December 2007 and January 2008 were as follows:

DECEMBER 2007

	Dean Bank	Ferryhill	West Cornforth	Chilton	Total
Reported Incidents	171	71	67	150	459
Burglary dwelling	2	2	0	3	7
Burglary other	0	0	0	2	2
Theft from motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Rowdy Nuisance	46	18	10	23	97

JANUARY 2008

	Dean Bank	Ferryhill	West Cornforth	Chilton	Total
Reported Incidents	156	105	91	188	540
Burglary dwelling	3	0	0	4	7
Burglary other	3	0	0	2	5
Theft from motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	0	1	1
Rowdy Nuisance	44	28	18	56	146

Traffic related accidents throughout the whole of the area during the two month period:

Damage only accidents	21
Minor injury accidents	8
Serious injury accidents	0

It was reported that the number of burglaries had remained fairly static, which was unusual as January was generally the worst month of the year. The decrease could be attributable to Operation Darc. The number for burglaries in December was 33% lower than in 2007 and in January the figure was 70% lower. There had been a number of arrests for the offences and four people had been charged and were waiting to appear at Court.

Rowdy nuisance behaviour had increased throughout the whole area in January, with the exception of Dean Bank where the partnership operation Snowlake Town was continuing. It was noted that Snowlake Town Operation had already resulted in drugs valued at £10,000 being seized and 20 people arrested for various offences.

Specific reference was made to the Bottlewatch Scheme, which was now up and running. The scheme, which would hopefully lead to a reduction of anti-social behaviour, involved the marking of the labels of bottles of alcohol to identify the place of purchase. It was noted that it was a voluntary scheme, however, no off-licence had refused to take part.

The Forum was asked to set three neighbourhood priorities for Area 2 for the next six months. The following suggestions were put forward:

- Darlington Road /Dean Bank - problem with parked vehicles.
- Storehouse Allotments – youths congregating and consuming alcohol.
- Allotments - burglaries
- Dean Bank – substance misuse
- Dean Bank Bowls Pavilion - vandalism
- Black Path – congregation of youths.
- Bishop Middleham Nature Reserve – indecent behaviour, dumping of cars, needle finds.
- Motorists speeding in Chilton.
- Problem of motorbikes, Chilton.
- Problem with motorbikes – The Carrs

Consideration was given to all the suggested areas.

Members of the Forum agreed the following as neighbourhood priorities for Area 2 for the next six months:

- Bishop Middleham Nature Reserve – indecent behaviour dumping of cars, needle finds.
- Darlington Road and Dean Bank – problem with parked cars
- Problem with motorbikes in Chilton.

It was noted that all the areas put forward would be given attention, however, priority would be given to the above three.

With regard to the problem of burglaries in allotments, it was noted that an Allotment Watch Initiative would probably be launched over the whole area in the spring.

AF(2)31/07

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - BISHOP MIDDLEHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Alison Willis, Nicola Dexter and Joanie Sheehan, from Middleham Village Hall User Committee were in attendance to present the application.

It was reported that LIP funding was being requested to replace the flooring in the main hall and on the stage, the roof and heating system. The applicant would also like to provide new stage lighting and curtains.

It was noted that the project would improve the hall and the safety of all users, which would result in the provision of additional activities for young people.

The amount of funding requested was £39,391 which was 92% of the total project cost. The applicant aimed to secure £3,300 from other sources.

The Forum agreed to support the project.

With regard to Ferryhill Sports Facility Technical Study, it was noted that the study was nearing completion. The scheme design had been chosen and agreed with all parties. The project would include pitches/pavilion/improved drainage and redevelopment of pitches on the Ferryhill Athletic Ground. Visits had been made to similar projects in West Yorkshire.

It was reported that no LIP application had yet been submitted to the Council for the full project proposal.

AF(2)32/07

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th April, at 6.30 p.m. at West Cornforth Community Centre

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Item 5

AREA 2 FORUM

8th April 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme Update on Project Activity

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 2 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. This level of resource is available for community organisations and partner Town and Parish Council's to bid for to fund a range of eligible project activity.

Projects Funded to date within the Area 2 Forum locality

West Cornforth - Number 66 Youth Drop in facility – LIP Grant £66,400

This project is complete and is now operational. Very positive feedback has been received from the young people benefiting from the facility.

Chilton Environmental Improvements – LIP Grant £93,455

This project is complete. The project has seen the provision of new facilities within the Welfare Park including Tennis Courts, Youth activities and leisure opportunities.

Mainsforth and District Community Centre – LIP Grant Offered £75,830

The project involved the replacement of the heating system with a more efficient 'zoned heating system' to increase the usability of space within the centre. The works are ongoing.

Ferryhill Town Youth FC Dean Bank Park Facility Development – Technical Study – LIP Grant offered £11,250 approved to date.

Funding approved to carryout a detailed technical study to assess the requirements in developing a new football facility targeting grass roots football development with young people – *See note below.*

Ferryhill LADDER Centre – Technical Study LIP grant offered £6,170

Funding to assess the requirements in extending the LADDER Centre to offer new activities. This project is currently awaiting a decision from the Big Lottery

Fund on the costs for the new build. Subject to the lottery decision it is not clear if the applicant would require any LIP funding.

In summary, to date £251,105 has been awarded through the LIP programme for project activity across the Area 2 Forum locality. Additional funding remains for additional project activity.

The following projects are currently being actively developed and will be taken through the formal decision making process of Sedgefield Borough Council when all outstanding appraisal queries have been resolved.

Update on Projects under development

Ferryhill Town Youth FC Dean Bank Park Facility Development

Considerable progress has been made with the development of this project since the Technical Study was undertaken to look at the planning and design issues of an enhanced football facility adjoining Dean Bank Park.

Layout plans showing a new 6-team changing facility and social area and an additional number of pitches have been subject to local consultation through display in Ferryhill library. Key to the project will also be improved drainage to existing pitches to meet FA standards. Following feedback from Durham FA and the Football Foundation the proposed synthetic floodlit pitch has been removed from the scheme. This has been replaced by a similar size grass pitch.

The Consultants appointed to undertake the study – Steve Wells Associates are in the process of establishing a robust project budget for the works. It is estimated that the capital cost will be between £1.1m - £1.2m. It is planned that the majority of the costs are met through a Football Foundation grant towards the facility development.

Next Steps

A key part of the Consultants work was to take the project through to a Football Foundation Grant application submission. To do this a business plan is needed that outlines a range of detailed information on the aims of the project, future management / maintenance of the facility and also a robust revenue budget to cover the costs of running and maintaining a facility of this nature.

A draft business plan has been put forward by the Consultants. We are awaiting feedback on the financial aspects of this from Ferryhill Town Youth FC before further progress can be made. In addition to this Ferryhill Town Youth FC have been asked by Ferryhill Town Council to produce their annual accounts, as these also need to be included in the Football Foundation bid.

Following receipt of this information the Consultants will be able to finalise the business plan. This will then need to be agreed by Ferryhill Town Council as project applicants and then a detailed planning application will be submitted for the scheme.

It is expected that once the final capital costs are established, and the business plan finalised a LIP application will be submitted towards a percentage of the overall capital costs. This will be brought to the Area Forum once it is received by Sedgefield Borough Council.

West Cornforth Community Centre

This project is currently undergoing detailed appraisal and work is on going with the Council's Valuation and Corporate Property Services to establish robust project cost's and assess the extent of the work. The Community Association have been successful with a Northern Rock grant towards a percentage of the capital costs. The applicant has requested £85,600 of LIP Funding.

Dean Bank Institute – Learning Suite Proposal

This project has been through the Area Forum process and is currently under appraisal. The applicant has requested £50,000 of LIP funding towards improvements to create a new learning room for additional courses.

Bishop Middleham Village Hall

This project has been through the Area Forum process and is currently under appraisal. The applicant has requested £39,391 of LIP funding towards improvements in the Village Hall.

Chilton Welfare Park Masterplan – Phase 2

This project has been through the Area Forum process and is currently under appraisal. The applicant has requested £169,471 of LIP funding towards the second stage of improvements within the Welfare Park focusing at work to the pavilion in the park. The overall project is dependent on the applicant raising additional funding towards the overall costs. Once this is confirmed the project will be taken through the decision making process of the Borough Council.

Withdrawn Projects

Duncombe Heritage Centre Project

This proposal has been withdrawn following feedback from the History Society and Ferryhill Town Council. It is my understanding from correspondence received that the History Society are still keen to progress with the proposal at the Cemetery site, but on a more incremental basis, rather than through a major redevelopment of the premises. LIP funding will therefore not be sought for these improvements.

Additional Project Activity

Despite the Area 2 Forum locality being buoyant with a range of project proposals across all locality areas, the Capital Programme Team from Sedgefield Borough Council are still keen to consider additional project proposal from community groups, charities and partner Town and Parish Council's.

The nature of many LIP projects are that they are often dependant on other funding being levered into the scheme, for example the Ferryhill Football project is dependent upon the Football Foundation looking favourably on a large capital grant for it to succeed. In addition to this capital projects can often not proceed due to planning and technical issues regarding land and or building.

Given that the LIP programme is entering it's financial year of operation (3-year programme from April 2006 – March 2009) the Capital Programme Team are keen to make progress on applications quickly given the timescales for decision making in the run up to the close of the scheme.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum notes the content of the report and recognises the need that in some instances, further reports will need to be brought to the Area Forum as progress on particular projects develops.