

AREA 2 FORUM

Tuesday,
17 February 2009
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 16th December 2008. (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. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

To consider the attached report of the Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 5 - 6)

6. CHILTON HEALTH CENTRE

A representative of NHS County Durham will attend the meeting to give an update on the progress being made on Chilton Health Centre.

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor

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

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Ferryhill Station and Chilton Lane Residents Association

Mrs. G. Hall

Dean Bank Residents Association

Mrs. J. Weston

Cornforth Partnership

Mrs. K. Lynn

Police

County Durham Primary Care Trust

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College

CAVOS

Chief Executive

Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2FORUM

Chilton and Windlestone
Community College

Tuesday,
16 December 2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs K. Conroy (In the Chair) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor B. Avery J.P.	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. F. Forrest	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. D. Barber	–	Ferryhill Town Council
Councillor Mrs. Z. Roddam	–	Ferryhill Town Council
J. Weston	–	Dean Bank Residents Association
M. Mitchell	–	Chilton West Residents Association
B. Sheppard	–	Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute
P. Forrest	–	Local Resident

In Attendance: J. Stubbs (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies:

Councillor T. D. Brimm	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs P. Crathorne	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. Farry	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. E. Higgin	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Hodgson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Lamb	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. A. Newell	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor S. C. Drew	–	Cornforth Parish Council

AF(2)20/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

AF(2)21/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November, 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Concern had been expressed at the previous meeting of the Forum regarding the progress with Chilton Health Centre. It was reported that a meeting to discuss progress had been held in November. Land for the facility had been purchased and a model of the surgery had been constructed. The Health Centre would be a two storey building with a fitness room included and all delegates were happy with the progress being made.

AF(2)22/08 POLICE REPORT

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

The reported crime figures for November 2008 were as follows :-

<u>November 08:</u>	<u>Dean Bank:</u>	<u>Ferryhill:</u>	<u>West Cornforth:</u>	<u>Chilton:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Reported Incidents	154	96	104	154	508
Burglary Dwelling	1	0	2	0	3
Burglary Other	0	0	0	1	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	2	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	1	3
Rowdy Nuisance	25	21	19	34	99

Traffic related incidents throughout the whole of the area during the period :-

Damage only accidents	24
Minor injury accidents	1
Serious injury accidents	0

It was reported that crime was considerably lower at present than during the summer months. A number of recent operations and pro active work by the Police had resulted in a number of target criminals being held in prison or moving out of the area.

With regard to anti-social behaviour, the current level of incidents within the Ferryhill area was slightly below average in comparison to previous years. There had been an increase in Chilton, however, this had significantly reduced as a result of work carried out with the help of new PCSO, Sharon Bowman. Another PCSO, Martin Dauber, had been recruited and would be working with Sharon in Chilton. The Ferryhill area had a total of 8 anti-social behaviour orders currently in force. The Police would continue to encourage courts to use the full powers available.

Although crime remained low, the fear of crime still remained high within the area and two initiatives had been planned to assist in this regard. Victims of pedal cycle theft over the past 12 months were to be contacted to receive free padlocks, lights and marking equipment. There was also scope to include any bicycle owners, not just the victims of crime. Although the area did not have a problem with knife crime, the neighbourhood policing team were planning a knife amnesty for Ferryhill in January.

Members were informed that the only increase in crime over the past few months related to shoplifting. Operation Christmas Pudding was being conducted jointly with Spennymoor Police to tackle the problem and a number of arrests had already been made.

It was reported that after a regrettable incident at a farm in Bishop Middleham, all the local farms had now been signed up to a Farmwatch

of Sedgefield area.

With regard to the parking of work vans at Opal Avenue in Chilton, it was reported that PCSOs regularly patrolled the area and had moved vehicles on where possible. PCSO Bowman had been tasked with contacting the manager of the industrial estate to seek permission for vans to be parked there overnight.

With regard to anti-social behaviour at West Chilton Terrace, Members were informed that since the last Forum meeting, patrols had been targeted and increased. As a result there had been a significant decrease in reports of anti-social behaviour, and one particularly problematic occupant had moved away.

It was reported that with regard to off-road motorcycles in Ferryhill, reports had been received of scooters causing problems in the car park at the leisure centre. Targetted patrols had been carried out using headcams to gather evidence and a number of youths had been banned from the car park unless using the facilities.

A dedicated motorbike section officer had been appointed for the whole of the Sedgefield area and he had spent some time patrolling the area. Problems were being reported in respect of the footpath running between Ferryhill and Spennymoor and work was ongoing between the Police and Durham County Council in relation to this footpath being blocked.

AF(2)23/08 NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Building Control Manager regarding a request received from Walter Cook Properties to officially name and number the above development. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Unfortunately there were no members from West Cornforth present at the meeting. Therefore the members of the Forum decided that it would not be appropriate to make a recommendation.

AF(2)24/08 QUESTIONS

Future of Area 2 Forum

A query was raised regarding the number of Area 2 Forum meetings that remained in the run up to Local Government Re-organisation. Members were informed that the February meeting of the Forum would be the last.

AF(2)25/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th February, 2009 at 6.30 p.m. at Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute.

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AREA 2 FORUM

17th February 2009

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Overview

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. The Area Forum may recall that Area 2 was oversubscribed by £211,496 following the cut off date of 31st July 2008. Cabinet has now considered all project applications received from the Area 2 Forum locality and have allocated funding accordingly. Projects are summarised below.

Update on Project Activity

The main update since the last Area Forum meeting held in November is the progress made with regard to the Football facility at Dean Bank Park, Ferryhill.

In January 2009 the Ferryhill Town Council received clarification that a grant of £705,839 has been awarded from the Football Foundation towards the implementation of the project. Coupled with LIP funding from Sedgefield Borough Council this will result in the realisation of a £1m proposal in Dean Bank Park.

The next steps for the project will be to start preparing detailed specifications for the tender documents and put the project out to open tender to obtain a competitive price for the works.

It is hoped that subject to this tender exercise work will start on the project in early summer. Given the nature of the works involved work is likely to start on the proposed pitches first and then the new build club facility.

As the changes will be extensive, Ferryhill Town Youth FC will decant their facilities in the Park and temporarily relocate at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College until the works are complete.

The Current Position with approved Area 2 Forum Projects:

LIP Approvals

Number 66 Cornforth Partnership	Project Complete
Chilton Env. Imp. Programme	Project Complete
Mainsforth Community Centre	Project Complete
Dean Bank Institute Gala Room	Project Complete
West Cornforth Comm Centre	Work started January 09
Bishop Middleham Village Hall	Work ongoing
Ferryhill Football Project	Planning Application Approved, Match funding secured.
Pentlands Play	Planning Application submitted

Reserve Project

Chilton Welfare Park £169,471 requested from LIP

The Area Forum will recall that a process for identifying reserve projects was set out in the previous Area Forum report. Reserve projects will only be considered if approved projects don't proceed as planned.

Next Steps

Although the application process for LIP is closed, work will continue supporting the groups who have received grants to assist with the implementation of the project. This will also include monitoring of the intended outcomes to ensure that targets outlined in the application for the residents within the locality are met.

In addition to this, it is clear that due to the budget pressure and the amount of schemes submitted against the funding available, not all projects have been successful. Officers from the Strategy & Regeneration Division will continue to work with these projects to assist in trying to secure additional external grant monies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Area Forum participants for their involvement in shaping the LIP programme over the past 3 years. The comments made through the Area Forum process have been valuable in helping to challenge project ideas and ensure we get quality schemes that benefit the local community.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum notes the information provided on the current position of the Local Improvement Programme within Area 2.