

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AREA 3 FORUM**

Trimdon Colliery
Community Centre

Wednesday,
12 January 2005

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

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| Councillor D.R. Brown | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor J. Burton | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor T. Ward | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor J. Wayman J.P | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| G. R. Elliott | - | Trimdon Colliery Community Centre |
| Sergeant B. O'Connor | - | Durham Constabulary |
| P. Irving | - | Sedgefield Primary Care Trust |
| T. Speary | - | Sedgefield Borough Council – Neighbourhood Warden |

Apologies: Councillor K. Noble - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Robinson J.P - Sedgefield Borough Council
Chief Inspector G. Hall - Durham Constabulary
Inspector A. Neill - Durham Constabulary
D. Halladay - Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
Councillor R. Passfield - Trimdon Parish Council
Councillor Mrs L. Burton - Trimdon Parish Council

AF(3)24/04 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(3)25/04 SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

P. Irving was present at the meeting to update the Forum on local health matters.

It was explained that targets relating to access to GPs and appointments for Cancer patients were being met, however, breaches had been identified at North Tees and Hartlepool Hospitals within the Orthopaedic Departments as well as in the Accident and Emergency Department of the University Hospital of Durham. It was reported that the performance of the above would have an effect on the performance of the PCT as a whole and may result in the current star rating remaining the same or falling.

Nationally, it had been identified through the Annual Report 2003/04 that the target of 100% relating to GP access was being met, waiting lists and waiting times had reduced and the number of people reported

to have stopped smoking was at record levels. A decrease in people suffering from chronic diseases and premature deaths had also been identified.

It was explained that the PCT had become responsible for the out-of-hours service, from 1st December, 2004. It was noted that 3 Emergency Care Practitioners posts had been established to aid in delivering the service.

Members questioned whether there was any evidence of people by-passing the service and going direct to the local hospital. It was explained that there had been no reports. The procedure for using the service was then outlined.

Reference was made to the compilation of the latest Budget Report and Delivery Plan. Members of the Forum were invited to attend a Health and Well Being of People in Sedgfield Seminar, which would be held at Trimdon Colliery Community Centre on 31st January 2005 at 7.00 p.m. The seminar would involve a presentation of Ward and Area based statistics by Public Health Specialists, a brief summary of the key issues that need to be addressed and a workshop to discuss local priorities with a range of frontline professionals together with members of the public and voluntary sectors.

AF(3)26/04 POLICE REPORT

Sergeant B. O'Connor was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics in the area.

A report detailing total crime and incidents for the period 10th November, 2004 to 11th January, 2005 was circulated at the meeting. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that the crime statistics were as outlined below :-

| <u>Type of Crime</u> | <u>Sedgfield</u> | <u>Fishburn/ Trimdon Village</u> | <u>Trimdon Grange/Colliery</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Burglary (Dwelling) | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Burglary (Other) | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Damage | 10 | 6 | 9 |
| Theft | 16 | 8 | 5 |
| Arson | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault | 7 | 9 | 5 |

It was explained that Police patrols had been increased with the support of patrols by plain clothed Police officers and the use of the Mobile CCTV unit within the area, which had resulted in anti-social behaviour incidents being significantly reduced.

Specific reference was also made to the meeting held at Trimdon Village to discuss anti-social behaviour and the proposed youth shelter at the village. It was explained that various proposals were put forward and the Forum would continue to be updated at future meetings.

AF(3)27/04 STREET SAFE INITIATIVE

Apologies had been received from Chief Inspector Hall. It was explained that the above presentation would be delivered at the next meeting.

AF(3)28/04 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October, 2004 were noted. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(3)29/04 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS

It was suggested that contact be made with Local Area Partnerships and invite them to update the Forum of any community initiatives.

AF(3)30/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd March, 2005 at 7.00 p.m. at Mordon and Bradbury Village Hall.

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