

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Community Centre,  
Trimdon Colliery

Wednesday,  
14 September 2005

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor T. Ward (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

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| Councillor J. Burton        | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor Mrs. L. Howvells | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor J. Robinson J.P  | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor J. Wayman J.P    | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Sergeant B. O'Connor        | - | Durham Constabulary        |
| J. Irvine                   | - | Fishburn Parish Clerk      |
| Mrs. F. Irvine              | - | Fishburn Resident          |
| P. Irving                   | - | Sedgefield PCT             |
| Councillor Mrs. L. Goddard  | - | Sedgefield Town Council    |
| Councillor Mrs. M. Robinson | - | Sedgefield Town Council    |
| Mrs. A. Oliver              | - | Sedgefield Resident        |
| Mrs. G. Norton              | - | Trimdon Resident           |

**Apologies:**

|                             |   |                                    |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| D.R. Brown                  | – | Sedgefield Borough Council         |
| K. Noble                    | – | Sedgefield Borough Council         |
| Councillor Mrs S. Nicholson | – | Fishburn Parish Council            |
| J. Parkinson                | – | Mordon Parish Meeting              |
| R. Clubley                  | – | Sedgefield Development Partnership |
| J. Bowles                   | – | Sedgefield Resident                |
| G. Elliott                  | – | Trimdon Colliery Community Centre  |

**AF(3)10/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were submitted.

**AF(3)11/05 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005 were confirmed as a correct report and signed by the Chairman subject to reference being made to the Street Safe Initiative. (For copy see file of Minutes)

**AF(3)12/05 POLICE REPORT**  
Sergeant B. O'Connor was present at the meeting to give details of the crime statistics in the area. It was reported that crime statistics were as follows:

| Type of Crime       | Sedgefield | Fishburn | Trimdon |
|---------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Theft               | 8          | 4        | 4       |
| Criminal Damage     | 10         | 7        | 10      |
| Theft of Vehicle    | 1          | 0        | 0       |
| Burglary (Dwelling) | 1          | 0        | 3       |
| Burglary (Other)    | 0          | 3        | 2       |
| Assault             | 7          | 5        | 5       |
| Total Incidents     | 23         | 19       | 26      |

Sergeant O'Connor explained that the total number of incidents had decreased.

With regard to assault it was explained that reporting procedures had been amended. This had resulted in very minor assaults being reported.

Reference was made to the Licensing Act 2003, which had come into force on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2005. It was reported that consultation took place with the police on all applications that were received.

Members were informed that a pub watch scheme had been set up in the Trimdon and Fishburn area. In response to a question raised by a member of the forum it was explained that communication could take place between Trimdon/Fishburn pub watch and Sedgfield pub watch.

The Forums attention was drawn to the fact that a beat officer had recently been appointed for the Trimdon area.

**AF(3)13/05**

### **SEDGFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

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

It was explained that since the last meeting the star rating for the PCT had been received. Sedgfield PCT had achieved 3 star status. It was pointed out that the PCT would now be working towards 'Better Standards for Health', a new assessment process that was based on 24 core standards.

The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 'The Health and Wellbeing of People in Sedgfield' had also been published.

Reference was made to the document 'Commissioning and Patient Lead NHS' which dealt with the proposed re-organisation of the NHS. The proposed re-organisation could include the merger of six PCT's - Durham and Chester-le-Street, Sedgfield, Easington, Durham Dales, Derwentside and Darlington - to form a County Durham and Darlington Trust.

It was hoped that the features of the smaller PCT's together with strong community leadership could be maintained throughout the restructure.

The Forum was given an update in relation to the Tees Review. It was explained that a joint committee had been established in relation to the DARZI review. A consultation document was also being prepared.

**AF(3)14/05**

### **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT NETWORK**

Members were informed that an open meeting to discuss future development plans for the Community Empowerment Network would be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005 at Mainsford Community Association.

Reference was also made to an event which had recently been held for the younger generation.

**AF(3)15/05**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield

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