

AREA 3 FORUM

Wednesday, 19 September 2007

7.00 p.m.

Fishburn Youth and Community Centre

AGENDA and REPORTS



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AGENDA

DISTRIBUTION LIST

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 4th July 2007. (Pages 1 - 4)

4. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Sedgefield Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

5. COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A representative of County Durham Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

6. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

(a) **Sedgefield Parish Hall Refurbishment - Phase 2**

(b) **Trimdon Colliery Community College MUGA - Technical Study**

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items to be raised under this heading no 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.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th November 2007 in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall, Sedgefield at 7.00 p.m.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
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AREA 3 FORUM - DISTRIBUTION

TO: - SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor J. Burton (Chairman)
Councillor T. Ward (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D.R. Brown, D. Chaytor, Mrs. L. Hovvells, J. Robinson, J.P. and
J. Wayman J.P.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Councillor P. Trippett

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor S. Green
Councillor L. Goddard
Councillor M. Robinson
Mrs. L. Swinbank

TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor L. Burton
Councillor B. Thompson
Councillor R. Passfield
L. Oliver

TRIMDON COLLIERY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

G. Elliott

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Mr. D. Waters

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Mrs. S. Evans

TRIMDON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRIMDON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P. Dudden

SEDGEFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mrs. L. Ackland

JOINT TRIMDONS REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

J. Davies

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST

P. Ellwell

DURHAM CONSTABULARY

Sergeant B. O'Connor

CAVOS

Chief Executive Officer

TRIMDON 2000

Mrs. R. Welsh

COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

C. Ward

Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Trimdon Colliery Community
Centre

Wednesday, 4 July
2007

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor T. Ward (Chairman)	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D.R. Brown	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. Chaytor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Mrs. T. Huddart	–	County Durham Primary Care Trust
Mrs. J. Lambie	–	County Durham Primary Care Trust
C. Ward	–	County Durham Primary Care Trust
J. Irvine	–	Fishburn Parish Council
K. Makwela-Wali	–	Seymour Harris Active
Dr. P. Jones	–	Sedgefield and Trimdon Practice
C. Miller	–	Sedgefield and Trimdon Practice
Dr. D. Robinson	–	Sedgefield and Trimdon Practice
Sergeant B. O'Connor	–	Sedgefield Police
L. Oliver	–	Trimdon Parish Council

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Attendance: Mrs. L. Goundry and Mrs. L. Walker – Sedgefield Borough Council

Apologies:

Councillor J. Burton	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Robinson J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Wayman J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Mrs. L. Ackland	–	Sedgefield Community College
P. Ellwell	–	Sedgefield Development Trust
Mrs. A. Oliver	–	Sedgefield Resident
Mrs. J. Bowles	–	Sedgefield Village Residents Forum

AF(3)1/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no declarations of interest to submit.

AF(3)2/07 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(3)3/07 POLICE REPORT
Sergeant B. O'Connor was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics in the area. It was reported that crime statistics were as follows:-

<u>Type of Crime:</u>	<u>Sedgefield:</u>	<u>Fishburn:</u>	<u>Trimdon Village:</u>	<u>Trimdon Grange/Trimdon Station:</u>
Theft	22	3	7	4
Criminal Damage	13	11	10	5
Burglary (Dwelling)	0	1	0	0
Burglary (Other)	9	1	0	3
Assault	1	3	2	0
Vehicle Crime	3	2	2	0
Rowdy Nuisance Calls	72	23	41	14
Total Incidents Reported :	440	203	202	92

Reference was made to the number of thefts at Sedgefield. It was explained that this included theft of mobile phones, scrap material and garden furniture. As a number of the thefts were avoidable crimes an article would be published in the Sedgefield News.

With regard to rowdy nuisance calls it was pointed out that a number of calls related to the play area at the Winterton Park development, Sedgefield. It was noted that a public meeting regarding the play area had been held where public opinion was divided.

In response to a question raised regarding the removal of syringes discarded in the environment, it was explained that this was the responsibility of the Council's Environmental Health Section. The removal of needles and syringes, etc., should, however, be reported to the Police for intelligence purposes.

AF(3)4/07

COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Mrs. T. Huddart, Mrs. J. Lambie and C. Ward (County Durham PCT) together with Dr. P. Jones, Dr. D. Robinson and C. Miller (Sedgefield and Trimdon Practice) were present at the meeting to provide an update on local health matters and discuss the proposal to revise surgery hours at the Trimdon Village practice.

The Forum was informed that new staffing structures at the PCT were being arranged with officers currently being recruited.

It was explained that the PCT aimed to engage local people in order to improve health and wellbeing.

Reference was made to dentistry in Sedgefield. It was explained that following a tendering exercise the Burgess Hyder Group had been awarded the NHS dental contract for Sedgefield. The PCT was currently looking for a suitable property for a replacement NHS dental practice in Sedgefield.

Detailed discussion took place in relation to the proposal to revise surgery hours at Trimdon Village. The proposal was to reduce the operational hours from the current eight sessions offered per week to five sessions per week. These sessions would be offered every morning Monday to Friday.

It was reported that the existing practice premises in Trimdon Village was inadequate and the revision to surgery hours would allow greater use of the more appropriate premises at Trimdon Colliery.

It was noted that it was not possible to conduct a number of clinics at the Trimdon Village surgery. There were also health and safety issues associated with the practice. Doctors worked alone and on occasions there was only one member of the administrative staff in the building.

Members of the Forum were of the opinion that consultation on the proposals should commence as soon as possible. It was explained that consultation was ongoing. An article would be published in the Trimdon Messenger and a letter distributed to all Trimdon Village patients. It was agreed that the letter be proof read by an independent person prior to its distribution to ensure it was a readable document.

It was explained that the consultation period would take approximately three months. This could however be extended to take into account the August recess period.

Members expressed concern that historically some residents of Trimdon Village had chosen to visit the Doctors surgery at Fishburn. These residents had then been informed that they could not attend the Trimdon Village Surgery. It was explained that as a result of the National Doctor/Patient ratio it was not possible to increase the number of patients at the Trimdon Village Surgery.

Members questioned whether the PCT planned to develop a Health Centre in Trimdon Village under the LIFT Programme. In response it was explained that although an application to renew the clinic at Peel Avenue, Trimdon Grange had been received, no funding had been secured.

Concern was expressed that the Health Centre at Trimdon Grange had been closed for a number of years and despite containing asbestos no maintenance work had been carried out. This issue would be raised at the PCT.

AF(3)5/07

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members of the Forum were reminded that Area 3 Forum had been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009 to tackle the issues as outlined in the Council's Community Strategy. The allocation for 2007/08 was £177,333.

The role of the Area Forum was to provide a view of the project within the area. The project would then be considered by the Council's Management Team and Cabinet. The latter would decide whether or not to allocate funding to the project.

J. Irvine, Fishburn Parish Clerk and K. Makwela-Wali, Seymour Harris Active, were present at the meeting to present the application.

It was explained that the overall project would see the implementation of a series of improvements for enhanced sporting opportunities within the recreational ground vicinity at Fishburn.

The Forum noted that £9,600 of LIP funding had been requested to carry out a technical study. The aim at this stage of the project was to fully investigate the options for the construction of a clubhouse and increasing the number of playing pitches at the recreation ground. The technical study would also establish an accurate project cost as well as looking at the site constraints and planning issues associated with the site.

Following detailed discussion the Forum agreed to support the application.

AF(3)6/07

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th September 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.

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AREA 3 FORUM

19th September 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Sedgefield Parish Hall Refurbishment Phase 2

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 3 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 3 Forum has been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £177,333 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £70,180 has been approved to date. A number of projects have been allocated in the previous year for this area, 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:** Refurbishment of Sedgefield Parish Hall Phase 2
- **Name of Applicant:** Sedgefield Town Council.
- **Landlord / Facility Owner:** Sedgefield Town Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** This is the second phase LIP application in respect of works to Sedgefield Parish Hall. This follows a Phase 1 project that included improvements to the Parish Hall together with the completion of a Technical Report into the Acoustic / Noise Transference problems associated with the Parish Hall.

This project is based around the major issue of resolving the sound transference, which has led to strict limitations being imposed on the number of events/occasions per year involving music through the Entertainments Licence (maximum of 9 per year). In addition a structural survey also has identified major roof/wall problems, which need to be resolved to safe guard the buildings future use. The proposal aims to expand the available use of the village hall to more community / youth organisations.

- **Requested from LIP:** £80,000 (67%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £119,500 (Capital)

- **What will the LIP be used for:**

The main focus of the proposed LIP grant will be on works to solve the noise transference. This will include,

- Construction of a freestanding wall lining fixed at base and at roof – the length of the main hall that would be resistant to the transmission of low frequency sound.
- Ceiling and wall absorbers.
- Works upstairs in the adjoining property to reduce further the noise transference.
- Noise limiter device.

In addition to the noise transference, work will also focus on

- Carrying some re-roofing the hall.
- Addressing the damp proofing/rendering of the outside walls.
- Provision of Solar Panels to provide a more sustainable heating system for hot water to the Parish Hall.

Much of the above work will be funded by the contribution of Sedgefield Town Council to the overall project costs.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that after much consultation and partnership working, there was overwhelming support for retaining the Parish Hall on the existing site and with extensive refurbishment.

Due to the limitations imposed on amplified music through the Entertainments Licence this has resulted in a migration of users to other facilities outside Sedgefield or their demise altogether. Providing a building solution to combat the noise transference and all controls on the licence will ensure full use of the hall at all times. In particular the applicant anticipates a return to holding activities for young people which have not been able to take place over recent years and which will provide a local venue for young people.

The applicant has stated that the refurbishment will help to restore the building and secure it's long-term future and sustainability.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has stated that the need for the Parish Hall was highlighted in both the Town Plan and the Community Appraisal for Sedgefield. This also raised the issues to be addressed and the need for a community building. This led to the referendum, which was held

in June/July 2006 when there was support to retain the Parish Hall on the existing site and carry out major refurbishment. The community have been involved in the project since its inception in 2000 when the Parish Hall development group consisted of members of the user groups and the community. The Town Council are still working with the user groups and residents forum to develop the project and priorities.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to explore a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**

The applicant has applied for £80,000, which is 67% of the total project costs. The remaining capital costs will be funded by funds from Sedgefield Town Council. The applicant has received quotations for the various aspects of the work. Sedgefield Town Council will fund all future associated revenue costs.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Requirement of Planning Permission and Building Regulation consent is to be confirmed.

A key aspect to the project will be ensuring that the acoustic solution proposed will result in a decrease in noise transfer to neighbouring properties. Following Area Forum consideration the solution proposed will be discussed in detail with the company who undertook the initial Acoustic Survey and also representatives from Sedgefield Borough Council's Environmental Health Division.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 3 Forum locality.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project proposal, the applicant will work with the Strategy and Regeneration Division to further develop the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decisions making process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 3:

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.

Trimdon Community College MUGA – Technical Study	£7,640
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Projects Approved to date:

2006/07

Trimdon Colliery Community Centre Fees	£12,774
Trimdon Colliery Multi-use Games Area	£58,325
Sedgefield Parish Hall Improvements	£37,000
Sedgefield Ceddesfeld Hall Tech Study	£ 1,762
<i>(possible future application following results of technical study)</i>	

Total	£109,861
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2007/08

Fishburn Recreation Ground Development Tech Study	£11,280
Fishburn Memorial Children's Playing Field	£58,900

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Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Trimdon Community College MUGA - Technical Study
- **Name of Applicant:** Trimdon Community College Association
- **Brief Description of Project:**

This application is requesting funding to carry out a Technical Study with a view to providing a floodlit MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). The design of the MUGA will include provision for football, tennis, netball and hockey and will adhere to both the Football Foundation and Sport England standards. The applicant will work with partners to invest in the new facilities, skills and programmes. The project would be based at Trimdon Community College.

- **Requested from LIP: £7,640 (100%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £7,640**
- **What will the LIP be used for:**

The aim of this stage of the project is to develop plans for the construction of a Floodlit MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), establish an accurate project time plan and cost, assist the Association in managing

the implementation of the new build and making sure the work carried out meets relevant standards.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the MUGA's design will adhere to both the Football Foundation and Sport England standards and will be located in an area which was previously occupied by an all weather sports area, which as it stands is currently derelict, it has been vandalised beyond repair and without replacement of some sort will just be demolished and used as open space. This has prevented the 15 football teams, 2 schools and the junior and youth clubs from using the training facility. The teams are now either using the grassed pitches or not training at all due to the lack of provision within the local area.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has stated that the Junior Football Team is looking to expand and will have no quality training facility to offer the teams, which will in turn possibly affect their current FA Community Club Charter Standard (only junior club in the Borough to hold this standard). The Junior and Senior youth clubs would use the facility to carry out casual sport and physical activity as well as organise inter youth club tournaments. The FA would also hold FA Coaching and Refereeing courses.

Within the Trimdon 2000 Appraisal report children and young people were consulted and highlighted the need for improved sports facilities and coaching opportunities.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to explore the links with other facilities, and also look at a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**

By carrying out this stage of the project this will help to establish a full project cost for all elements of the scheme and inform the options available.

A key issue in considering any future project proposal is to ensure that the increased revenue costs associated with maintaining a facility of this nature can be met.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

- Requirement of Planning Permission will be a major consideration addressed by undertaking the Technical Study.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project proposal, the applicant will work with the Strategy and Regeneration Division to inform a full appraisal of the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decisions making.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 3 locality.

If the Area Forum wish to support the undertaking of the Technical Study then a further more detailed report will be brought to the Area Forum once this Study has been completed to enable the Forum to consider the overall cost implications of the proposed final project.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 3:

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.

Sedgefield Parish Hall Phase 2 - £80,000 requested.

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