

AREA 3 FORUM

Wednesday,
12 November 2008
7.00 p.m.

Fletcher Room,
Parish Hall,
Sedgefield

AGENDA and REPORTS



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বাংলা (Bengali)

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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 consider the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2008.
(Pages 3 - 6)

4. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Sedgefield Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and neighbourhood priorities.

5. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY

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

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

7. 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.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 7th January 2009 at Trimdon Colliery Community College.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
3rd November 2008

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Mrs. R. Welsh

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

J. Turnogh – Community Development Team

Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Youth and Community
Centre, Butterwick Road,
Fishburn

Wednesday, 17
September 2008

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor T. Ward (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillor D.R. Brown – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Burton – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. Robinson – Sedgefield Borough Council
P. Hinde – Sedgefield Community Association
Mrs. P. Buckley-Atkins – Sedgefield Community Association
R. Lower – Sedgefield Cricket Club
N. Bill – Sedgefield Cricket Club
PC K. Todd – Sedgefield Police
D. Regan – Fishburn Parish Council
Councillor Mrs.M. Robinson – Sedgefield Town Council
Councillor Mrs.L. Burton – Trimdon Parish Council
S. Campbell – Fishburn Football Club
S. Welton – Sedgefield Squash Club
M. Carr – Sedgefield Squash Club
C. Rowsby – Sedgefield Squash Club
A. Oliver – Sedgefield Resident

In Attendance: N. Woodgate and L. Goundry – Sedgefield Borough Council

Apologies: Councillor D. Chaytor - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. Waters – Sedgefield Town Council
Councillor P. Brookes – Durham County Council
Mrs. L. Swinbank – Sedgefield Town Council
A. Simpson –

AF(3)6/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Member declared an interest in Item 5 – Local Improvement Programme – Update on Project Activity :-

Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels	-	Personal/Prejudicial – Chairman of Community Association and Cabinet Member
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AF(3)7/08 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

POLICE REPORT

PC K. Todd was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics in the area.

It was reported that the crime statistics were as follows :-

<u>Type of Crime:</u>	<u>Sedgefield:</u>	<u>Fishburn:</u>	<u>Trimdon Village:</u>	<u>Trimdon Grange/Trimdon Colliery:</u>
Burglary (Dwelling)	1	0	2	2
Burglary (Other)	6	0	1	1
Theft	12	5	3	1
Criminal Damage	10	4	6	2
Assault	1	4	3	0
Vehicle Crime	3	3	2	0
Total Incidents Reported:	32	169	169	81

Members were informed that in Sedgefield, three former students had been arrested for stealing laptop computers from Sedgefield Community College. One person had been arrested for garage burglaries at Winterton Park and two were arrested in relation to an assault at the Golden Lion. 30 incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reported.

With regard to crime in Fishburn, 2 arrests had been made in relation to theft and damage to the community centre. Both had been charged and given curfews. There would be an increase in traffic patrols as a result of an increase in speeding/ driving complaints in the Butterwick Road area. 36 incidents of anti-social behaviour were reported.

It was reported that there had been 38 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported in Trimdon Village. One person had been arrested for passing forged £20 notes and an article had been placed in The Northern Echo advising local retailers to be cautious.

A successful drugs warrant had been executed in Trimdon Grange which resulted in controlled drugs being seized and one person being arrested.

Members were informed that in relation to the local neighbourhood priorities, no further problems had been reported from Wykes Close and St. Edmunds Churchyard in Sedgefield, the park and Co-op in Fishburn and Trimdon Colliery Community Centre as a result of police action. Three further calls had been received concerning anti-social behaviour at the Co-op and library in Trimdon Village. However, the incidents were minor.

Concern was expressed regarding anti-social behaviour at the playing field and Salters Lane in Fishburn including drinking alcohol and rowdy behaviour. There was also an incident involving damage to a property in Hart View, Trimdon Village.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY

NB: In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members Code of Conduct Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels declared a personal/prejudicial interest in respect of Trimdon Colliery Community Centre application and addressed the Forum in her capacity as Community Advocate but did not vote on the application.

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (for copy see file of Minutes) updating Members on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme.

Members were informed that the cut-off date for new LIP applications was 31st July, 2008. Area 3 Forum had been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. Applications totalling £312,681 had been approved to date with £219,319 remaining. With the following six applications received, Area 3 was over-subscribed by £116,501:

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| • Trimdon Grange Play Area | | £70,000 |
| • Ceddesfeld Hall Redevelopment | | £103,000 |
| • Sedgefield Squash Club | | £33,000 |
| • Sedgefield Cricket Club | | £29,820 |
| • Trimdon Community Centre | | £100,000 |
| • Fishburn Recreation Project | | Unknown amount |

The Trimdon Grange Play Area and Ceddesfeld Hall Re-development Applications had previously been considered and supported at Area 2 Forum meetings.

It was reported that the Sedgefield Squash Club application was £33,000 (99% of the total project cost) the aim of the project was to replace the wall and floors on both courts and the refurbishment of showers and changing rooms. Members were informed that participation in squash was increasing in Sedgefield with coaching delivered to 700 school children last year. A further 600 children would be coached over the next two years. Use of the facilities had also increased with the introduction of Racquet Ball for older people and coaching for ladies, which had started last year. The Club had received recognition through being named County Squash Association Club of the Year.

The Sedgefield Cricket Club application was for £29,820 (75% of the total project cost). The aim of the application was to create a new change/shower facility for use by members of the Cricket Club, local Rugby club and Bowls Club. Members were informed that it was a successful Club with 3 senior and 4 junior teams training all year round and that facilities were desperately needed to improve standards and meet the basic needs of female and disabled users.

With regard to the Trimdon Colliery Community Centre application, Members were informed that the application was for £100,000 (10% of the total project cost). The aim was to demolish the aged temporary community building and build a new community centre. The new centre would provide a multi use sports and leisure hall/function hall, training rooms, social enterprise rooms, counselling/advice rooms, a culture and heritage room, a café and childcare facilities. The new building would be a design in character with the village. It was also stated that the centre had been identified as a priority by residents and may help to resolve anti-social behaviour issues in the area.

It was reported that the Fishburn Recreation Project application was for an unknown amount as funding was being sought from a variety of sources. However, the total project cost was £2,083,328. The project aim was to bring together, and provide first class facilities for, Fishburn Boys' Football Club, South Durham Boxing Club, and Fishburn Bowls Club. A new pavilion would provide training, changing and social facilities, a Multi Use Games Area, new play area and three extra football pitches. Members were informed that this was the third attempt at acquiring funding for improvements. It was suggested that a site visit could be conducted later in the process and the need for the facilities was stressed.

A query was raised regarding LIP timescales. It was reported that the schedule was tight and match funding needed to be in place by January. If this was not done, money would be allocated to other projects as it was a condition of the grants. A report would go to Management Team and then to Cabinet on 23rd October. All projects would be considered together rather than on a first come first served basis, as agreed with the Council's Chief Executive and Leader. Frustration was expressed over these timescales making it difficult to move projects, which were ready to begin, forward.

Following detailed discussion the Forum agreed to support all of the applications.

AF(3)10/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th November, 2008 at Sedgefield Parish Hall.

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Item 5

AREA 3 FORUM

12th November 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 3 Forum has been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. The Area Forum may recall that Area 3 was oversubscribed by £116,501 following the cut off date of 31st July 2008. Cabinet has now considered the project applications received from the Area 3 Forum locality and details of their decisions is outlined in this report.

PRIORITISATION PROCESS

In 2005 Cabinet agreed a Housing Land Capital Receipts strategy that outlined a range of project proposals and established the Local Improvement Programme. To be eligible for consideration under this strategy all projects need to meet the Government 'regeneration' definition as outlined below.

Regeneration –

*“any project for the carrying out of works or activities on any land where –
(a) the land, or a building on the land, is vacant, unused, under-used, ineffectively used, contaminated or derelict; and
(b) the works or activities are carried out in order to secure that the land or the building will be brought into effective use.”*

This definition is the starting point for consideration of all LIP projects. Projects that don't meet this definition have been discouraged from applying.

Criteria

When assessing LIP project requests the following criteria has formed the basis to the project appraisal.

Project Criteria

- Social Impact and additional outcomes against priorities in the community strategy
- Clear identified need
- Clear consultation

- Links to other regeneration activity
- Deliverability of the scheme within LIP timeframe
- Value for Money
- Leverage of match funding where possible
- Achievable match funding strategy has been identified
- Principal of fair-share across communities within Area Forums
- Opportunity to phase the project to reduce the funding needed to implement the scheme without affecting the outcomes
- Strategic fit with Council plans, strategies and aspirations

Given the budget pressure and the need to ensure that LIP money is targeted at projects that will have clear community outcomes, there has been the need to sort projects into 3 main categories;

- Priority Projects
- Reserve Projects
- Non-Priority Projects for Rejection

It is recognised that some of the projects identified for approval still need confirmation of some technical issues such as match funding confirmation or planning permission considerations.

One Area Forum suggested a standardised reduction of grant based on the percentage of the oversubscription of all bids. This has been considered by the Capital Programme Team, however, it is recognised that some projects have already scaled back their ambitions to meet a reduced financial allocation. With other projects a reduction in grant allocation would lead to an increased risk of failing to deliver within the timeframe available. All projects have therefore been assessed on an individual basis.

Reserve Projects

Where an excess of eligible project requests have been received within an Area Forum locality it is proposed that a reserve list of projects be considered.

The identification of reserve projects is strongly linked to the risk analysis and contingency planning that has been carried out through project appraisal.

Non-Priority Projects

A number of projects have been submitted that whilst meeting the core LIP 'regeneration' definition as detailed above; and whilst hitting some of the key LIP criteria, haven't demonstrated or evidenced significant outcomes or impact when assessed against other project opportunities.

This list also includes projects where the timescale for project delivery is unclear or where timescales clearly exceeds the ability for Sedgefield Borough Council to progress the individual project request within its lifespan. Other considerations have included the respective 'buy in' to the project from the local community, support for the project from the respective management committee and also the match funding strategy identified linked to successful

project delivery. The Capital Programme Team have committed to work with these projects to develop bids for other funding where appropriate.

RESOURCES

The LIP budget was allocated on an Area Forum basis based on the number of households within each Forum area. The budget for LIP is fixed and can not be increased to meet the oversubscription of schemes.

Match Funding – The ability of projects to lever in additional match funding is a central consideration for all LIP projects. However, match funding decisions are outside Sedgfield Borough Council control and can therefore skew project timescales. Given the need to make progress within a tight timescale prior to Local Government Reorganisation, a deadline of the turn of the year has been set to receive clarification from projects that are dependent on external match funding decisions. The programme will be reviewed at this stage to assess progress and any risks to project delivery.

The Capital Programme Team considers that we should make every effort to give projects the time to secure match funding but we also recognise that if the funding isn't secured in time, or decisions result in no match funding being allocated to these projects then we will have to re-look at the priority project list and consider additional reserve schemes where appropriate.

The Current Position Within Area 3 Forum:

LIP Approvals

Trimdon MUGA	£58,325
Trimdon Centre Fees	£12,774
Sedgfield Parish Hall Phase 1	£37,000
Ceddesfeld Hall Technical Study	£1,762
Fishburn Memorial Playing Field	£58,900
Fishburn Recreation Development Tech Study	£11,280
Trimdon Community College MUGA Tech Study	£7,640
Trimdon Community College MUGA	£45,000
Sedgfield Parish Hall Phase 2	£80,000
Total	£312,681

Approvals 23rd October 2008

Ceddesfeld Hall	£103,000
Sedgfield Cricket Club	£29,820
Trimdon Grange Play Area	£70,000
	£202,820

Reserve Projects

Trimdon Community Centre	£90,000
Sedgfield Squash Club	£33,000

Non-Priority Projects for Rejection

Fishburn Recreation Ground	£TBC
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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 3.