

# **AREA 3 FORUM**

Wednesday,  
25 February 2009  
7.00 p.m.

Youth and Community Centre,  
Fishburn

## **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 consider the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009. (Pages 3 - 6)
4. **POLICE REPORT**  
A representative of Sedgefield Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics and initiatives.
5. **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE**  
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.  
(Pages 7 - 8)
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.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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Councillor J. Burton (Vice-Chairman)

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

**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillor P. Brooks  
Councillor D.R. Brown  
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvells  
Councillor J. Robinson, J.P

**SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

Councillor Ms. M. Brown  
Councillor D. Waters  
Mrs. L. Swinbank

**TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**TRIMDON COLLIERY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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**FISHBURN PARISH COUNCIL**

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Mrs. M. Hughes

**SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

P. Ellwell

**DURHAM CONSTABULARY**

Sergeant B. O'Connor

**CAVOS**

Chief Executive Officer

**TRIMDON 2000**

Mrs. R. Welsh

**OTHER REPRESENTATIVES**

J. Turnogh – Community Development Team

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Trimdon Colliery Working  
Mens Club

Wednesday,  
7 January 2009

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor T. Ward (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and  
Councillor D. Chaytor – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor Mrs. L. Howvells – Sedgefield Borough Council  
J. Irvine – Fishburn Parish Council  
Sergeant B. O'Connor – Sedgefield Police  
Councillor Mrs. M. Brown – Sedgefield Town Council  
Councillor D. Waters – Sedgefield Town Council  
Sergeant B. O'Connor – Sedgefield Police

### In

**Attendance:** G. Cooper (Sedgefield Borough Council)  
Mrs. L. Walker (Sedgefield Borough Council)

**Apologies:** Councillor J. Burton – Sedgefield Borough Council  
D.R. Brown – Sedgefield Borough Council  
J. Burton – Sedgefield Borough Council  
J. Robinson J.P – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Ms. J. Mann – Sedgefield Community College  
Mrs. L. Swinbank – Sedgefield Town Council  
Mrs. A. Oliver – Sedgefield Resident

**AF(3)16/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were received.

**AF(3)17/08 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**AF(3)18/08 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 during the period 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 were as follows :-

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>Sedgefield :</u>	<u>Fishburn :</u>	<u>Trimdon Village :</u>	<u>Trimdon Grange/ Station :</u>
Burglary (Dwelling)	5	0	0	0
Burglary (Other)	1	1	2	0
Theft	6	3	1	2
Criminal Damage	12	3	7	5
Assault	5	2	2	0
Vehicle Crime	4	1	0	2
Violence Against a Person	0	0	0	2
Total Incidents reported	286	88	81	54

Reference was made to the increase in dwelling house burglary in Sedgefield. It was explained that houses left in darkness over the festive period had been targeted. Police advice was to leave lights switched on when leaving your property empty on an evening.

Reference was made to neighbourhood priorities. It was explained that continued Police patrols had reduced reported incidents at the following neighbourhood priority locations:-

- St. Edmunds Churchyard/Wykes Close, Sedgefield
- Play Park Maughan Terrace/Butterwick Road, Fishburn
- Church Road/Library, Trimdon Village
- Trimdon Colliery Community Centre, Trimdon Colliery

With regard to anti-social behaviour at Trimdon Colliery Community Centre it was highlighted that although street lighting had improved there were still incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, especially at the rear of the garages at Peel Avenue. It was pointed out that a number of these garages were vacant.

Sergeant O'Connor brought to the Forum's attention that neighbourhood priorities would no longer be discussed at Area Forums. Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings would now take place on a monthly basis. These meetings provided members of the public with the opportunity to speak with local neighbourhood police teams in order to highlight their concerns/issues about the village they live in. The meetings would be publicised with a press and poster campaign.

Although attendance at the first PACT meeting, which had been held that evening, had been extremely poor it was hoped that attendance at future meetings would improve.



**AF(3)19/08**

**LEISURE PROVISION IN THE RURAL EAST OF THE BOROUGH**

G. Cooper, Youth Sports Development Officer, was present at the meeting to discuss leisure provision in the rural east of the Borough.

It was explained that the Sedgefield Sports Forum had carried out an exercise identifying what leisure provision there was available in the east of the Borough. A timetable identifying what leisure activities were provided at each village was circulated to the Forum. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was pointed out that although a wide range of activities were available children under the age of 5 years were not targeted as a result of more stringent regulations.

The timetable of activities would be published on the Internet in the near future.

Detailed discussion took place in relation to how leisure activities were publicised. It was explained that unless specific initiatives were ongoing local schools were not contacted regarding leisure activities. The need to work with local schools was therefore emphasised.

Reference was made to the areas where there was limited leisure provision. It was explained that gaps in leisure provision would be addressed through the Sports Forum. The purpose of the Sports Forum was to bring people providing activities together in order to make improvements and avoid duplication.

Concern was expressed that a number of ongoing activities were not identified on the timetable. It was explained that Leisure Services and the Sports Forum relied on people providing relevant information.

It was explained that if Sedgefield Borough Council or the Sports Forum received details of any club providing leisure activities, the activities would be included on the timetable of activities and a representative from the club would be invited to attend meetings of the Sports Forum.

**AF(3)20/08**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.

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# Item 5

## AREA 3 FORUM

25<sup>th</sup> 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 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008. Cabinet has now considered all project applications received from the Area 3 Forum locality and have allocated funding accordingly. Projects are summarised below.

#### The Current Position with approved Area 3 Forum Projects:

##### LIP Approvals

Trimdon MUGA	Project Complete
Trimdon Centre Fees	Project complete
Sedgefield Parish Hall Phase 1	Project complete
Ceddesfeld Hall Technical Study	Project complete
Fishburn Memorial Playing Field	Project complete
Fishburn Rec Dev Technical Study	Project complete
Sedgefield Parish Hall Phase 2	Project complete
Trimdon Comm Coll Muga Technical Study	Project complete
Trimdon Comm Coll Muga	Project complete
Trimdon Grange Play Area	Project complete
Ceddesfeld Hall Redevelopment	Planning application submitted, Majority of match funding now secured. Project due to start March/April.
Sedgefield Cricket Club	Discussions with planning have meant design changed, planning application should be formally submitted shortly

## **Reserve Projects**

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

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 3.