

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday, 14 March 2006

7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices, School
Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe

AGENDA and REPORTS

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 confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2006 (Pages 3 - 6)

4. POLICE REPORT

A representative from the Police Force will be present at the meeting to give an update in relation to crime figures etc.

5. SEDGEFIELD PCT - PROGRESS UPDATE

A representative from the Primary Care Trust will be present at the meeting to report on progress

6. PATIENT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORUM

Arrangements have been made for a member of the above Forum to give a presentation regarding public involvement in health services in Sedgefield Borough.

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 9th May 2006

9. 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 Officer notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

N. Vaulks
Chief Executive Officer

Council Offices
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Councillor J. K. Piggott (Chairman)
Councillor B. Hall (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors W. M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. B. A. Clare, Mrs. J. Croft, V. Crosby,
M. A. Dalton, Mrs. A. M. Fleming, R.S. Fleming, A.M. Gray, G.C.Gray,
M. Iveson, K. Henderson, J.P. Moran, Mrs. E. M. Paylor

Durham County Council Representatives

County Councillor J.G. Dormer, 3 Mellanby Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham
County Councillor T. Hogan, 23 Hartley Road, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham

Town/Parish Councils Representatives

Great Aycliffe - Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton, 17 Sunningdale,
Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham.

- Councillor Mrs. M. Gray 35 Stephenson Way Newton Aycliffe

- Councillor S. Mlatilik, 3 St. Oswalds Walk, Newton Aycliffe, Co.
Durham. DL5 4BH

- Councillor Mrs. S. J. Iveson, 12 Wilkinson Road, Newton Aycliffe
Co Durham

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Middridge - Councillor W.J.G. Mellors, 53 Southside, Middridge,
Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham

Police

Durham Constabulary Sgt. E. Turner, Divisional Police Office, Central Avenue, Newton
Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 5RW

Resident Associations Representatives

Linden Place Miss B. Craggs, 107 Linden Place, Newton Aycliffe, Co.
Durham.

Dales Mrs D. Bowman, 4 Eskdale Place, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham.
DL5 7DT

Kings I Robertson , 53 Osbert Place ,
Newton Aycliffe

Greenfield S Crossley 203 Waskerley Walk Newton Aycliffe

Williamfield K Cox 26 Silverdale Place Newton Aycliffe

Community Associations Representatives

- Agnew Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 4QY
- Greenfield - S Crossley 203 Waskerley Walk Newton Aycliffe
- School Aycliffe - School Aycliffe Community Hall, Eastfield Road, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham.
- Woodham - Woodham Community Centre, St. Elizabeth's Close, Woodham Village, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 4UE

School Representatives

- Greenfield - Mr. M. Thornton, Head Teacher, Greenfield Way, School Community and Arts College Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 7LE
- Woodham - M. Adamson, Washington Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 4AX
Technology College

Sedgefield PCT - N. Porter and Mrs. A Clarke, Merrington House, Merrington Lane, Spennymoor

Community

Empowerment Network Mrs A Frizzell, Block 2, First Floor, St. Cuthberts House, Durham Way North, Aycliffe Industrial Park, Newton Aycliffe

Copy to Sedgefield Borough Council – Community Safety

Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,
31 January 2006

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. A.M. Fleming (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council
and

Councillor Mrs. B.A. Clare	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Croft	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor V. Crosby	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M.A. Dalton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor R.S. Fleming	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.C. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Henderson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M. Iveson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.P. Moran	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
J.P. Rodwell	–	Agnew Community Centre
A. Healer	–	Burnhill Residents Association
M. Robson	–	Burnhill Residents Association
Sergeant S. Ball	–	Durham Constabulary
Councillor Mrs. M. Gray	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor W. Iveson	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. S. Sinclair	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor T. Tomlin	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor C. Wheeler	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
A. Bailey	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clark	–	Middridge Parish Council
N. Porter	–	Sedgefield PCT
D. Rutherford	–	Sedgefield PCT

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Attendance: A. Palmer and Ms E.A. North

Apologies: Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Hall – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.K. Piggott – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. S. Mlatlik – Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton – Great Aycliffe Town Council

AF(5)19/05 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November, 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(5)20/05 POLICE REPORT

Acting Inspector Steve Ball was present at the meeting to give details of the crime statistics for the area.

He explained that in respect of recorded crimes the detection rate was around 40% for the whole of Newton Aycliffe and 52% for the Town Centre area.

The crime figures for November/December were as follows :-

	<u>November :</u>	<u>December :</u>
Dwellinghouse burglary	9	6
Burglary (Other)	10	5
Criminal Damage	56	-
Vehicle Crime	10	11

During discussion clarification was sought on the classification of burglary and robbery. It was explained that burglary involved entering a premises illegally.

Reference was made to the new software which had been recently installed at the Communications Centre allowing call dispatchers to read information regarding an incident as it was being typed by the call handler. The software also provided the call handlers with any call history and appropriate questions to be asked. It was explained that at the current time the staff at the Call Centre were becoming familiarised with the new software.

AF(5)21/05

SEDGEFIELD PCT - PROGRESS UPDATE

Nigel Porter and David Rutherford attended the meeting to give an update on local health matters.

It was explained that a public meeting had been held the previous week in relation to the future of Primary Care Trusts which had been arranged by the Strategic Health Authority. At that meeting concerns had been expressed regarding the need to maintain locality arrangements. Those comments would hopefully be taken on board by the Strategic Health Authority. It was noted that the consultation period ended on 22nd March 2006

Mr. Porter also updated the Forum in relation to two criminal cases which had recently been heard associated with practices within Sedgfield PCT.

The financial position of the PCT was outlined. It was explained that a deficit for the current financial year was projected. The aim was to contain the deficit to around £4m.

It was noted that a launch of the Strategic Framework and Action Plans, which centred around activity for young people, healthy eating and tobacco control, had recently been held in Trimdon .

Reference was made to the White Paper, "Our Health, Our Care, Our Say" which had been published the previous day. The Paper dealt with issues in relation to partnership working across social care, working with GPs to bring care out of the hospitals to health centres, etc., improving access to Primary Care by increasing opening hours of surgeries to meet the patients needs. The Paper also addressed NHS lifestyle checks to assess people at risk of certain illnesses and expert patient and carers programmes.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed new Health Centre in Newton Aycliffe and the difficulty being encountered in relation to its development.

AF(5)22/05 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members Code of Conduct, Councillors M. Iveson, and R.S. Fleming left the meeting for the duration and discussion of this item having declared a prejudicial and personal interest as Members of Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

A. Palmer, Head of Strategy and Regeneration, was present at the meeting to give details of the above Programme.

It was explained that the Borough Council had received a substantial receipt from the sale of land and had agreed to use the money to support activities that fell within the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's Eligible Expenditure Definition of Regeneration and Affordable Housing.

It was pointed out that the schemes to be advanced to the Local Improvement Programme would need to demonstrate the following :-

- Conformity to the specified ODPM Regeneration and Affordable Housing criteria.

Affordable Housing – provision of dwellings to meet the housing needs identified by the local authority for persons on low incomes whether provided by the local authority or a registered local landlord.

Regeneration – any projects for carrying out works or activities on any land where the land or a building on the land is vacant, unused, underused, ineffectively used, contaminated or derelict and the works or activities carried out in order to secure the bland of the building were brought into effective use.

- Clear linkages to the delivery of the Council's delivery strategy and its key aims and planned outcomes.
- Appropriate levels of community consultation and reference to any local community appraisal.
- Provision of sufficient level of detail in the project submissions to show a specific quantification of the benefits to be achieved by the

investment and to explain the process by which the scheme would be delivered and over what time period.

- How any recurrent or revenue funding implications would be managed.
- Value for money should be clearly demonstrated to include any match funding from other grant sources.
- Allocations were based on the local area's percentage share of households within the Borough. Area 5 locality would receive £345,000 for the next five years.

It was emphasised that there was no pressure to spend allocated budgets in any one financial year as unspent money would be rolled forward into the next financial year and protected for that Area Forum.

It was reported that Area Forums along with Town and Parish Councils, Community and Voluntary stakeholders would be invited to consider schemes that would be eligible for supporting under the programme. The final decision on which schemes would proceed would be made by Sedgefield Borough Cabinet.

A team of staff at Sedgefield Borough Council would be available to support the development of the scheme and would score applications received against the criteria.

During discussion of the item a query was raised regarding the new length of time to consider an application. It was explained that the turnaround time would be approximately three months.

In relation to request for funding it was explained that there would be a minimum limit on the size of the project of around £40,000. Applications needed to be made by constituted community groups or Parish Councils.

In relation to a query raised regarding tendering it was explained that the applicant would make their own arrangements relating to the tendering for projects.

AF(5)23/05

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting of the Group was to be held on 14th March, 2006.

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