

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday, 25 July 2006

7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

AGENDA and REPORTS

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2006.
(Pages 3 - 6)

3. POLICE REPORT

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

4. SEDGEFIELD PCT - PROGRESS UPDATE

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

5. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

To consider the attached reports outlining the proposed projects:-

- Greenfield School and Community College – Changing Accommodation and Admin area
- Great Aycliffe Town Council - extension to Great Aycliffe Way and Nature Park (Pages 7 - 14)

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 26th September 2006.

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 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.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
17th July 2006

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School Aycliffe - School Aycliffe Community Hall,

Woodham - Woodham Community Centre,

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Greenfield - Mr M. Thornton, Head Teacher,

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Woodham - M. Adamson,
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College .

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Copy to Sedgefield Borough Council – Community Safety

Item 2

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,
9 May 2006

Time: 7.00 p.m.

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

Councillor Mrs. B. 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/ Durham County Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.P. Moran	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.K. Piggott	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
J. P. Rodwell	-	Agnew Community Centre
Acting Inspector S. Ball	-	Durham Constabulary
Acting Sergeant S. Rogers	-	Durham Constabulary
Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton	-	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. M. Gray	-	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. C. Raw	-	Great Aycliffe Town Council
W. Mellor	-	Middridge Parish Council
N. Porter	-	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
B. Rutherford	-	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

Apologies: Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Hall – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Henderson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M. Iveson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman – Durham County Council
Councillor Mrs. S. Mlatilik – Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. F.A. Sinclair – Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke – Middridge Parish Council

AF(5)30/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(5)31/05 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March, 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

POLICE REPORT

Acting Inspector Steve Ball and Acting Sergeant Simon Rogers were present at the meeting to give details of the crime statistics for the area as set out below: -

	<u>March:</u>
Burglary - Dwelling	9
Burglary - Other	13
Criminal Damage	49
Vehicle Crime	8
Theft	34
Robbery	0
Violent Crime	47
Total Crime:	159
Total Detection Rate:	32.6%

With regard to concerns about the communications system, specifically emergency 999 calls going to an answer phone, raised at the meeting held on 14th March 2006 Acting Sergeant Rogers informed the Forum that 999 calls would be answered directly by an operator, who after taking details would pass them on to the relevant area. If it was felt that the call was not such a priority and was passed to an officer only then could an answer phone possibly pick it up.

Concern was raised regarding the lack of a Beat Officer in the Neville and Simpasture Ward and the increase of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. It was questioned whether the previous officer would be replaced.

Acting Inspector S. Ball informed the Forum that there was no funding available to replace the officer. Instead areas would be monitored and officers despatch to areas seen as priority. Members were urged to inform local residents that incidents needed to be reported. He re-iterated that if reports weren't received then areas could not be targeted as in need of Police attention.

It was, however, pointed out that briefing meetings between the Police and Sedgefield Borough Council's Neighbourhood Wardens would be taking place regularly to identify problem areas and to ensure problems were dealt with efficiently by both services.

The Leader of the Council also informed Members that he would be meeting with A. Blakemore regarding despatching Neighbourhood Wardens to problem areas.

Discussion was held regarding criminal damage to garage doors around Newton Aycliffe and also to youths congregating at the playing field in Aycliffe Village camping overnight and consuming alcohol, causing a nuisance.

Again Members were urged to ensure incidents were reported, however, Acting Inspector Ball agreed to monitor both issues.

Clarification was finally sought regarding parking issues specifically those advertised for sale on grass verges and those parked on pavements causing obstruction.

Acting Inspector Ball informed Members that he would make officers aware of the advertised vehicles and target the owners. With regard to car parking on the pavement it was explained that if an obstruction was occurring then a Fixed Penalty Notice would be issued, however, if not then there would be little action that could be taken by the Police.

AF(5)33/05 SEDGEFIELD PCT - PROGRESS UPDATE

N. Porter and D. Rutherford attended the meeting to give an update on local health matters.

The Forum was informed that the final decision on how the PCT would be re-organised would be made by the week beginning 15th May 2006. The chosen option would be formally developed by October 2006 and would shadow the current configuration until that time.

It was also reported that contracts for the new health centre were anticipated to be exchanged by the end of May. The current premises would be vacated by mid-August 2006 and the service would be provided in rented accommodation until the new health centre was completed which was anticipated to be by December 2007.

After concerns continued to be raised regarding GP access the Forum was re-assured that the Government was taking steps to monitor the problem more closely including issuing surveys to patients regularly. It was pointed out that the surgery at Bewick Crescent had already carried out a survey. It was also reported that the Patient and Public Involvement Forum carried out surveys on a regular basis.

Finally disappointment was expressed at the quick closure of Dryburn House. It was explained that once the Notice had been received there was only five weeks to move all patients and staff out of the premises.

**AF(5)34/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Local Improvement Programme**

Members were informed that four bids had been submitted and were being considered by Sedgefield Borough Council.

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Item 5

AREA 5 FORUM

25th July 2006

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Area Improvement Programme

Application Report - Greenfield School Sports Facility

Introduction

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 5 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

The Area 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, none of which has been allocated to date. A total of £380,000 has been allocated to the year 2006/07.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Additional Community Changing Accommodation / Admin area
- **Name of Applicant:** Greenfield School Community and Arts College.
- **Legal Status:** Community and Extended School
- **Date of Application:** 4th April 2006
- **Landlord:** Durham County Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** A new sports hall is currently being built on the site, funded through the New Opportunities Fund – PE & Sport in School Programme. However, due to cost overruns elsewhere in the Programme, there are insufficient funds to provide the necessary community changing accommodation and admin / reception area that is needed to provide the infrastructure to enable the community to become actively engaged in sport and leisure activities on the Greenfield site.

In order to keep costs down, the applicant is proposing to purchase a portable building and fully refurbish it to provide the changing complex and admin / reception area. Artists Impressions of the development and room layout plans will be available at the Area Forum.

- **Requested from LIP:** £60,000 (47%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £126,781 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The project will provide community changing accommodation and an administration / reception area for the new sports hall. The LIP funding will pay for a proportion (47%) of the work. The works include refurbishment of the portable buildings, provision of a link corridor to the sports hall, and associated land works such as ramps and footpaths to the entrance.

A full breakdown of costs is as follows:

New Portable Building	£38,173
Refurbishment works to Portable Buildings	£11,592
New glazed corridor to connect to Sports Hall	£38,261
Furniture, Power, Lighting, Heating	£7,500
Entrance Ramps to unit	£5,556
Footpath to unit	£467
Fees	£15,232
Contingency Sum	£10,000
Total Project Costs	£126,781

LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**
The project is taking place on previously unused land with the aim of providing additional community resources on site.
- **Community Strategy Objectives:**
The applicant has stated that the project contributes towards the Healthy Borough objectives. The extended school facilities will increase access for young people and the wider community to both formal and informal leisure and recreational opportunities. The project also has links to Strong Communities, namely providing safe neighbourhoods. Activities directed through sport will help reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour by providing alternative activities for young people through provision of structures 'out of hours' uses. A programme of activities will be planned with partner clubs and organisations to increase the opportunities for those most at risk of offending. There is also a link to An Attractive Borough – 'Develop and maximise the leisure and cultural facilities in the borough'. This project aims to ensure that the sports hall has the relevant facilities in order that it can be used by the community to its full potential.
- **Evidence of need and community support:**
A full needs assessment was undertaken as part of the New Opportunities Fund process that saw a £800,000 award towards the Sports Halls costs. There was poor school based community provision in an area of high deprivation. The construction of the sports hall without changing

accommodation / admin area presents a short-term problem for the community groups and sports clubs who have expressed an interest in using the sports hall. Extensive consultation has been entered into with a range of sports clubs within the Newton Aycliffe area to determine their needs. Greenfield School is an active member of the Newton Aycliffe Sports Forum and Sedgefield Borough Sporting Hub.

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

As highlighted previously, the applicants are applying for 47% of the overall capital costs and have fully secured the remaining costs from their own funds. Durham LEA will provide a budget adjustment upon completion for rates, heating, lighting and cleaning based upon the total floor size of the building. It is anticipated that income from the hiring of the facility will sustain various staff including sports assistants, community manager etc.

A competitive tendering process for the whole of the NOF - PE & Sport in School Programme has been entered into by the County Council. The contractors currently building the sports hall have priced the work associated with the changing room complex. Discussions are ongoing with the County Council to establish the scope of the original tender to ensure that Value for Money can be identified from only one quote.

- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**

- **Statutory Approvals:** **All in place**

Issues

Durham County Council who own the school site are currently embarking on a 4 Phase - Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Project across the County. Greenfield School falls into the second Phase of planned investment with the school scheduled for redevelopment in approximately 6 – 8 years time. Subject to Government funding, this project will redevelop and modernise the school to provide a modern learning environment for both pupils and the wider community.

Therefore any investment directed to the school needs to be protected to ensure that if the school site is redeveloped as part of the Building Schools for the Future Programme, that the investment made is either kept on site or preferably modernised in line with the rest of the school to enhance the level of opportunity to the community.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the following key issues:

- The relative priority of this project within the Newton Aycliffe / Area 5 locality.
- The needs of local Sports Clubs in utilising a facility such as this for community based sport & leisure opportunities.

- The life span of the project given the issues of the Building Schools for the Future Programme for the overall school site.

Subject to being happy with the above points that the Area Forum support the progress of this application.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 5:

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.

- Great Aycliffe Way extension and Nature Park- Great Aycliffe Town Council- LIP amount £204,505, Total project cost £204,505
- Aycliffe Village Environmental Improvements- Great Aycliffe Town Council- LIP amount £105,000, Total project cost £157,400

The following projects are under development and no application has been received to date. Once applications are received these projects will be brought forward to the Forum for debate.

- Woodham Community Centre – refurbishment of the Community centre to enable additional activities to be provided- No costs as yet

25th July 2006

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Sedgefield Borough Local Area Improvement Programme

Application Report – Great Aycliffe Way Extension & Nature Park

Introduction

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 5 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

The Area 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, none of which has been allocated to date. A total of £380,000 has been allocated to the year 2006/07.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Great Aycliffe Way Extension and Nature Park
- **Name of Applicant:** Great Aycliffe Town Council.
- **Legal Status:** Town Council
- **Date of Application:** 3rd July 2006
- **Landlord:** Great Aycliffe Town Council / Sedgefield Borough Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project aims to extend the existing Great Aycliffe Way to the east of the town. The new link will start at the rear of Woodham Community College, continue through woodland plantations and open spaces and link to the Aycliffe Nature Park continuing along the disused Simpasture Railway line and meet the original path adjacent to Westmorland Way. An area of unused industrial land that has been converted into a Nature Park will be further improved and made more accessible to all members of the community.
- **Requested from LIP:** £204,505 (100%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £204,505 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** A breakdown of the costs is below:

Arts Features and Street Furniture	£20,000
Nature Park incl footpath surfacing, gates, fencing, interpretation, bins, and benches	35,485
Footpath works	£133,000
Fees and Contingencies	£16,020
Total	£204,505

LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**

The land is under used at the moment- this project will bring the area back into effective use as well as making it accessible to all.

- **Community Strategy Objectives:**

The project will contribute towards two of the aims of the community strategy – An Attractive Borough and A Healthy Borough. The project will improve the provision and maintenance of open spaces around the route of the extension to the walk and value, conserve and enhance biological diversity at the Nature Park site. The project will also provide the facilities to encourage the residents of Newton Aycliffe and further afield to become more active.

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

Consultations during the Parish Plan production earlier this year highlighted the need for an extension to the Great Aycliffe Way. The community stated that they would like a new walk to be made around Aycliffe, highlighting the success of the original Great Aycliffe Way. Consultation on this project has also been carried out with the friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve, The Nature Park Association and the Newton Aycliffe Walking the Way to Health Group, who were all supportive of the project.

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

The project has requested the full project cost from LIP and no additional match funding has been secured from other sources towards the project costs. The Town Council will however be covering the additional revenue costs arising out of the proposal which total £35,000 over the next 8 years. Officers from the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to try and investigate other appropriate sources of match funding that may be available before the project is taken to the Borough Council's Cabinet.

- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Sedgefield Borough Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council own the land. Discussions are underway to confirm if any additional approvals are required.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the following key issues:

- The relative priority of this project within the Newton Aycliffe / Area 5 locality.
- The level of funding requested for the capital works. The requested amount is 54% of the total Newton Aycliffe allocation for this financial year 2006/07
- That although the Town Council has made a revenue commitment to the project at this stage, no additional 'match funding' has been identified towards the capital costs.

Subject to being happy with the above points that the Area Forum supports the progress of this application.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 5:

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.

- Aycliffe Village Environmental Improvements- Great Aycliffe Town Council- LIP amount £105,000, Total project cost £157,400
- Greenfield School Community and Arts College- Changing accommodation and admin area- LIP amount £60,000, Total project £126,781.

The following projects are currently under development at the moment, although no application has been received to date. Once applications are received these projects will be brought forward to the Forum for debate.

- Woodham Community Centre – refurbishment of the Community Centre to enable additional activities to be provided- No costs as yet

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