

# AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday,  
13 March 2007  
7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices,  
School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

# AGENDA and REPORTS

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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 confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 (Pages 1 - 4)

**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. COUNTY DURHAM PCT**

A representative from the PCT will be present at the meeting to give an update on progress.

**6. SEDGEFIELD NECA**

A presentation is to be given regarding the Sedgefield NECA (North East Council on Addictions) High Street Project.

**7. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

To consider the attached report on proposals from:-

Newton Aycliffe MIND (Pages 5 - 8)

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007

**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.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2007

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## **AREA 5 FORUM**

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

#### **Durham County Council Representative**

Councillor Mrs S J Iveson

#### **Town/Parish Councils Representatives**

Great Aycliffe - Councillor Mrs M Dalton  
Councillor Mrs M Gray  
- Councillor S. Mlatilik,  
- Councillor Mrs V Raw,  
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Middridge - Councillor Mrs A Clarke

#### **Police**

Durham Constabulary Sgt E Turner, Divisional Police Office,

#### **Resident Associations Representatives**

Linden Place Miss B. Craggs,  
Dales Mrs D. Bowman  
Kings -I Robertson ,  
Williamfield -K Cox

#### **Community Associations Representatives**

Agnew -Agnew Community Centre,  
School Aycliffe - School Aycliffe Community Hall,  
Woodham - Woodham Community Centre,

#### **School Representatives**

Greenfield - Mr J D Clare,  
School Community  
and Arts College

Woodham - M. Adamson,  
Technology .  
College

**County Durham PCT**

Copy to Sedgefield Borough Council – Community Safety

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town Council Offices,  
School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,  
23 January 2007

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 V Crosby	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M A Dalton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G C Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B Hall	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M Iveson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J P Moran	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A Tomlin	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs A Clarke	–	Middridge Parish Council
Inspector S Ball	–	Durham Constabulary
J P Rodwell	–	Agnew Community Association
J D Clare	–	Greenfield School Community and Arts College
J Clarke	–	Middridge Village Association
D Saddler	–	Middridge Village Association
D Sutton-Lloyd	–	Woodham Community Centre

**Apologies:**

Councillor W M Blenkinsopp	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs J Croft	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor R S Fleming	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K Henderson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs E M Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J K Piggott	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs S J Iveson	–	Durham County Council
Councillor Mrs M Gray	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor C Wheeler	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Mrs D Bowman	–	Junior Neighbourhood Watch
Councillor Mrs M Dalton	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council

**AF(5)19/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M. Iveson declared that he had a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6 – Local Improvement Programme – Cabinet Member.

Councillor Mrs. J. Gray and Mrs. B.A. Clare declared they had a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6 – Woodham Village Community Centre Rejuvenation Project – members of the Association.

**AF(5)20/06 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 was confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(5)21/06 POLICE REPORT**

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

The figures for November and December, 2006 were as follows :-

<b><u>Type of Crime :</u></b>	<b><u>November, 2006 :</u></b>	<b><u>December, 2006 :</u></b>
Total Crime	175	148
Violent Crime	36	41
Burglary (Dwelling)	4	3
Burglary (Other)	17	3
Criminal Damage	47	55
Theft of Vehicle	4	2
Theft from Vehicle	8	4
Damage to Vehicles	15	18
Shoplifting	10	11
Total Theft	47	39
Nuisance Rowdy Behaviour	100	88

It was noted that the detection rate was 40%.

Reference was made to satellite navigation systems in cars and the need to remove evidence of the systems, when cars were parked to deter theft.

Members of the Forum were informed that two new Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) had been deployed with a further one anticipated in the next two weeks.

In respect of the request for road traffic accident statistics to be presented at the Forum, it was noted these would be outlined at the next meeting of the Forum.

Discussion was held regarding the level of service across the division, the need for appropriate levels of service depending on levels of crime etc., in each area. Reference was also made to the level of back office stand and the need to protect frontline services.

Concerns were also raised regarding anti-social behaviour in the quarry area at Middridge. It was explained that discussions were being held with John Wade, owner of the quarry, to examine ways of dealing with the issue.

**AF(5)22/06 COUNTY DURHAM PCT - PROGRESS UPDATE**

It was noted that no representative from the Primary Care Trust was present at the meeting to report on progress. Concerns were



expressed at the non-availability of a PCT representative and it was suggested that this issue be discussed at the next meeting of the County Health Scrutiny Committee.

## **AF(5)23/06 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

**NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Member's Code of Conduct Councillor M. Iveson declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and Councillors Mrs. J. Gray and Mrs. B.A. Clare left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on the Woodham Village Community Centre Rejuvenation Project.**

### **Application – Middridge Village Hall 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 5 Forum had been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP resources during 2006 and 2009 to tackle the issues outlined in the Council's Community Strategy. The allocation for 2006/07 was £380,000 of which £183,505 had been allocated to date.

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 then Cabinet. The latter would decide whether or not to allocate funding to the project.

Mr. J. Clarke, from Middridge Village Community Association was in attendance to present the application.

The project involved the complete refurbishment and modernisation of the village hall, which was currently underused due to its poor state of repair, to a standard, which would provide an inviting, safe and friendly venue for the use of not only the village but also the surrounding area. The proposal therefore aimed to expand the available use of the village hall to more community organisations. A range of refurbishment works had been identified.

The Area Forum noted that the amount of funding requested from the Programme was £68,965 which equated to 92% of the total project cost.

### **Woodham Village Community Centre Rejuvenation Project**

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

D. Sutton-Lloyd from Woodham Community Centre Association, was in attendance to present the application.

He explained that the project would provide for the complete refurbishment and modernisation of the Village Community Centre providing up-to-date flooring, lighting, a more useful meeting room and kitchen. This would enable the Community Centre to provide more varied physical activities along with adult education and skill training courses.

The Forum noted that £25,200 had been requested equating to 100% of the project cost. Discussions had taken place with the applicant to consider other match funding opportunities. Associated ongoing revenue costs would be funded, by the applicant's own funds, through grant funding and appropriate charging to users of the premises.

*AGREED : That the Forum supports both projects.*

**AF(5)24/06      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

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# Item 7

AREA 5 FORUM

13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

## Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

### Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

#### Application - Rebuild of premises for Newton Aycliffe MIND

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 5 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 decision making process.

The Area 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £380,000 has been allocated to the year 2006/07 of which £183,505 has been allocated to date.

#### Project Background

- **Name of Project:** New MIND - Phase 1 Technical Study
- **Name of Applicant:** Newton Aycliffe MIND
- **Legal Status:** Registered Charity
- **Date of Application:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007
- **Landlord:** Great Aycliffe Town Council.
- **Brief Description of Project:** New Mind is a project that seeks to build a new centre on its current site to a specification that will lead to a significant expansion and improvement to the service that it provides. MIND works with adults aged 18yrs and above with mental health difficulties who benefit from a higher level of support that can not be achieved through statutory health provision.
- **Requested from LIP:** £9,750
- **Total Project Cost:** £9,750 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The Technical Study will provide MIND with a detailed specification and plans; costings of the building prior to planning consent; a detailed timetable for the project and any other associated costs.

- **Impact of the Project**  
The new building will enable the organisation to dramatically expand its services. The Applicant will expand and develop an alternative therapy approach to treatment. Providing access to educational courses such as basic skills, support into work, IT training, personal wellbeing and leisure courses. MIND intends to promote the development of a healthy lifestyle by encouraging a reduction in smoking and drinking and an improvement in diet and exercise.
- **Evidence of need and community support:**  
The Friends of Mind (clients) have been actively involved in the inception of this project. The Friends of MIND all agreed to the unsuitability of the present building and claimed that a new building would see their greater use of the organisations services. MIND are in discussion with Great Aycliffe Town Council regarding lease extension.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**  
As highlighted previously, the applicants are applying for 100% of the overall Technical Study costs. The Technical Study will be undertaken by Sedgefield Borough Council's Property Services section.
- **Statutory Approvals:** Requirement of Planning Permission will be a major consideration addressed by the Technical Study.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**  
By carrying out a Technical Study at this stage of the project will establish a full project cost for all elements of the scheme and inform the options available.

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 decision making process.

#### **Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal and how it will meet the priority needs of the area 5 locality and the wider Borough.

If the Area Forum wishes to support the undertaking of the Technical Study then a further 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 final project.

#### **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.

### **LIP Projects Approved**

- Great Aycliffe Way Extension & Nature Park LIP Grant approved £183,505

### **LIP Projects under development**

- Middridge Village Community Centre LIP Grant requested £76,485
- Woodham Village Community Centre LIP Grant requested £25,200

These two projects will be taken through the decision making process of the Borough Council at the end of March 2007.

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