

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday,
17 July 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 24th April 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 County Durham PCT will be present at the meeting to report on progress.

6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - REFURBISHMENT OF NEVILLE PARADE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Report of Head of Strategy and Regeneration (Pages 5 - 8)

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 2nd October 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
9th July 2007

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County Durham PCT

Copy to Sedgefield Borough Council – Community Safety

Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday, 24 April 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 R.S. Fleming	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.C. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council/Durham County Council
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Councillor M. Iveson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.K. Piggott	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
P. Irving	–	County Durham PCT
Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson	–	Durham County Council
Acting Sergeant S. Rogers	–	Durham Constabulary
Councillors Mrs. S. Mlatilik	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. S.A.Sinclair	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor C. Wheeler	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. M. Gray	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor A. Tomlin	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. V. Raw	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. Clarke	–	Middridge Parish Council
J. D. Clare	–	Greenfield School
J. P. Rodwell	–	Agnew Community Association
Mrs. D. Bowman	–	Dales Neighbourhood Watch
D. Ibbotson	–	Local Resident
K. Hodgson	–	Local Resident
C. Melderis	–	Local Resident
J. Newby	–	Local Resident
S. Brady	–	Local Resident
B. Haigh	–	Local Resident
J. Mlatilik	–	Local Resident

Apologies: Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Croft – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Hall – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Henderson – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.P. Moran – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. M.Dalton – Great Aycliffe Town Council

AF(5)32/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

AF(5)33/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(5)34/06 SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION

V. Jackson-Hopps, Senior Environmental Health Officer Sedgefield Borough Council, attended the meeting to inform the Forum of the new smoke-free legislation.

A copy of the fact sheet was distributed for Member's information to be found on www.smokefreeengland.co.uk.

Discussion was held regarding the involvement of the enforcement of the legislation, what property and premises would be affected, signage and any exemptions included in the legislation.

A query was raised regarding whether public houses etc., would place receptacles outside their premises for cigarette ends, etc. It was explained that such premises would not be under an obligation to do so and it would be at the discretion of each individual premises. However, they would be advised that this would be a good idea. It was noted that smoking would be allowed in beer gardens.

Discussion was also held regarding smoking in bus shelters and it was explained that smoking would not be allowed in bus shelters with enclosed sides and back. This would have implications for parish councils in relation to signage etc.

AF(5)35/06 POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Simon Rogers was present at the meeting to give details of crime figures for the area.

The figures for February and March 2007 were as follows :-

<u>Crime :</u>	<u>February :</u>	<u>March :</u>
Total Crime	134	192
Violent Crime	32	43
Burglary (Dwelling)	02	02
Burglary (Other)	11	14
Criminal Damage	35	53
Theft of Vehicle	06	03
Theft from Vehicle	07	13
Total Theft	45	67
Shoplifting	09	13
Rowdy/Nuisance	133	175

Details were also given of the figures for the year end as follows :-

Total Crime	Down 13%
Violent Crime	Down 27%
Sexual Offences	Down 43%
Robbery	Down 67%
Burglary (Dwelling)	Down 35%
Burglary (Other)	Down 13%
Vehicle – Theft/TWOC	Down 15%
Criminal Damage	Down 23%
Vehicle Interference	Down 79%
Shoplifting	Down 35%

It was explained that detection rate was 32%.

It was reported that with regard to drink driving offences, during the December period there had been eight positive breath tests.

Reference was made to problems which existed in relation to quad bikes, mini motorbikes etc., being ridden on footpaths, open spaces, etc. It was explained that, if the bikes were not stolen and they were being ridden on footpaths etc., for the first offence they would be given a warning. Second and subsequent offences would involve action such as the bike being confiscated. If the bike was confiscated the owner could pay £5.00 to retrieve the bike. The Forum was informed that five bikes had been confiscated in the last fortnight. Assistance from members of the public was sought to inform police when incidents were occurring, who the bike belonged to, etc.

Discussion was also held regarding anti-social behaviour which existed in the Langdale Place/Silverdale Place area. It was explained that the Police had distributed diary sheets to properties within the area for residents to complete when incidents were occurring. CCTV had recently been used to gather evidence etc. However, it was stressed that members of the public needed to provide the Police with information, statements, etc. Four arrests had been made for public order offences.

AF(5)36/06

COUNTY DURHAM PCT

Paul Irving, Assistant Director, attended the meeting to update members of the Forum on progress.

He explained that all Assistant Director posts had now been filled and that he had been appointed to the Assistant Directorship of Adult Services. The structure below Assistant Director level would be finalised that week and recruitment would commence 30th April, 2007.

Reference was also made to progress in relation to the Health Centre in Newton Aycliffe. It was explained that a meeting had been held the previous week when the Chief Executive of the PCT had visited and

spoken to staff at the Health Centre. The PCT were working with partners and had identified a Lead Director for the relocation of staff. The community would be involved with the relocation and informed of rescheduling of clinics etc. Progress was therefore beginning to be made on the scheme.

A query was raised regarding the location of PCT Board Meetings and publication of Notice of Meetings. It was stressed that it was important for Notices of Meetings to be published to allow members of the public the opportunity to attend meetings.

AF(5)37/06 LIP FUNDING - TREE REPLANTING

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Member's Code of Conduct, Councillor R.S. Fleming declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as a Member of Sedgefield Borough Council and left the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of applying for LIP funding for the purpose of tree replanting with native species to regenerate areas where trees had been felled.

It was agreed that an application for LIP funding be drawn up.

AF(5)38/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 17th July, 2007 subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting of Council.

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Item 6

AREA 5 FORUM

17th July 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Refurbishment of Neville Parade Community Centre

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's 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 2007/08. A number of projects have been allocated in the previous year for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from last year, which will be available to the Area Forum for project activity.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Refurbishment of Neville Parade Community Centre.
- **Name of Applicant:** Friends of Senior Citizens.
- **Landlord:** The Friends of Senior Citizens.
- **Brief Description of Project:** The aim of the project is to refurbish areas of the community centre, which could then safeguard existing users as well as expanding the available use of the Community Centre to additional community organisations including disabled groups, and mother/toddler groups.
- **Requested from LIP:** £34,763(90%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £38,763 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:**
The refurbishment will include,
 - Renovation of roof
 - Install a facility to be used as a baby/toddler changing area and accessible toilet facility
 - Install a perimeter fence

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that although the Community Centre has been quite well used in the past, several groups who have used the hall regularly in the past years have now ceased to use the hall because it's condition. The roof, which is currently in a poor state of repair; is a cause of concern as there are significant areas of damp within the main hall. The roof has undergone essential repairs during the last 4 years, which has resulted in having felting replaced 3 times and more recently emergency repairs have cost of £770. Enquiries have been made from a disabled group to use the facility as a games area, the main hall is an ideal location for this activity and could lead to an opportunity to form a games team to compete in the County. The centre is the only community facility in the east area of the town and the applicant is keen to encourage younger groups of the community to use the facility therefore the provision of a baby changing facility could bring mothers with babies/toddlers into the centre to create a Mother/toddler play group. The applicant would also like to encourage more youngsters from the area to use the building, by providing activities such as Karate, Film Shows, and Curling etc., which it is hoped could combat some of the anti-social behaviour in the area. The provision of a perimeter fence would mean that the members of the playgroup could use the rear of the building in safety and it would also offset vandals from targeting the building. The refurbishment will help to secure the regeneration of the Community Centre and bring it back fully into effective use.

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

Letters of support have been received from users and potential users of the building indicating the need to have the facility available to all members of the community. Some verbal consultation has taken place with positive results. Some of the regular activities have ceased due to the poor state of the hall, although the local community is requesting a number of these to become available again.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to explore a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project.

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

The applicant has applied for £34,763, which is 90% of the total project costs. The remaining capital costs will be funded by a grant that has been received from Christ's Hospital Sherburn Trust Fund and fundraising done by the Friends of Senior Citizens. The future revenue costs will be funded by income from the Friends of Senior Citizens, a suitable charge for the use of the premises to users.

- **Statutory Approvals:** Requirement of Planning Permission and Building Regulation consent is to be confirmed.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 5 locality.

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 further develop the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decisions making process.

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.

None to date.

Applications approved to date:

Great Aycliffe Way & Nature Reserve	£183,505
Woodham Community Centre	£25,200
Midridge Village Hall	£76,485

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