

# **AREA 5 FORUM**

Tuesday, 2 October 2007

7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

## **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 confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 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. **LIP APPLICATION - NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB**  
To consider the attached report (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 27<sup>th</sup> November 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

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## **AREA 5 FORUM**

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

Councillor Mrs S J Iveson

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

Great Aycliffe - Councillor Mrs M Dalton  
Councillor Mrs B A Clare  
Councillor Mrs V Raw,  
Councillor S Bambridge  
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 AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,  
School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,  
17 July 2007

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor V. Crosby	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Cuthbertson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.C. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Haigh	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. D. Haigh	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. Hogan	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. H. Hutchinson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. S. J. Iveson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Warburton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor S. Bambridge	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
I. Briggs	–	County Durham PCT
I. Rooney	–	County Durham PCT
M. Taylor	–	County Durham PCT
Sergeant S. Rogers	–	Durham Constabulary
P. Beaty	–	Friends of Senior Citizens
D. Attrill	–	Williamfield Residents Association
J. Attrill	–	Williamfield Residents Association
M. Iveson	–	Member of the Public
J. Newby	–	Member of the Public
G. Brewer	–	Member of the Public
C. Wheeler	–	Member of the Public

**In**

**Attendance:** G. Hall, C. Walton and L. Goundry – Sedgefield Borough Council

**Apologies:** Councillor P. Gittins, J.P. - Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor V. Raw – Great Aycliffe Town Council  
Councillor A. Clarke – Middridge Parish Council  
J.D. Clare – Greenfield School Community and Arts College  
Mrs. M. Gray –

**AF(5)1/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mrs. S. Iveson, W. M. Blenkinsopp, G. C. Gray and V. Crosby indicated that they would be declaring an interest in Item 6 – Local Improvement Programme – Refurbishment of Neville Parade Community Centre.

**AF(5)2/06**

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(5)3/06**

**POLICE REPORT**

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

Figures for May and June, 2007 were as follows :-

	<u>May :</u>	<u>June :</u>
Total Crime	191	200
Violent Crime	37	56
Burglary (Dwelling)	6	5
Burglary (Other)		13
Criminal Damage	55	57
Theft of Vehicles	2	5
Theft from Vehicles	5	5
Total Theft	67	65
Shoplifting		21
Rowdy/Nuisance	126	144

Discussion was held regarding anti-social behaviour in the Silverdale Place/Langdale Place area. Sergeant Rogers explained that a diary drop had been undertaken in the area. Only two had been returned completed. He explained that there were incidents being reported, however, it was difficult to persuade people to make statements and act as witnesses. He explained measures which were being undertaken in relation to incidents and once again he stressed the need for residents groups to come together and give some kind of statement.

With respect to the former Dandy Cart, it was explained that it would be demolished in the near future. Reference was made to the need to speak to the contractor to ensure the safety of the area during demolition.

Discussion was also held regarding the use of CCTV cameras. It was explained that covert surveillance had been deployed in the West Ward and would continue to be used if appropriate and in accordance with RIPA. It was, however, often difficult to capture sufficient evidence and they had a better success as a deterrent rather than evidence gathering. It was explained that a quarterly report would be submitted relating to the CCTV systems in Area 5.

Discussion was also held regarding reporting of incidents and response times. It was explained that calls were graded and dependent upon priority there were target response times.



A query was also raised regarding deployment of staff to hotspots and the move towards policing on a geographically based service. It was pointed out that Wardens who were deployed did not have powers of arrest. They performed more of a deterrent role.

**AF(5)4/06**

**COUNTY DURHAM PCT**

It was explained that Michael Taylor, Assistant Director of Finance, Ian Greggs and Ian Rooney, County Durham PCT, were present at the meeting to update Members on progress.

Members of the Forum were informed that accounts had been submitted to the last meeting of the Board showing a balance position.

In respect of staffing significant progress was being made.

Reference was made to the Health Centre in Newton Aycliffe. The PCT was working with the Council and the owners to progress the issue. Alternative accommodation had been secured at the Pioneering Care Centre. This was, however, just a short term solution.

**AF(5)5/06**

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - REFURBISHMENT OF NEVILLE PARADE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**NB :** In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Member's Code of Conduct, Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, V. Crosby, Mrs. L. Cuthbertson, G. C. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, Mrs. I. Hewitson, T. Hogan, Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. E.M. Paylor and J. Warburton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting.

**Members then returned to the meeting to seek clarification on Declarations of Interest and the following Councillors then left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon :-**

**Councillors V. Crosby, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W.M. Blenkinsopp, G. C. Gray, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. E. Paylor, Mrs. L. Cuthbertson, H. Hutchinson and A. Warburton**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration. (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 due in 2006 and 2009 to tackle the issues outlined in the Council's Community Strategy. The allocation for 2007/08 was £380,000.

The role of the Area Forum was to provide a view of the projects in the area. The project would then be considered by the Council's Management

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

Peter Beatty from Friends of Senior Citizens was present at the meeting to present the application.

The project involved the refurbishment of Neville Parade Community Centre to safeguard existing users as well as expanding the available use of the Community Centre to additional community organisations including disable groups and mother/toddler groups.

The amount requested from the Local Improvement Programme was £34,763.

*AGREED : That the Forum support the project.*

**AF(5)6/06**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007.

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# Item 6

**AREA 5 FORUM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007**

**Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration**

**Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme**

**Application - Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club**

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: Regeneration Sports Club Grounds 2007**
- **Name of Applicant: Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club**
- **Landlord: Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club**
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project is to regenerate the senior football pitch to a standard specified by the Wearside League. To create a new junior football pitch. To provide the cricket club with a practice net area. To relocate the current changing rooms and to provide and locate new self contained changing rooms for two teams plus officials adjacent to the football pitch. To improve the access for disabled spectators and sports people.
- **Requested from LIP: £256,580 (100%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: Initial estimate £256,580**
- This project been brought relatively early to the Area Forum for its consideration. If Area Forum wishes to support the project, we will work with the applicant on technical specifications, costs and match funding applications. On completion of this work has been a further more detailed report will be brought back to the Area Forum.

**What will the LIP be used for:**

- The applicant has stated that the project will create a senior football pitch (96 metres x 68 metres) to Wearside League standards. The playing field itself will require 350 metres of 1.2 metre high tubular steel and concrete spectator fencing around its perimeter and a further 370 metres of 1.8 metre high timber fencing, with eight personnel gates, constructed around the entire playing field and spectator area.
- To create a new junior football field (55 metres x 37 metres) adjacent the senior field.
- To use waste land which is not in use at present for the installation of two all weather cricket lanes. These two lanes would also be secured and enclosed by a metal mesh safety fence. This will provide an important practice facility.
- The portacabins that are currently the teams changing rooms are to be relocated and replaced with self contained sports changing rooms for two teams plus officials. The new changing rooms to be located to a position more central to the entire site and will require electricity, water and sewage services.
- The spectator area adjacent to the social club building is to be improved with greater disabled access to the viewing area and the other sports facilities.

**Impact of the Project:**

The applicant states that the project links to three of the four community strategy objectives. **Healthy Borough** - improving the health and well being of the local community, by improving this sports venue. **Attractive Borough** – developing and maximising the leisure and cultural facilities in the Borough. **Strong Communities** – assisting in creating a safe neighbourhood by helping to combat anti-social behaviour by providing sports facilities for the young people of the town.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**  
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 estimated a cost of £256,580 for the project. Discussions are taking place with the applicant to consider match funding opportunities. Funding opportunities do exist for the applicant to attract matched funding.
- Three estimates for the work will be required.

- **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:**

Applications approved by Sedgefield Borough Council to date:

Great Aycliffe Way & Nature Reserve	£183,505
Woodham Community Centre	£25,200
Middridge Village Hall	£76,485
Total	£285,190

Application considered by the Area Forum and being further developed:

Neville Parade Community Centre	£34,763
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Given the resources available within the Local Improvement Programme (LIP) capacity exists to consider other project activity with the Area 5 Forum. For further details or to discuss any project ideas please contact Linda Goundry or Nicola Woodgate from Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388) 824002.

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