

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday, 27 November 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 2nd October 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. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS - PROGRESS UPDATE

A representative will be present at the meeting to give a progress update on Local Improvement Programme applications. (Pages 5 - 8)

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 22nd January 2008

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
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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,
2 October 2007

Time: 7.00 p.m.

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

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| Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor V. Crosby | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
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| Councillor Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor A. Warburton | – Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor S. Bambridge | – Great Aycliffe Town Council |
| Councillor R. Bowman | – Great Aycliffe Town Council |
| J.G. Clare | – Greenfield School and Community Arts College |
| Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke | – Middridge Parish Council |
| Acting Sergeant J. Turnbull | – Durham Constabulary |

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. B. A. Clare - Great Aycliffe Town Council

AF(5)7/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor V. Crosby indicated that he would be declaring a prejudicial interest in Item 6 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme – Application – Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club as he was a Member of Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

AF(5)8/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(5)9/06 POLICE REPORT

Acting Sergeant J. Turnbull was present at the meeting to give details of crime figures for the area.

The figures for July and August 2007 were as follows:

| <u>Type of Crime:</u> | <u>July:</u> | <u>August:</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Total recorded crime | 184 | 175 |
| Total violent crime | 46 | 39 |
| Violence against the Person | 44 | 34 |
| Robbery | 2 | 1 |
| Burglary (Dwelling) | 9 | 3 |
| Burglary (Other) | 10 | 6 |
| Criminal Damage | 55 | 50 |
| Vehicle Crime | 7 | 17 |
| Theft of Vehicle | 2 | 4 |
| Theft from Vehicle | 5 | 13 |
| Shoplifting | 14 | 11 |
| Total Theft | 49 | 64 |
| Rowdy Nuisance Behaviour | 143 | 159 |

Members requested that for the next meeting of the Forum, details be provided on the number of incidents within the Town Centre and Washington Crescent area.

Discussion was held regarding number of cars parked on the concrete verge along Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe. Members questioned whether the drivers of the vehicles were committing an offence by obstructing the public footpath. It was, however, pointed out that the footpath was still wide enough to allow people in wheelchairs and people with pushchairs to pass. Acting Sergeant Turnbull agreed to look into the matter and report back to the next meeting.

AF(5)10/06

COUNTY DURHAM PCT

Concern was expressed that no representative from County Durham PCT was present at the meeting to give an update on health matters. Members of the Forum agreed that a letter should be sent to the PCT requesting representation at future meetings.

AF(5)11/06

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME APPLICATION - NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

NB: In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor V. Crosby declared a prejudicial interest in the item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting.

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

Members were reminded that Area 5 Forum had been allocated £1,140,000 of Local Improvement Programme Capital Resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £380,000 had been allocated to the year 2007/08.

Gary Farley, Malcolm Dawes, Bob Wood and other representatives from the sports club were in attendance to present the application and answer questions.

The project involved the regeneration of the senior football pitch to a standard specified by the Wearside League, creation of a new junior football pitch, provision of a practice net area for the cricket club, relocation of the existing changing rooms and the provision and location of new self-contained changing rooms for two teams plus officials adjacent to the football pitch. It also involved the improvement of the access for disabled spectators and sports people.

The total amount requested was £256,580. It was noted that discussions were taking place regarding the opportunities to attract match funding.

AGREED : That the Forum supports the project.

AF(5)12/06

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27th November 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

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Item 5

AREA 5 FORUM MEETING: TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2007

AREA 5 NEWTON AYCLIFFE

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 each of the remaining years 2007/08 and 2008/09. A number of projects have been allocated in the year 2006/07 for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from that year, which will be available to the Area Forum for project activity.

LIP PROJECTS APPROVED

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Great Aycliffe Way & Nature Reserve | £183,505 |
| Woodham Community Centre Improvement | £ 25,200 |
| Middridge Village Hall | £ 76,485 |
| Total | <u>£285,190</u> |

Working on application with applicant before going through decision-making process.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Neville Parade Community Centre | £ 43,603 (revised) |
| Newton Aycliffe Sporting Club | £256,580 |
| Total | <u>£300,183</u> |
| Total remaining (if above approved) | £554,627 |

- 1 New application is under appraisal to date.

We have also had expressions of interest on a range of ideas and are working with the groups involved on these projects to, develop them and assess future draft applications.

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27th November 2007

**Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration
Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme**

Refurbishment of Neville Parade Community Centre – Update Report.

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides additional 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 project was first brought to the Area Forum in July 2007, and was supported to a value of £34,763. This project has not changed other than an increase in costs to the value of £8,840, as explained below.

As part of the project appraisal process an assessment was made on the technical solution put forward by the applicant to resolve the problems with the roof. Following a survey done by SBC Property Services, a number of issues with regard to the capacity of the building to take the weight of the new roof, and also the ability of the current drain to take the increased rainwater run-off were discovered.

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 approved 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.

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.

Previous costs for the total project were estimated at £38,763, with the applicant providing £4,000 match funding, revised costs which include all works, VAT and contingencies are as follows:

- **Revised Requested LIP amount:** £43,603(92%)
- **Revised Total Project Cost:** £47,603 (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

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

This project has been brought back to Area Forum for consideration because after developing the project with the applicant, a survey was carried out by Sedgefield Borough Council Property Services on the problems of the roof and an overview of the various quotations that were received. Although this has led to the total cost of the project being higher than was first estimated it is felt that the overall result will give the best solution and resolve the current problems.

- **Statutory Approvals:** Planning Permission and Building Regulation consent is to be applied for.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The revised project proposal, and an increase in costs of £8,840 against the remaining LIP allocation for the Area 5 locality.

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 decision-making process.