

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday, 29 April 2008

7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

AGENDA and REPORTS





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AGENDA

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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 11th May 2008. (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

To consider the following applications:-

(a) St Oswald's Park Refurbishment

(b) Newton Aycliffe Sports Club

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed at Annual Meeting of Council on 16th May 2008.

7. 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
21st April 2008

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday, 11 March
2008

Time: 7.00 p.m.

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

Councillor Mrs. L. Cuthbertson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor P. Gittins	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor T. Hogan	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E. Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
D. Gallagher	–	County Durham PCT
Sergeant S. Rogers	–	Durham Constabulary
Councillor S. Bambridge	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke	–	Middridge Parish Council
J. P. Rodwell	–	Agnew Community Association
T. Etheridge	–	Aycliffe Village Hall Association
G. Morgan	–	Neville Parade Methodist Church
Mrs. P. Clayton	–	Neville Parade Methodist Church

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Attendance: N. Woodgate, L.Goundry, Liz North (Sedgefield Borough Council)

AF(5)24/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson indicated that she would be declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in Item No : 6 – Local Improvement Programme – Aycliffe Village Hall – User of the Hall.

AF(5)25/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(5)26/07 POLICE REPORT

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

The figures for December 2007 and January 2008 were as follows :-

<u>Type of Crime:</u>	<u>December 2007 :</u>	<u>January 2008 :</u>
Total recorded crime	97	118
Total violent crime	23	25
Violence Against a Person	21	24
Robbery	1	0
Burglary (Dwelling)	3	1
Burglary (Other)	2	8
Criminal Damage	28	46
Theft of Vehicle	1	1
Theft from Vehicle	4	7
Shoplifting	11	5
Total Theft	33	29

Reference was made to the request for information to be given on a Ward-by-Ward basis. The following information was given :-

<u>Ward :</u>	<u>December, 2007:</u>	<u>January, 2008 :</u>	<u>February, 2008:</u>
Shafto St. Mary	164	136	200
West Ward	124	132	160
Neville Simpasture	119	114	131
Middridge	75	88	96
Woodham	67	62	85

Reference was made to the increase which had taken place during February in relation to theft from cars of satellite navigation systems, radios, laptops, etc., and also cars being stolen and where keys had been left in the ignition. Members of the public needed to be aware of these dangers.

Concerns were raised regarding the problems of intimidation by youths in the Town Centre area in relation to the purchase of alcohol. Better use of CCTV was needed in this regard.

The Forum was asked to set three neighbourhood priorities for Area 5 for the next six months. The following suggestions were put forward and agreed as neighbourhood priorities for Area 5 for the next six months :-

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Misuse.

AF(5)27/07

NEWTON AYCLIFFE HEALTH CENTRE

David Gallagher from Durham County PCT was present at the meeting to seek the views of the Forum on future health service provision in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

It was explained that clinical services had been relocated from the existing health centre to the Pioneering Care Partnership Centre at Cobblers Hall. This allowed an opportunity for new health care provision to be developed in the Town Centre.

It was intended to provide some kind of health facility in the vicinity of the Leisure Centre which would be easily accessible.

Mr. Gallagher explained that he was at the meeting to gauge the views of the Forum on the types of service which could be provided in the new premises. It was important that the right services be incorporated. The ethos of the Centre was the provision of shared services and use as a "one-stop shop".

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

AF(5)28/07

Neville Parade Methodist Church

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members were reminded that the 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 for the Year 2007/8.

Graham Morgan and Pauline Clayton from the Neville Parade Methodist Church were in attendance to present the application and answer questions.

The project involved bringing the small hall into a usable condition to encourage more community activities in the hall. Works included a new entrance porch, double glazing, suspended ceiling, accessible toilets, decoration and carpeting.

The total amount requested was £18,471 representing 88% of the total estimated project cost.

AGREED : That the Forum supports the project.

AF(5)29/07

Simpasture Park Refurbishment

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Andrew Bailey, Clerk to Great Aycliffe Town Council, was in attendance to present the application and answer questions.

The project involved the refurbishment of the present run-down tennis courts to provide a double multi use games area and two tennis courts for unrestricted community use. In addition a small disused kiddy car track area would be refurbished to provide a toddlers play areas which was presently not provided in the adjacent junior play area.

The total amount requested from Local Improvement Programme was £89,245 representing 70% of the total estimated project cost. The remaining 30% would be met from Great Aycliffe Town Council.

AGREED : That the Forum support the project.

AF(5)30/07 Moor Lane Pavilion

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive regarding an application for Local Improvement Programme funding from Great Aycliffe Town Council. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The project aimed to bring into use the pavilion at Moor Lane Park. Its future use would be to provide a working office and study centre for an Environment Officer and provide an educational resource for schools and community groups to access to provide a room that could be used by the Aycliffe Nature Park Association and to provide a room for community groups to use to provide a room for other activities such as cycle proficiency course and a start/finish walk to health walks.

The amount requested from LIP funding was £25,089. This represented 67% of the total estimated project cost. The remainder would be met from a contribution from Great Aycliffe Town Council.

AGREED : That the application be supported.

AF(5)31/07 Aycliffe Village Hall Improvements

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (for copy see file of Minutes) outlining an application from Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association.

Tony Etheridge from the Association was present at the meeting to outline the application and answer questions.

The project would provide stage lighting and curtains which would enable amateur theatre productions. A glazed entrance feature creating additional use of space of 30 sq.mts. would also be provided as well as improved access to the village hall.

The total requested from the Local Improvement Programme was £44,815 representing 92% of the total project cost.

AGREED : That the project be supported.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 29th April, 2008.

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Item 5a

AREA 5 FORUM

29th April 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - St Oswalds Park Refurbishment

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 subject to budget approval. A total of £380,000 has been allocated to each of the first two years of the programme. 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:** St Oswald Park Refurbishment
- **Name of Applicant:** Great Aycliffe Town Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The aim of the project is to refurbish St Oswald Park. There are four areas, which, the applicant has identified as particularly requiring capital investment for improvement; these at present consist of a disused roller-skating rink, disused Bowling Green, junior play area and infant play area. These areas will be refurbished on a two stage phased basis, Great Aycliffe Town Council intend to fund the second stage with monies from their 2009/10 budget.

Phase one will consist of

- creation of a junior play area in place of the disused roller skating rink
 - refurbishing the infant play area
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- **Requested from LIP:** £134,740 (84%)
 - **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £161,157

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

The applicant has stated that the project will create a 5-12 year play area, it is intended to use supplier who has not previously supplied play equipment in the area, which will then enable the play equipment to be significantly different to that in other play areas in the town. This play area will be installed in the area of the present disused roller-skating rink.

Great Aycliffe Town Council will fund the removal and replacement of the existing infant play equipment suitable for up to age five years.

During 2009/10, Great Aycliffe Town Council (subject to budget), intends to provide as a second phase, a formal garden with seating areas and a central feature, a picnic area, with a number of tables and seats to rest upon and/or used by adults awaiting children's return from the adjacent play area.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The aim of the project is to provide a safe, dedicated facility for parents/grandparents/carers and children up to the approximate age of 12 to use. The various elements of play will provide a specific service, i.e. 1-5 years infants play area and 5-12 years approx for juniors.

The project aims to link to three of the four Sedgefield Borough Council community strategy objectives. Healthy – the project will improve the health and well being of the local community, Attractive – the project will develop and maximise 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:**

Consultation has taken place through Parish Plan 2006/07 and Great Aycliffe Town Council Satisfaction Survey 2007. Results indicated a need for a toddler area, better variety of kids play equipment, more seating areas and a general bringing up of the standard of facilities. The applicant has stated that a need for investment in play areas has come out in the top 5 existing services for investment, during the above survey.

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

The total project cost of phase one is £161,157 of which the applicant has applied for £134,740 (84%). Great Aycliffe Town Council will provide the remaining funding. The Town Council will cover future revenue costs.

The overall project cost will be £243,813, Great Aycliffe Town Council will fund phase two of the project at a cost of £82,656.

- **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
Neville Parade Community Centre	£44,353
Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Technical Study	£5,875
Total	<u>£335,418</u>

Applications awaiting approval

Neville Parade Methodist Church	£18,471
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Aycliffe Village Hall	£44,815
Moore Lane Pavilion Refurbishment	£25,089
Simpasture Park Refurbishment	£89,245

Application considered by the Area Forum and being further developed:

Newton Aycliffe Sport Club	£252,685
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Applications under development:

Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters Association £100,000

Morrison Close Community Centre To be confirmed

Item 5b

AREA 5 FORUM

29th April 2008

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Newton Aycliffe Sports Club

This report highlights the progress of the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application, initially presented to the Area 5 Forum in October 2007. The report provides further information to the Area 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 subject to budget approval. A total of £380,000 has been allocated in each of the last two years of the scheme, 2006/07 and 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**
- **Name of Applicant: Newton Aycliffe Sports Club**
- **Landlord: Newton Aycliffe Sports Club**
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project is to provide a senior football pitch to a standard specified by the Northern League (Division 2) with flood lights, spectator fencing, perimeter fencing and new self contained changing rooms for two teams plus officials. The field to be reached by a new footpath with lights. To create a new junior football pitch on the club site. The cricket club will have a practice net area with two lanes and the rugby club a new floodlit training area. To reposition the cricket score board. To relocate the current changing rooms. To improve the access for all spectators and players. Refurbish the patio area to the front of the main sports club.
- **Requested from LIP: £304,980***
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: estimate £309,980***
- This project was initially brought to the Area Forum for its consideration in October 2007. We have been working with the applicant on the technical report that has produced detailed specifications, costs and match funding applications. The specifications and costings are now established and can now be used to approach funding bodies.

What will the LIP be used for:

- The applicant has stated that the project will create a flood lit football pitch (96 metres x 68 metres) to Northern League (Division 2) 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 personnel gates, constructed around the entire playing field and spectator area. Two new team 'dugouts'. A new changing room facility is to be located on the perimeter of the football stadium and will require electric, water and sewage services.
- To create a new junior football field (55 metres x 37 metres) adjacent the senior field.
- A new footpath from the club house to the football facility will be provided. That footpath to have a lighting system.
- To create a new floodlit training area for the rugby teams.
- 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.
- To relocate the cricket score board to a more spectator friendly location.
- The current team changing rooms, two modular buildings, will be relocated adjacent to the main sports club and connected to electric, water and sewage services.
- The spectator area to the front of the social club building is to be improved with new paving providing improved 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 continue to work with the applicant to explore a more detailed programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project. The Aycliffe Sports Forum has expressed its support for the development of a senior football facility within the town for a number of years.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**
The applicant has estimated a cost of **£309,980*** for the project. Discussion is under way with a number of Sports Foundations to consider match funding opportunities. The different funding bodies have specific requirements for facilities that must be met to enable funding to proceed. These requirements are causing difficulties in establishing a final cost for the project.
- 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 seek match funding prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decisions making process.

Material considerations:

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Applications to be discussed at Area Forum:

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Applications under development:

Morrison Close Community Centre

*** Final costings to be confirmed verbally to the 29th April Area Forum meeting**

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