

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday,

30 September 2008

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 22nd July 2008. (Pages 1 - 6)

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 attend the meeting to discuss issues with regard to health provision.

6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - PROGRESS

To consider the attached report. (Pages 7 - 10)

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 25th November 2008.

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

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County Durham PCT

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,
22 July 2008

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. M.G. Cuthbertson	- Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor M. Dixon	- Durham County Council
Sergeant G. Milne	- Durham Constabulary
Councillor Mrs. V. Rawe	- Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke	- Middridge Town Council
J.D. Clare	- Greenfield School
J. Rodwell	- Agnew Community Association
M. Robson	- Burnhill Residents Association

In

Attendance: H. Dent and G. Garrigan - Sedgefield Borough Council

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. S. J. Iveson - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor H.J. Hutchinson - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Hall - Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. B.A. Clare - Great Aycliffe Town Council

AF(5)1/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(5)2/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant G. Milne outlined the crime figures for the area for April, May and June 2008, which were as follows:

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>April 2008</u>	<u>May 2008</u>	<u>June 2008</u>
Violence Against a Person	12	21	20
Robbery	0	0	0
Burglaries	13	13	11
Criminal Damage	38	41	31
Theft of Vehicles	3	2	1
Theft from Vehicles	3	5	2

It was noted that crime incidents for the year to date were down by 23.6% and anti-social behaviour incidents had also decreased by 6.7%.

Members were then given an update of actions taken in respect of the neighbourhood priority areas, identified at the last meeting of the Forum.

Town Centre

The areas around Greenwell Road and Dalton Way have had extensive patrols, both plain clothes and uniform, and groups of youths had been challenged, with any alcohol seized and anti-social behaviour forms submitted. Off licences had also been visited and staff had been made aware of local issues and had agreed to challenge purchases of alcohol.

It was noted that a substantial amount of alcohol had been seized from a large group of youths on school leaver's night.

With regard to graffiti in the town centre, it was noted that a number of youths had been arrested.

It was suggested that the Town Centre should continue to be a priority area and further actions be concentrated around the Town Park/Tesco and Dalton Way.

Baliol Green/Oak Tree

It was reported that the police had been of the view that the anti-social behaviour problems in the above area were associated with a problem tenant in Baliol Green, who was attracting groups of youths. The tenant had been visited by the Police and Tenancy Enforcement and since that visit, the number of problems had reduced. It was also noted that the Council's Streetscene department had been contacted to clear up the debris left in the area.

It was suggested that a future priority for action should be the old railway line from Blue Bridge to Travellers Green where there were problems with youths drinking alcohol.

Skipton Close/Hawes Place

There had been no rowdy nuisance calls in July from the above area. The current problem areas appeared to be Garburn Place and Honister Place where there had been incidents of criminal damage and the riding of mini motors was also causing a nuisance.

It was noted that the area would be included in a Street Safe initiative, which would commence at the end of August.

Avon Court

The above area had been extensively patrolled, by both the Police and Community Support officers and there had been a reduction in the number of incidents from 22 in February /March to 6.

It was suggested that a future area for action should be the school premises in Byerley, St.Francis, Greenfields and Horndale, the evangelical church Blackton Close and the area around Greenfield Nursing Home.

It was also noted that a number of drugs warrants had been executed in Newton Aycliffe and quantities of drugs had been seized and persons prosecuted.

Reference was made to Operation Summer Nights, which would be targeting anti-social behaviour and youths drinking alcohol. There would also be increased patrols of schools as educational premises were often victims of criminal damage during school holidays.

- AGREED:*
1. *That the areas identified for future action be supported.*
 2. *That the Police arrange to publicise their successful initiatives/actions in local newspapers.*

AF(5)4/08

STREETS SAFE

Helen Dent Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Manager attended the meeting to give an update on the forthcoming Streetsafe operation.

Streetsafe operations were aimed at tackling issues that impacted on a community's quality of life, such as criminality, fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.

It was reported that four joint operations were undertaken within the Borough each year. The operations involved the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, DVLA, Sedgefield Borough Council Neighbourhood Wardens, Environmental Health, Streetscene, Licensing, Leisure Services, Youth Engagement Services and Durham County Council Education in the Community.

It was explained that the Crime Reduction Partnership did not use a matrix to select an area as the focus would always be on the same 2 areas in the Borough. Instead an index of vulnerable localities was used. Members noted that the area selected was around Malham Crescent and included the following:

Airton Place
Arncliffe Place
Askrigg Close
Aysgarth Close
Bakewell Place
Bates Close
Booth Walk
Brockett Close
Fox Place
Hedley Close
Hawes Place
Kestral Court
Lorraine Walk
Marrick Close
Pateley Close
Reeth Place
Sampson Place
Scott Place
Skipton Close
Stainforth Close
Rylstone Close
Thornton Close

Burnhill Way Methodist Centre -
Turbinia (Public House) -
Fomer Bells Store
Aycliffe Chop Suey House

Newton Aycliffe Cemetery – Stephenson Way
Funeral Parlour – Stephenson Way
Town Cemetery – Stephenson Way

The operation would commence on Tuesday 26th August and last for 4 weeks. The operation would involve a 'Have Your Say' day, clean up the area days and various youth activities, including a football tournament.

The clean up your area days were scheduled for Friday 12th and Saturday 13th September when all unwanted items such as white goods and furniture would be taken away free of charge.

It was intended that the 'Have Your Say' day would be held in Burnhill Way Methodist Church Hall, however, the date was still to be confirmed.

The Forum welcomed the initiative, however, a number of Members expressed concern that whilst the operation was ongoing, some youths

who caused anti-social behaviour problems, would probably move to other areas of the town.

It was noted that the results of the Streetsafe operation would be reported to a future meeting of the Forum.

AGREED : That the information be noted.

AF(5)5/08

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive which provided an update of project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough's Local Improvement Programme. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that 10 further applications had been received prior to the closing date for new applications of 31st July 2008.

AGREED : That the content of the report be noted and that further reports be brought to the Area Forum as progress on particular projects develops.

AF(5)6/08

COUNTY DURHAM PCT

Members expressed concern that regarding the lack of information on the provision of health services within Sedgefield Borough, in particular in Area 5. They requested that representatives of County Durham Primary Care Trust should attend the Area 5 Forum meetings on a regular basis.

Specific reference was made to the Health Commission, which had been established by the Local Government Association and its call for a major strengthening of arrangements to hold health services to account at a local level.

It was reported that in an opinion poll for the Commission, more than half of the respondents did not know what a Primary Care Trust was or did, in spite of the fact that PCTs were responsible for commissioning local health services and controlled more than 75% of the NHS budget.

AGREED : That a representative of County Durham PCT be asked to attend meetings of Area 5 Forum on a regular basis.

AF(5)7/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 30th September 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

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Item 6

AREA 5 FORUM

30th September 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Update on Project Activity

This report provides the Area Forum with an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme (LIP).

The purpose of the LIP Programme is to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas. As part of this, Local Communities can propose projects against set criteria agreed by Sedgefield Borough Council. Through this Programme resources will be released to improve sites and improve the usability of community facilities and buildings across the Borough.

The Borough Council established a 'cut off' date for new LIP applications of 31st July 2008. This date was established to ensure that as we are in the final year of the scheme, that we had sufficient time to appraise and prioritise projects before the end of the programme in March 2009. A number of projects have been received for consideration by the Borough Council. These are summarised below.

The Area 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. This level of resource is available for community organisations and partner Town and Parish Council's to bid for to fund a range of eligible project activity.

LIP Approvals to date in Area 5 Forum

Great Aycliffe Way	£162,991
Middridge Village Hall	£76,485
Woodham Community Centre	£25,200
Neville Parade Community Centre	£44,353
Neville Parade Methodist Church	£18,475
Simpasture Park Refurbishment	£89,245
Moore Lane Refurbishment	£25,089
Newton Aycliffe Sporting Club	£299,770
Total Approved to date	£741,608

Total Funding Remaining **£398,392**

LIP Applications Received

Aycliffe Village Hall *

St Oswalds Park *

LIP Funding Requested

£44,815

£134,740

NASSA Community Project	£100,000
Agnew Centre	£264,375
St Joseph Primary School	£62,527
Total Requested from LIP	£606,457

** Projects discussed at a previous area forum meeting*

Difference **+ £208,065**

The above table illustrates that we are over subscribed against the money remaining in the LIP Budget. This picture has been repeated across all other Area Forum Areas.

Project Proposals to be considered

Agnew Community Centre – Agnew Community Association

This project aims to replace the existing temporary wooden building with a new purpose built community centre. This facility would be a multi usage community building by having one main hall and one smaller meeting room. The applicant has stated that the facility would provide a variety of activities for the local community such as, youth club, after school drop in, dance music and drama sessions, healthy lifestyle courses, social events including tea dances. The applicant has also stated that by providing a new building with activities provided in consultation with the young people of the area would expect to see a reduction in anti-social behaviour. The applicant has applied for **£264,375** which is **100%** of the total capital costs

NASSA Community Project – Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters Association.

This project aims to provide a community facility by extending the existing scout hall. The complete project has been split into 3 phases of development and the first phase, which LIP funding has been applied for, will provide the central core of the project. This first phase will provide a production kitchen, able to provide meals for functions, a dining room/function hall, digital recording (music) studio, digital video/film/animation suite and digital photography and printing facility. The applicant has stated that the facility will provide an informal drop in centre, a daily lunch club, a credit union office, a job/careers club. The applicant has applied for **£100,000** which is **18%** of phase one total capital costs of **£557,000**.

To be able to take a project of this size forward within the LIP timescales, significant progress will have to be made securing the match funding necessary to implement the scheme.

St Joseph School Garden Project – St Joseph Primary School

This project aims to create an area suitable for community and school use which will be designed to inspire play activities, areas for quiet moments, nature area and growing area, fixed play equipment within a safe environment. The applicant has stated that the local residents groups are interested in participating in the partnership of the project. The applicant has applied for **£63,527** which is **100%** of the total project capital cost.

Projects already discussed at Area Forum

The following projects were discussed at previous Area Forums. Information on these projects has also been included in this report so that Area Forum can see projects aspirations against other projects already considered and supported by the Area Forum but not yet approved by Sedgefield Borough Council.

Aycliffe Village Hall- Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association

The aim of the project is to provide stage lighting and curtains, a glazed entrance feature and improved access to the Village Hall. The applicant has stated that the project will provide a facility to enable amateur theatrical group performances, a glazed entrance which would create additional space to be used for social activities including library, coffee club and social meeting space. The applicant has applied for **£44,815** which is **92%** of the total project capital costs.

St Oswalds Park

The aim of the project is to refurbish St Oswald Park. There are four areas, which, Great Aycliffe Town Council 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. The applicant has stated that the project will create a junior play area, an infant play area, formal garden area and picnic area. The applicant has stated that the project will provide a safe, dedicated facility parents/grandparents/carers and children up to the approximate age of 12 to use. The applicant has applied for **£134,740** which is **55%** of the total project costs.

Current Position

Given that the Local Improvement Programme is in it's final year of operation (3-year programme from April 2006 – March 2009), the Capital Programme Team, who manage LIP are keen to make progress on applications quickly given the timescales for decision making in the run up to the close of the scheme.

Next Steps

Given the amount of projects that have been submitted within the Area 5 locality and the available monies within the Local Improvement Programme for Area 5, the Capital Programme Team will now work in more detail with all applicants to discuss the impact and outcomes expected from the project and look at key issues such as local priorities and the deliverability of the overall project within the timeframe remaining for the LIP Programme. This will assist in the task of prioritising projects that will be taken through the decision making process of Sedgefield Borough Council.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the above list of projects and offers any comments about the projects in relation to priorities for the Area 5 locality and

how each project will meet local needs. Representatives from the projects will be available to answer questions if necessary.