

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AREA 5 FORUM**

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,
25 November 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.Cuthbertson	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G. C. Gray	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs I. Hewitson	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs H. J. Hutchinson	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs S. J. Iveson	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs E. M. Paylor	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M. Dixon	– Durham County Council
Councillor B. A. Clare	– Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor B. Hall	– Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. D.M. Raw	– Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke	– Middridge Parish Council
J.D. Clare	– Greenfield School
J. Rodwell	– Agnew Community Centre
R. Howe	– Sedgefield Tenants Housing Group
C. Cooper	– Member of the Public
S. R. Cooper	– Member of the Public
K. Dawson	– Member of the Public
M. Iveson	– Member of the Public
M. Topping	– Member of the Public

In

Attendance: A. Megginson and Mrs. G. Garrigan

Apologies: Councillor P. Gittins, JP., - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Haigh - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. Hogan - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Warburton - Sedgefield Borough Council

AF(5)14/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

AF(5)15/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2008 were confirmed as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

AF(5)16/08 POLICE REPORT
Members were disappointed that a representative from the Police had been unable to attend the meeting, especially as a number of residents from Eskdale Place were present to report the anti-social behaviour and criminal damage problems they were encountering in the area.

The problems related to a gang of young people, aged between 14 and 22 years, who were throwing stones at windows in the early hours of the morning, threatening to damage motor vehicles, consuming alcohol in the street, driving motorcycles without helmets and general rowdy nuisance behaviour.

It was pointed out that all of the incidents had been reported to the Police and it was understood that both the Police and the Council's Tenancy Enforcement Officers had operations in progress.

Members requested that a letter be sent to the Police requesting a meeting with residents to discuss the problems in Eskdale Place.

AF(5)17/08

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which gave an update on project activity in relation to Sedgfield Local Improvement Programme (LIP) (For copy see file of Minutes).

The Forum was reminded that Area 5 had been oversubscribed by £208,065 following the cut-off date of 31st July 2008 and consequently project activity had been prioritised to ensure that funding was targeted at projects that would have clear community outcomes.

It was noted that Cabinet at its meeting on 23rd October, 2008 had approved the application to support Agnew Community Centre.

With regard to the 3 non priority projects – St. Josephs Primary School, Aycliffe Village Hall and Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters Association it was noted that officers would work with the project sponsors to try and identify other sources of funding.

AGREED : That the information on the current position of the Local Improvement Programme within Area 5 be received.

AF(5)18/08

NAMING OF ACCESS ROAD SOUTH OF MILLENNIUM WAY AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services regarding a request received from Lidl UK GmbH to officially name the new access road serving its warehouse and distribution facility that were situated on land to the south of Millennium Way, Aycliffe Business Park. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AGREED : That the Forum supports the name of Riseburn Way for the access road south of Millennium Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

AF(5)19/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th January 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices.

AF(5)20/08

NHS COUNTY DURHAM

It was reported that the officer from NHS County Durham had been required to attend a meeting at Crook earlier that evening and therefore could not be present at Area 5 Forum from the start of proceedings.

Members agreed to close the meeting as they had no more business to discuss and to invite the representative from NHS County Durham to attend a future meeting of the Forum.

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