

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AREA 5 FORUM**

Town Council Offices,  
School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,  
10 March 2009

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
Councillor P. Gittins J.P.	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Haigh	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Warburton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Hall	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke	–	Middridge Parish Council

**Apologies:**

Councillor G.C. Gray	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. Hogan	–	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 V. Raw	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Mrs. B. A. Clare	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
J.P. Rodwell	–	Agnew Community Association

**AF(5)27/08      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were received.

**AF(5)28/08      MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(5)29/08      POLICE REPORT**  
It was explained that representatives from the Police force were unable to be present from the start of the meeting due to a previous commitment.

**AF(5)30/08      LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE REPORT**  
Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (for copy see file of Minutes) providing an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme.

The Forum was reminded that the purpose of the Programme was to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas. Resources were released to improve sites

and improve the useability of communities facilities and buildings across the Borough.

Area 5 Forum had been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. The Programme had been over-subscribed by some £208,065 at the cut-off date of 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2008.

Details were given of the projects which had been approved and their progress.

It was explained that most of the projects were now complete, work was ongoing in relation to Moor Lane refurbishment Newton Aycliffe sporting club and St. Oswalds park.

In respect of Agnew Centre a planning application had been submitted and it was anticipated that works could commence towards the end of March. Appreciation was shown for everyone who had taken part in the LIP Programme bringing forward various ideas and initiatives.

Agreed: That a letter be sent to the Local Improvement Programme Team expressing the Forum's appreciation of the work they had undertaken.

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