

AREA 4 FORUM

Tuesday,
17 April 2007
6.30 p.m.

Shildon Sunnydale
Leisure Centre

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 6th March 2007. (Pages 1 - 4)

4. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Shildon Police will attend the meeting to give a report of crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

5. COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A representative from County Durham PCT will attend the meeting to update on local health matters.

6. SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION

Arrangements have been made for an officer from the Councils Environmental Services to give a presentation regarding the above.

7. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

To consider the attached report outlining the proposed project: -

Technical Report – Bike Swop Shop & Repair/Hire Centre and Drop in Centre. (Pages 5 - 8)

8. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

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 notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed at the annual meeting of Council to be held on 18th May 2007.

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Chief Executive

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Shildon Sunnydale
Leisure Centre

Tuesday,
6 March 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor D.M. Hancock (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor J.G. Huntington	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.M. Smith	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. I. Jackson Smith	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Smith	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Acting Inspector S. Ball	–	Durham Constabulary
Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman	–	Durham County Council
E. Keller	–	Eldon Community Partnership
D. Pennington	–	Eldon Community Partnership
R. Scaife	–	Eldon Community Partnership
Councillor H. Robinson	–	Eldon Parish Council
J. Johnson	–	New Shildon Residents Association
C. Thompson	–	New Shildon Residents Association
D. Sadler	–	Nifty 50s
B. Carr	–	Shildon Community Safety
N. Carson	–	Shildon Community Safety
Councillor Mrs. L. Goldie	–	Shildon Town Council
Councillor M. Stott	–	Shildon Town Council
T. Seribetso	–	Town Crier
C. Hind	–	Local Resident

Apologies: Councillor G.M.R. Howe - Sedgefield Borough Council

L. Agar	–	Shildon Centre
C. Wood	–	Shildon Centre

AF(4)32/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

AF(4)33/06 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(4)34/06 POLICE REPORT
Acting Inspector S. Ball was present at the meeting to give statistics for the area.

The reported crime figures for January, 2007 were as follows: -

	<u>January, 2007</u>
Total Crime	92
Burglary (Dwelling)	1
Burglary (Other)	6
Violent Crime	18
Criminal Damage	43
Theft of Vehicle	3
Theft from Vehicle	8
Shoplifting	2
Total Theft	20
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour	98

Members of the Forum raised concern regarding the withdrawal of Community Officers and Crime Prevention Officers, whose responsibilities included school visits, liaising with youngsters and educating the community. It was explained that as a result of the financial situation of the Police Force a number of staff changes had to take place. Both positions had been disbanded with PCSOs taking on their responsibilities to ensure that officers continue to be seen and integrated, working within the community.

Discussion was held regarding traffic management. Specific problems, such as speeding, parking and congestion in the areas of Burnie Gardens and Sunnydale Road raised concerns from a number of residents. Acting Inspector S. Ball agreed with the concerns and would raise the issues with the Traffic Management Officer, Durham Constabulary. It was also suggested that yellow lines be introduced in certain areas of the town.

Questions were also raised regarding parking facilities, whether a number of loading bays, which were relatively unused, could be turned into short stay parking. It was explained that it was a Durham County Council Highways matter.

AF(4)35/06 COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

It was explained that the representative for County Durham Primary Care Trust was unable to attend and had submitted their apologies.

It was recognised that the PCT was going through a restructure, however concern was raised at the lack of attendance. It was hoped that a representative would attend future Forums.

AF(4)36/06 QUESTIONS

Dilapidated Buildings

With regard to dilapidated buildings in Shildon, it was pointed out that the matter was being dealt with by Sedgefield Borough Council Building Control.

Private Landlords Licence

Discussion was held regarding new licensing laws regarding Private Landlords. It was explained that the legislation would be rolled out to the Ferryhill and Chilton areas as a pilot to provide further powers to monitor and manage the landlords and their tenants. The Forum expressed support for the legislation.

AF(4)37/06**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

17th April, 2007 at 6.30 p.m. at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre.

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AREA 4 FORUM

17th April 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application – Technical Report - Bike Swop Shop & Repair/Hire Centre and Drop In Centre

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 4 Forum for their consideration and comments which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

The Area 4 Forum has been allocated £456,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £152,000 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £0 has been allocated to date. Additional capacity from 2006/2007 remains to be confirmed, and re-profiled into future years budgets.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Bike Swop Shop & Repair/Hire Centre, & Drop In Centre – Technical Report
- **Name of Applicant:** The Pilgrim Club
- **Legal Status:** Registered Charity
- **Date of Application:** 25th February 2007
- **Landlord:** Sedgefield Borough Council & National Railway Museum
- **Brief Description of Project:** The Pilgrim Club Bike Swop Shop is a project that seeks to develop a new centre on the current site of the Soho Goods Shed to a specification that will provide a dedicated workshop for the repair and refurbishment of bicycles, and a drop in centre for young people. The Pilgrim Club was set up to provide adventure and outdoor activities for young people between the ages of eight and eighteen.
- **Requested from LIP:** £9,000
- **Total Project Cost:** £9,000 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The Technical Report will provide The Pilgrim Club with a detailed specification and plans; costings of the

alterations to the building prior to planning consent; a detailed timetable for the project and any other associated costs.

- **ODPM Definition:**
The applicant has stated that the building, a former Goods Shed, on the site of Locomotion Shildon, is ineffectively used at present, and is limited in layout for the proposed use. This project will finance a Technical Report, which will lead to development of the building becoming more suitable to the needs of The Pilgrim Club.
- **Impact of the Project**
The applicant has stated that the changes to the building will enable the organisation to dramatically expand its activities to include the possibility of a Social Enterprise comprising of Bike Hire to visitors to the Museum and its locality. The alterations to the building will allow the Applicant to provide a workshop for the repair and refurbishment of bicycles and also a drop in centre for young people. This will enable them to expand and develop their activities with young people, providing a variety of skills that are helpful in gaining employment, independence, confidence, and social skills.
- **Evidence of need and community support:**
The Pilgrim Club Members have been actively involved in the inception of this project. A Children and Young Peoples Network Survey has taken place.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**
As highlighted previously, the applicants are applying for 100% of the overall Technical Report costs. The Technical Report will be undertaken by Sedgfield Borough Council's Property Services section.
- **Statutory Approvals:** Requirement of Planning Permission will be a major consideration addressed by undertaking the Technical Study.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**
By carrying out a Technical Report at this stage of the project will establish a full project cost for all elements of the scheme and inform the options available.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- Area 4 has been allocated a total of £152,000 for 2007/08 of which £0 has been allocated to date.
- The project proposal, and how it will meet the priority needs of the area 4 locality and the wider Borough.

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 Sedgfield Borough Council's decisions making process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 4:

In taking the above decision the Area Forum is requested to consider the implication of the funding level requested against the following projects that have been received for future determination by the Forum.

LIP Projects Approved

2006/2007 Allocation - Hackworth Park Tennis Courts. £34,999.

LIP Projects under development

Other applications received from Area 4:

No further applications have been received from the Area 4 locality at the present time.

The following projects are under development and no applications have been received to date. Once an application is received this project will be brought forward to the Forum for debate.

- Shildon Community Museum Limited – To renovate derelict buildings to form a community museum at East Thicklely Farm. No costs as yet.
- South West Durham Credit Union- To bring the derelict rear of the shop area into use to extend the facilities. No costs as yet.
- Shildon Centre – To refurbish the centre for more efficient and extended use. No costs as yet.
- Jubilee Community Centre – Extension to building. No costs as yet.

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