

AREA 4 FORUM

Tuesday,
22 April 2008

6.30 p.m.

Civic Hall,
Shildon

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 4th March 2008. (Pages 3 - 6)

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. SEDGEFIELD LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME APPLICATION - SHILDON PEOPLE'S CENTRE

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 10)

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

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 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.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed at annual meeting of Council.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
14th April 2008

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Civic Hall,
Shildon

Tuesday,
4 March 2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor B. Stephens (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor V. Chapman	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D.M. Hancock	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.G. Huntington	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Ms. I. Jackson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
D. Sadler	–	County Durham PPI Forum
Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman	–	Durham County Council
J. Johnson	–	New Shildon Residents Group
C. Thompson	–	New Shildon Residents Group
B. Carr	–	Shildon Community Safety Group
C. Fletcher	–	Shildon Community Safety Group
M. Waterson	–	Shildon Town Council
C. Jones	–	Seymour Trust/Fox and Hounds Community Inn
C. Hind	–	Local Resident
A. Walker	–	Local Resident

In

Attendance: G. Garrigan, L. Goundry, T. Olley and N. Woodgate

Apologies: Councillor G.M.R. Howe - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor H. Robinson - Eldon Parish Council

AF(4)24/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors V. Chapman, D.M. Hancock and J.G. Huntington indicated that they would be declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in Item No : 6 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme – Application – Replacement Bowls and Tennis Pavilion Technical Study as they were Members of Shildon Town Council.

AF(4)25/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the Police representative in attendance at the meeting being changed to read, "Sergeant G. Milne".

AF(4)26/07 POLICE REPORT

It was explained that the Police were not able to be represented at the meeting, however, they had provided details of the crime figures for January 2008 which were as follows:

Recorded crime	82
Violent Crime	15 (13 detected)
Robbery	0
Criminal Damage	33
Burglary (Dwelling)	5
Burglary (Other)	7
Vehicle Crime	7
Theft of Vehicle	3
Shoplifting	4
Total Theft	20
Nuisance/Anti Social Behaviour	38

AF(4)27/07 DOMESTIC ABUSE

Tracey Olly, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, was present to give a presentation on the above.

It was explained that the Government definition of domestic abuse was any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who have or have been in an intimate relationship or family members. Regardless of gender or age.

One in four women suffer from domestic abuse at one point in their life and on average two women a week die at the hands of their partner or ex-partner. One in six men suffer from domestic abuse and in 90% of the domestic violence situations, children were in the same or adjacent rooms. On average a woman is assaulted 35 times before she reported it to someone. The police receive a call about a domestic violence incident approximately every 60 seconds. The majority of the calls being made by children/neighbours.

Domestic violence costs society £23 billion per year. The figure included an estimated £3.1 billion at a cost to the state and £1.3 billion as a cost to employers.

It was explained that No. 31 and SODA (Survivors of Domestic Abuse) was a Women’s Centre developed in the Borough to provide information and support for victims of domestic abuse. The Centre offered a holistic approach to domestic abuse issues that including counselling, support groups, drug awareness and the Freedom Programme. The Centre was based at Silverdale House, Newton Aycliffe.

It was noted that most of the referrals came from the Police. It was explained that the Freedom Programme was a free 12 week rolling programme open to any woman who wished to learn more about the reality of domestic abuse. The Programme also helped women to gain self esteem and the confidence to improve the quality of their lives.

Specific reference was made to the refuge facilities that were available in the area and to the specialist emotional support available for children who have witnessed domestic abuse. It was noted that a childrens’ worker was

employed to work very closely with primary schools. Children were supported through play therapy and encouraged to express and explore their emotions to help understand their experiences more fully.

It was noted that there were three transitional houses in Sedgefield Borough at Ferryhill, Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor where people leaving a refuge could stay usually for 6 months until they obtained their own property or they found somewhere else to live/obtained a tenancy for another property.

Details were also given of the measures that had been taken to increase awareness of the service, which included:

- Posters in various locations
- Radio Interviews
- Stickers
- Bus campaigns
- Adverts in Yellow Pages
- Beer Mats

The Forum thanked Tracy for her very interesting presentation and it was requested that the Police when giving their report on crime figures should include details of the number of domestic incidents.

AF(4)28/07

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - REPLACEMENT BOWLS AND TENNIS PAVILION - TECHNICAL STUDY

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Member's Code of Conduct, Councillor V. Chapman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting.

Councillors D.M. Hancock and J.G. Huntington also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item, however, they remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.

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

M. Waterson, Clerk to Shildon Town Council was in attendance to present the application. It was explained that funding was being requested to carry out a technical study with a view to designing a new pavilion to replace the existing tennis/bowls pavilion in Hackworth Park.

It was proposed that the design of the new facility would include: baby changing facilities, toilet facilities, changing facilities for both bowlers and tennis players and a communal area. It would occupy approximately the same footprint as the existing building. The improvements in the facilities, linked to refurbishment of the tennis courts, would result in increased

participation in tennis and possibly outdoor bowls. The addition of a baby changing room/young persons facility would also result in extended visits to the adjacent play areas.

The pavilion would be available to support all ages and it was intended that the communal area could be made available on demand as a meeting place for relevant sports clubs and community groups. The total cost of the technical study was £17,250 and the amount of funding requested was £15,000 (87%). Shildon Town Council would provide the remaining funding.

Members of the Forum expressed concern regarding the condition of the bowling green and agreed to support the project, subject to the study looking at ways of bringing the bowling green up to a higher standard.

AF(4)29/07 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - FOX AND HOUNDS COMMUNITY INN

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

C. Jones, Seymour Trust/Fox and Hounds Community Inn, was in attendance to present the application.

It was explained that funding was being requested to carry out a technical study to investigate the options and costs associated with bringing back into use a series of unused buildings to the rear of the Fox and Hounds Community Inn, Shildon.

The technical study would cover an extension and refurbishment of the buildings to provide a meeting room and ancillary rooms.

The project aimed to attract 17 – 21 year olds to an exciting and meaningful programme of activities and would offer a thriving community facility.

The total project cost was £18,189 and the amount of funding requested was £15,000 (82%). The applicant would meet the additional costs.

Members of the Forum expressed concern regarding the short term lease (10 years) for the building, pointing out that the brewery company was not obliged to renew it at the end of the lease period. It was therefore agreed that officers carry out further investigations/appraisal of the application and report back to a future meeting of the Forum.

AF(4)30/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd April 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Shildon Civic Hall.

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Item 5

AREA 4 FORUM

22nd April 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Shildon People's Centre

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 4 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 4 Forum has been allocated £456,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £54,112 has been approved to date. Therefore, £401,888 is remaining for 2008/09, the final year of the Local Improvement Programme.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Refurbishment Programme
- **Name of Applicant:** Shildon People's Centre
- **Brief Description of Project:**
The project comprises of a refurbishment of the Shildon People's centre – this includes the installation of an external lift to enable easier access to the first floor, the erection of a 7m x 7m conservatory, kitchen refit, flooring / carpets, double glazing, new boiler & furniture for the cells and cafe. Activities which the centre aim to provide as a result include: Healthy eating courses, education courses, First Aid courses, youth activities, yoga, keep fit, mother and toddler, weight watchers, over 60's tea club, and cookery courses.
- **Requested from LIP: £100,803 (98%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £102,803**
- **Impact of the Project:**
The applicant has stated that the refurbishment of the centre is essential as they would like to offer a flexible service to meet the needs of local people and encourage new users to the centre to access a broader range of services. They have also stated that the wider impact will be: a reduction in anti-social behaviour as a result of improved provision for young people, improved health and well being through improved local access to information, advice, support and activities and greater access available to people with mobility problems. The project

aims to reduce social isolation, increase social inclusion, and increasing community engagement through increased participation.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has stated that an independent feasibility study was carried out between April and June 2006 involving over 450 residents of Shildon. The research demonstrated overwhelming local resident and agency support for services to continue and highlighted the needs which are being addressed within this project for improved facilities to support a wider range of community activities.

The applicant has stated that they have received numerous letters of support for refurbishment, small donations and an increase in volunteer time. They have also carried out a questionnaire with the young people of Shildon demonstrating how the refurbishment would greatly benefit.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to establish the detail of the lease arrangements and explore the links with other local community facilities in Shildon.

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

The total project cost is £102,803, of which the applicant has applied for £100,803 (98%). The applicant will meet the additional costs.

The issues of future financial sustainability of the centre will be considered during the full appraisal process.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Planning permission and Building regulation consent requirements are being explored.

The Shildon's People's Centre currently has a five year lease from Durham County Council, who owns the facility. The acceptability of the length of the lease given the requested investment will be further explored through the appraisal process.

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 4 locality.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to

resolve the above issues, and clarify any additional points raised through the Area Forum process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 4:

Under development

Vintage Vehicles Shildon Ltd. Technical Study

Projects endorsed by Area Forum and awaiting decision by SBC.

Pilgrim Club Technical Study requesting	£9,000
Shildon Civic Hall Stage Sound and Lighting requesting	£7,727

Projects Approved to date:

Hackworth Tennis Courts	£34,999
Shildon Scouts Memorial Field Technical Study	£4,113
Hackworth Park Pavilion Technical Study	£15,000

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