

AREA 4 FORUM

Tuesday,
23 September 2008
6.30 p.m.

Shildon Civic Hall

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 8th July 2008. (Pages 3 - 8)
- 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 BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY**
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 9 - 12)
- 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**
Tuesday 18th November 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
15th September 2008

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Shildon Civic Hall

Tuesday,
8 July 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
Councillor H. Robinson	– Eldon Parish Council
M. Brown	– Eldon Community Partnership
J. Gibson	– Eldon Community Partnership
Mrs. B. Peacock	– Eldon Community Partnership
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D. Pennington	– Eldon Community Partnership
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E. Keller	– Eldon Community Partnership
P. Sisson	– Eldon Community Partnership
Reverend R. Kalus	– St. Johns Church
J. Dawson	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
B. Fuller	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
B. Horner	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
C. Horner	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
V. Horner	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
K. March	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
E. Race	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
S.A. Taylor	– Jubilee Fields Community Association
J. Johnson	– New Shildon Residents Association
C. Thompson	– New Shildon Residents Association
B. Carr	– Shildon Community Safety
C.A. Fletcher	– Shildon Community Safety
H. Cole	– Shildon Mustard Seed Project
H. Nicholson	– Local Resident
C. Hind	– Local Resident
A. Walker	– Local Resident
C. Jones	– Vintage Vehicles Shildon Limited
J. Hutchford	– Vintage Vehicles Shildon Limited

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Attendance: Mrs. G. Garrigan and Mrs. L. Goundry

Apologies: Councillor G.M. R. Howe – Sedgefield Borough Council
D. Sadler – Shildon Resident

AF(4)1/08

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Stephens declared a prejudicial interest in Item 5b – Local Improvement Programme – Jubilee Fields Community Centre as he had been involved in drawing up the application.

Mrs. Betty Carr declared a prejudicial interest in Item 5c – Local Improvement Programme – Vintage Vehicle Museum as she was a member of the Vintage Vehicles Shildon Trust.

Councillors Hancock and Huntington declared personal interests in Item 5 – Local Improvement Programme – as they were members of Shildon Town Council. They reported that they intended to remain in the meeting but not to speak on any Town Council project.

AF(4)2/08

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(4)3/08

POLICE REPORT

It was reported that Acting Sergeant S. Brown was unable to attend the meeting, however, he had provided details of the crime figures for April 2008, which were as follows:

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>April 2008</u>	<u>April 2007</u>
All Crime	101	111
Violence against a Person	18	19
Sexual Offences	1	2
Robbery	1	0
Burglary (Dwelling)	6	7
Burglary (Other)	3	10
Criminal Damage	31	34
Theft from Vehicle	5	4
Theft of Vehicle	2	10
All Theft	35	33
Fraud/Forgery	1	1
Drugs Offences	2	1

Members noted that the Police were currently targeting motorcycles, youths causing annoyance in Hackworth Park and damage to the Railway Museum and had success with regard to all three. Arrests had been made in relation to the damage caused to the Railway Museum, large amounts of alcohol had also been confiscated and several motorcycle riders had been caught and reported.

AF(4)4/08

SEDGEFIELD LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY

The Forum considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which gave an update on project activity in relation to Sedgfield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme (LIP). (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that Area 4 Forum had been allocated £456,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009 and the following projects had been supported to date within the Area 4 locality:

Hackworth Tennis Courts	-	£34,999
Shildon Scouts Memorial Field – Technical Study	-	£ 4,113
Hackworth Park Pavilion – Technical Study	-	£15,000
Shildon Civic Hall Stage Sound and Lighting	-	£ 7,727
Total :	-	£61,839

It was pointed out that the Fox and Hounds Community Inn project had been rejected as it was not deemed appropriate to allocate LIP funding to the future development of a facility whose main use was as a public house.

With regard to the Shildon Scout Field Technical Study, it was noted that a land survey had been completed and a full application was now being worked up.

It was explained that the Pilgrim Club had been unable to identify suitable premises and therefore the application for funding for a technical study had been withdrawn.

With regard to the Shildon Peoples Centre application, it was noted that Durham County Council had been approached regarding extending the lease on the premises.

Members noted that the results of the Hackworth Park Pavilion Technical Study were expected shortly, which should result in a full project application being received from Shildon Town Council before 31st July 2008, the closing date for new applications.

AGREED : That the report be received and that further reports be submitted to the Area Forum as progress on particular projects is made.

AF(4)5/08

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - JUBILEE FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members' Code of Conduct Councillor B. Stephens declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of consideration of the item.

Councillor V. Chapman in the chair

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

E. Race was in attendance to present the application.

The project aimed to upgrade the Sports Hall and Lounge/Dining Rooms to enable the centre to become a viable enterprise through better utilisation of the existing space within the centre. The works would include the installation of a soundproof shutter within the dining area space, replacement of existing sports hall flooring with a multi-use flooring, installation of soundproof wall material and replacement of windows in the sports hall.

It was reported that £75,000 had been requested, which was 100% of the total cost, however, the Strategy and Regeneration division would work with the applicant to identify other possible funding streams for the project.

AGREED : That the application be supported.

Councillor B. Stephens in the chair.

AF(4)6/08

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME
APPLICATION - VINTAGE VEHICLE SHILDON MUSEUM**

Mrs. B. Carr left the meeting for the duration of consideration of the above item.

The Forum considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Chris Jones, Vintage Vehicles Shildon Limited was in attendance to present the application.

It was explained that the project aimed to improve the access to and within the site and to enhance the visitor experience of the Museum located on Dableduck Industrial Estate. The proposed works included the provision of accessible entry to the exhibition area, refurbishment of existing toilet area by providing baby changing and disabled toilet facility, refurbishment of the resource room, provision of internal interpretation material and reception area, along with provision of kitchen and catering facility.

The refurbishment of the Museum would offer substantial visual and operational improvements to the former industrial unit, as well as increased volunteering and training opportunities for the local community education value to local schools, heritage interest groups and regional special interest tourism.

The total project cost was £111,184, of which the applicant had applied for £67,125 (54% of the cost). The applicant would be applying for funding from other sources such as Heritage Lottery Fund and the Northern Rock Foundation.

Concern was expressed that the building and the collection were privately owned and not in public ownership. It was pointed out that the Chairperson and the landlord/owner had signed a permanence agreement

stating that a lease agreement for a period of at least 15 years for the building and collection would be executed before funding was granted. It was also pointed out that the governance of the museum was with a charitable trust.

It was reported that if Cabinet was minded to approve the application, a condition could be included on the approval document that the LIP funding could not be spent until match funding was available from other sources.

AGREED : That the application be supported.

AF(4)7/08

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME
APPLICATION - ELDON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Forum considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

George Pennington, Eldon Community Partnership was in attendance to present the application.

It was reported that Eldon Community Association was seeking funding to provide a community centre for the residents of Eldon Village to meet and participate in social, education and healthy activities. The building would be 25 feet x 40 feet and have an apex roof and car parking provision and be located on Borough Council owned land, which would be gifted to the community association.

The total project cost was £125,308, of which the applicant had applied for £115,308 (92% of the total cost). The remaining cost would be met by the local brickwork company who would donate all the bricks required and Neighbourhood Enhancement Programme monies would also be used as match funding.

It was noted that issues regarding the future financial sustainability of the centre would be considered during the full appraisal process.

AGREED : That the application be supported.

AF(4)8/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23rd September 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Shildon Civic Hall.

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Item 5

AREA 4 FORUM

23RD 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 4 Forum has been allocated £456,000 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

Hackworth Tennis Courts	£34,999
Civic Hall Lighting and Stage	£7,727
Jubilee Fields Community Centre	£75,000
Total Approved to date	£117,726

Total Funding Remaining **£338,274**

LIP Applications Received

Vintage Vehicles*
Sildon Peoples Centre*
Eldon Community Centre*
Sildon Railway Sports Field
Sildon Scout Memorial Field
Hackworth Park Play Area
Hackworth Park Pavilion Project
East Thickley Farm Project
Total Requested from LIP

LIP Funding Requested

£67,125
£34,487
£138,638
£209,220
£129,000
£106,647
£353,113
£100,000
£1,138,230

** Projects discussed at a previous area forum meeting*

Difference **+ £799,956**

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

Shildon Railway Sports Field Changing Facility – Shildon Railway Sports and Social Club.

This project aims to provide new changing facility to fulfil modern needs for all players, the present dressing rooms are too small and cannot handle present requirements regarding male, female junior and disabled sports people. The applicant has stated that the facility will attract more young people to take part in the offered sports. Improved facilities at the club would encourage increased membership and use of the facility thereby giving a longer lifespan to the club. The applicant has applied for **£209,220** which is **100%** of the total project cost.

Shildon Scout Memorial Field Building – Shildon Scout Memorial Field Trust

This project is to redesign the present toilet/changing facility, which will provide modern new changing facility and a small meeting area. This will create space for community activities such as meetings, youth activities, children play groups. The applicant has stated that the project would have a beneficial effect on the local community targeting mainly children, amateur football, scouts groups, voluntary organisation etc. The applicant has applied for **£129,000** which is **100%** of the total project cost.

Hackworth Park Extension of Play Facility – Shildon Town Council

This project aims to provide an extension of the range of opportunities for play by incorporating traditional fixed play, natural play and inclusive fitness equipment in an area that can be used by all ages. The applicant has stated that the targeted beneficiaries of the project are primarily the people of Shildon of all ages, however it is also anticipated that the unique opportunities created by this project will attract users from the surrounding areas. The applicant has applied for **£106,647** which is **82%** of the total project capital cost.

Hackworth Park Pavilion Project – Shildon Town Council

The aim of this project involves the replacement of the existing tennis/bowl pavilion in Hackworth Park with a new facility and is part of a larger overall scheme which also included the extension of the existing play area. The applicant has stated that it is proposed that the replacement bowl/tennis pavilion will include baby changing facilities to support the nearby under 5 year olds play area. In addition the replacement pavilion will provide a communal area which would have the potential to be utilised by participants and spectators alike. This communal area could also be made available, on demand, as a meeting space for relevant sports clubs and community groups. The applicant has applied for **£353,113** which is **100%** of the total project capital cost.

East Thickley Farm Project – Shildon Community Museum

The aim of this project is to provide a Community Museum on the site of East Thickley Farm. The applicant has stated that as the site was previously operated as a working farm, this will allow them to display the exhibits in a sympathetic setting, and to preserve two Dutch Barns. Together with the remaining farm outbuildings it will allow provision of a covered outside display area, equipment storage and various workshops, office/staff area, indoor display area, and tearoom, visitor reception and restrooms. The applicant has also stated that the effects of the museum are expected to be several new jobs, creation of new educational and training resource, facilitation of the maintenance of traditional skills, assist in the regeneration of Shildon by providing an additional attraction. The applicant has applied for **£100,000** which is **13%** of the total project capital cost. The applicant is also looking to secure a £650,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This has not yet been applied for.

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 Sedgfield Borough Council.

Vintage Vehicles

The project aims to improve access to and within the site and to enhance the visitor experience of the museum. The proposed works include provision of accessible entry to the exhibition area, refurbishment of existing toilet area providing baby changing and disabled toilets facility, refurbishment of the resource room, provision of internal interpretation material and reception area, along with provision of kitchen and catering facility. The applicant has applied for **£67,125** which is **54%** of the total project costs.

Shildon Peoples Centre

The project comprises of a refurbishment of the Shildon People's Centre – this includes the erection of a conservatory, installation of double glazing, refurbishment of kitchen/café area. The applicant has stated that activities which the centre aim to provide as a result would 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 club. The applicant has applied for **£34,487** which is **77%** of the total project costs.

Eldon Community Centre

The aim of this project is to provide a community centre for the residents of Eldon Village. The people of Eldon have no building to have meetings or hold events, therefore the provision of a community centre would provide a building

for all age groups of the community to meet and participate in social, educational and healthy activities. The applicant has stated that a new community centre would provide a building for members of the community to use the facilities provided. The centre plans to hold youth activities reducing anti-social behaviour and promote a healthier community. The applicant has applied for **£138,638** which is 87% of the total project costs.

Current Position

Given that the Local Improvement Programme is in its final year of operation (3-year programme from April 2006 – March 2009), the Capital Programme Team 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 4 locality and the available monies within the Local Improvement Programme for Area 4, 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 4 locality and how each project will meet local needs. Representatives from the projects will be available to answer questions if necessary.