

# Item 7

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Dean Bank and Ferryhill  
Literary Institute

Tuesday,  
21 June 2005

Time: 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. C. Potts (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Mrs. K. Conroy	– Sedgefield Borough Council
T.F. Forrest	– Sedgefield Borough Council
J.E. Higgin	– Sedgefield Borough Council
G. Morgan	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M. Errington	- Chilton Town Council
Councillor J. Lee	- Chilton Town Council
Mrs. J. Weston	- Dean Bank residents Association
Sergeant A. Green	- Durham Constabulary
Inspector K. Vincent	- Durham Constabulary
Councillor A. Denton	- Ferryhill Town Council
Dr. A. Learmonth	- Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
Mrs. S. Slaughter	- Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

**Apologies:**

B.F. Avery J.P.	– Sedgefield Borough Council
A. Hodgson	– Sedgefield Borough Council
B. Meek	– Sedgefield Borough Council
D.A. Newell	– Sedgefield Borough Council
R.A. Patchett	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Ms. M. Predki	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G. Porter	– Durham County Council

**AF(2)1/05      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members had no interests to declare.

**AF(2)2/05      MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**AF(2)3/05      POLICE REPORT**  
Sergeant K. Vincent and Inspector A. Green were present at the meeting to give details of the crime figures and local initiatives for the area.

Insp A. Green explained that he had recently taken up post to replace Insp Winship. He explained that he had been in service with Durham Constabulary for 15 years with an operational background.

It was reported that the crime statistics for the area were as follows: -

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Total No. of Crimes	103	156	99
Dwelling Burglary	5	12	7
Att. Burglary – Dwelling	0	3	2
Burglary – Other	7	8	8
Assaults	8	28	11
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	4	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	20	2	4
Attempted Thefts from Motor Vehicles	1	0	0
Theft – General	20	36	17
Drug/Substance Misuse	2	3	4
Criminal Damage	20	58	43
Youths Causing Annoyance	108	114	35
Motorcycle Complaints (Total 2003 – 43) (Total 2004 – 73)	20	16	4
Total No. Of Incidents	624	745	447
Total No. Of Arrest	52	30	46

The Forum was given details of a number of operations and initiatives that were ongoing throughout the area.

It was explained that a new PCSO had recently been appointed to assist the Beat Team and increase the numbers of patrols during the summer months to target any anti social behaviour.

Members were also informed of the procedures for holding events on the public highway. It was explained that there was strict legislation that needed to be followed. Organisers should consult with Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, Sedgefield Borough Council and a Traffic Management Company in order for the event to be carried out correctly and safely.

Members expressed concern at the criminal damage that had been caused to a number of allotments, greenhouses and newly planted trees around the area. Sgt Vincent explained that the matter was being looked into and that the Town Council was considering the development of an allotment watch.

Concerns were also raised regarding the number quad bikes that were being misused and what powers the police had. It was explained that the police would talk to the owners to deter them from using the bikes in public areas and that they also had powers to seize the bikes if their advice was not taken and registration documents were not provided.

Cards detailing the new non-emergency contact number for the police were distributed to the Forum.

**AF(2)4/05**

**SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Dr. A. Learmonth and Mrs. S. Slaughter were present at the meeting to provide an update on local health matters and performance figures.

Detailed discussion was held regarding the progression of the Health Care Centre at Chilton. The Chairman of the Forum informed Members that she had received a letter from G. Wills, Chairman of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust to assure the Forum that the Health Care Centre would be developed and was constantly being reviewed.

Mrs. S. Slaughter informed the Forum that funds had been released by the PCT in April to begin the process of purchasing the land, it was then agreed in May that the development was to be given the full go ahead and again reassured Members that the Centre would be developed at Chilton. It was also explained that a feasibility study would be taking place in July to be completed in September and would consider all aspects of the development. Once that was complete a Business Case would be implemented to progress the development further.

Members expressed concern at the length of time the development was taking, pointing out that there were still problems in making appointments with a doctor and that people were continuing to find it difficult if it was necessary for them to travel to Ferryhill.

Dr Learmonth gave a presentation detailing the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2004/05 'The Health and Wellbeing of People in Sedgefield.' Copies of which were distributed at the meeting.

The presentation gave details of the Structure of the report, its 4 main aims, new features, the agencies who contributed to the development of the report, local statistical information and the priority areas.

Dr. Learmonth distributed the Board Report, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2004 detailing performance figures, making specific reference to the problems in meeting the target for the ambulance response time. Questions were raised as to whether satellite navigation could be installed in the ambulances, and what ways local knowledge could be developed to aid in the response time improving. It was explained that all concerns and comments would be taken back to the relevant Officers at the PCT for consideration.

It was also explained that the Local Delivery Plan 2005/2008 had been agreed. More information would be brought to the next meeting.

Detailed discussion was also given to ways of improving services, the practice based commissioning service, the progress of the Integrated Teams and the investment that had been made in developing the services for those suffering from mental health problems.

**AF(2)5/05      Local Strategic Partnership - Appointment Of Board Members and 'Alternate'**

Consideration was given to a letter from the Local Strategic Partnership Board. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was agreed that Councillor A. Hodgson would continue to represent the Area 2 Forum at the Local Strategic Partnership Board and Councillor G. Morgan would continue in post as the alternate for the Area 2 Forum.

**AF(2)6/05      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 6.30 p.m. at West Cornforth Community Centre.

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