

Item 7a

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Trimdon Colliery Working
Mens Club

Wednesday,
7 January 2009

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor T. Ward (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillor D. Chaytor – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Howvells – Sedgefield Borough Council
J. Irvine – Fishburn Parish Council
Sergeant B. O'Connor – Sedgefield Police
Councillor Mrs. M. Brown – Sedgefield Town Council
Councillor D. Waters – Sedgefield Town Council
Sergeant B. O'Connor – Sedgefield Police

In

Attendance: G. Cooper (Sedgefield Borough Council)
Mrs. L. Walker (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies: Councillor J. Burton – Sedgefield Borough Council
D.R. Brown – Sedgefield Borough Council
J. Burton – Sedgefield Borough Council
J. Robinson J.P – Sedgefield Borough Council
Ms. J. Mann – Sedgefield Community College
Mrs. L. Swinbank – Sedgefield Town Council
Mrs. A. Oliver – Sedgefield Resident

AF(3)16/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(3)17/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(3)18/08 POLICE REPORT
Sergeant B. O'Connor was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics in the area.

It was reported that crime statistics during the period 13th November 2008 to 2nd January 2009 were as follows :-

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>Sedgefield :</u>	<u>Fishburn :</u>	<u>Trimdon Village :</u>	<u>Trimdon Grange/ Station :</u>
Burglary (Dwelling)	5	0	0	0
Burglary (Other)	1	1	2	0
Theft	6	3	1	2
Criminal Damage	12	3	7	5
Assault	5	2	2	0
Vehicle Crime	4	1	0	2
Violence Against a Person	0	0	0	2
Total Incidents reported	286	88	81	54

Reference was made to the increase in dwelling house burglary in Sedgefield. It was explained that houses left in darkness over the festive period had been targeted. Police advice was to leave lights switched on when leaving your property empty on an evening.

Reference was made to neighbourhood priorities. It was explained that continued Police patrols had reduced reported incidents at the following neighbourhood priority locations:-

- St. Edmunds Churchyard/Wykes Close, Sedgefield
- Play Park Maughan Terrace/Butterwick Road, Fishburn
- Church Road/Library, Trimdon Village
- Trimdon Colliery Community Centre, Trimdon Colliery

With regard to anti-social behaviour at Trimdon Colliery Community Centre it was highlighted that although street lighting had improved there were still incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, especially at the rear of the garages at Peel Avenue. It was pointed out that a number of these garages were vacant.

Sergeant O'Connor brought to the Forum's attention that neighbourhood priorities would no longer be discussed at Area Forums. Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings would now take place on a monthly basis. These meetings provided members of the public with the opportunity to speak with local neighbourhood police teams in order to highlight their concerns/issues about the village they live in. The meetings would be publicised with a press and poster campaign.

Although attendance at the first PACT meeting, which had been held that evening, had been extremely poor it was hoped that attendance at future meetings would improve.

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LEISURE PROVISION IN THE RURAL EAST OF THE BOROUGH

G. Cooper, Youth Sports Development Officer, was present at the meeting to discuss leisure provision in the rural east of the Borough.

It was explained that the Sedgefield Sports Forum had carried out an exercise identifying what leisure provision there was available in the east of the Borough. A timetable identifying what leisure activities were provided at each village was circulated to the Forum. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was pointed out that although a wide range of activities were available children under the age of 5 years were not targeted as a result of more stringent regulations.

The timetable of activities would be published on the Internet in the near future.

Detailed discussion took place in relation to how leisure activities were publicised. It was explained that unless specific initiatives were ongoing local schools were not contacted regarding leisure activities. The need to work with local schools was therefore emphasised.

Reference was made to the areas where there was limited leisure provision. It was explained that gaps in leisure provision would be addressed through the Sports Forum. The purpose of the Sports Forum was to bring people providing activities together in order to make improvements and avoid duplication.

Concern was expressed that a number of ongoing activities were not identified on the timetable. It was explained that Leisure Services and the Sports Forum relied on people providing relevant information.

It was explained that if Sedgefield Borough Council or the Sports Forum received details of any club providing leisure activities, the activities would be included on the timetable of activities and a representative from the club would be invited to attend meetings of the Sports Forum.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25th February 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.

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