

Item 9i

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Shildon Civic Hall,

Tuesday,
3 March 2009

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 Ms. I. Jackson – Sedgefield Borough Council
PC Mughal – Durham Constabulary
J. Johnson – New Shildon Residents Association
C. Thompson – New Shildon Residents Association
D. Saddler – Shildon Nifty Fifties
C. Hind – Shildon Resident
H. Nicholson – Shildon Resident
A. Walker – Shildon Resident

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

AF(4)1/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

AF(4)2/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(4)3/08 POLICE REPORT
PC Mughal was present to provide details of crime statistics and initiatives taking place in the area.

The reported crime figures for December 2008 and January 2009 were as follows:

	DECEMBER	JANUARY
All Theft	20	34
Burglary Dwelling	13	7
Burglary Other	3	9
Theft of a Vehicle	0	2
Theft from a Vehicle	8	8
Fraud	2	0
Robbery	0	0
Criminal Damage	39	30
Drug Offences	1	1
Assaults	11	8

It was reported that Neighbourhood Policing Priorities were discussed at the Police and Community Together meetings. (PACT). The next PACT meetings were scheduled for:

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| Thickley | - 10 th March 2009 at 6.30 p.m. at Jubilee Fields Community Centre |
| Byerley | - 18 th March 2009 at 6.30 p.m. at Shildon Civic Hall |
| Sunnydale | - 18 th March 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at Shildon Civic Hall |

It was explained that the meetings would be attended by a representative from the Neighbourhood Policing Team and individual neighbourhood priorities would be discussed. All members of the community were welcome to attend.

Concern was expressed regarding the number of motorists speeding through Eldon and the fact that there had been a number of accidents lately which had resulted in three horses being killed. It was requested that the problem be considered prior to the new community centre at Eldon coming into operation. PC Mughal reported that he would refer the matter to Michael Straugheir, Traffic Management, Durham Constabulary.

Concern was also expressed regarding the number of motorists in Shildon parking on double yellow lines.

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - OVERVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which gave an update on project activity in relation to the Sedgefield Local Improvement Programme (LIP) (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was noted that Cabinet had considered all the project applications received from the Area 4 Forum locality and funding had been allocated accordingly.

The Forum's attention was drawn to the table detailed on the front page of the report which gave the position to date.

It was pointed out that although the application process for the Local Improvement Programme was closed, officers would continue to support the groups who had received grant funding to implement the projects and monitor the intended outcomes to ensure that the targets outlined in the application were met.

Officers would also work with the sponsors of projects who had been unsuccessful to try and secure additional external grant monies.

The Forum thanked the officer for the support given by the Regeneration Section to all project sponsors.

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CHAIRMANS APPRECIATION

Councillor B. Stephens thanked all Members of the Forum for their attendance at meetings and hoped that the Area Action Partnership would continue the good work for the benefit of the residents of Sildon.

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