

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **January**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT of the **Council** held following the Environment committee meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 17th January 2011.**

- Present** **Cllr. M. Robinson (Chairman)**
Cllr. M. Brown (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, N. Dunn, S. Green, J. Robinson, I. Sutherland,
S. Sutherland
- Officer** L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

Before the meeting started the Chair, Cllr. Maxine Robinson asked all to stand in memory of ex. Councillor Ruth Needham who has recently died.

1. Apologies

Cllrs. D. Waters, T. Jeanes, S. Hannan

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

None - on agenda.

4. Reports

4.1 Play Areas – Working Party Report

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the Working Party meeting which had met for the first time on Friday 14th January. The remit of the group is to identify a formulae on long term plan for the play areas and as a first step look to provide an exercise circuit on the Eden Drive Play Area.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.2 Mediaeval fayre

The Clerk gave a report on the meeting held on Wednesday 12th January which she attended on behalf of the Town Council.

The issues affecting the Town Council are:

a) **Use of the greens**

RECOMMENDED

To allow use of the greens as is normal practice. A charge of £100 is levied.

b) **Hire of Skip and street cleansing**

RECOMMENDED

The Town Council to contribute to the Fayre by arranging and paying for the skip hire and street cleansing for the fayre.

c) **Hire of the Parish Hall**

RECOMMENDED

The Fayre to hire the Parish Hall – main hall for St. John’s Ambulance and other Activities – as is normal practice.

4.3 Neighbourhood Wardens

The Clerk gave the report on the meeting held with Mark Fallen re the above.

In particular it was stressed that in order for our Neighbourhood warden – Mr. Tim Spearey be deployed into Sedgefield – there needs to be the backup of complaints etc. As a result it is important that all problems/ complaints etc. are rung through to DCC to their Customer Services (0300 123 7070)

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5. Correspondence

5.1 Sports Strategy Consultation

RECOMMENDED

Cllrs. M. Robinson, M. Brown and the Clerk to attend the event at Ferryhill Leisure Centre on Monday 28th February

6. Civic & Mayors Events

a) **Farmers Xmas Market**

RECOMMENDED

To arrange a meeting of stall holders and the Round Table to discuss arrangements for 2011

b) **Coach Trip**

RECOMMENDED

To arrange the Coach trip to York in the summer and ask those who buy tickets where they would like to gin in the winter.

c) Sedgefield has Talent

The Clerk circulated and gave details of the Action Plan for the above. This is being held on Friday April 1st in the Parish hall and is open to all living in Sedgefield to come and take part.

7. Notice Boards

Cllr. John Robinson said SCA would like to provide a brighter notice board at the entrance to Ceddesfeld and also for space on the existing board outside the library.

RECOMMENDED

STC have no objections to this

9. Bowling Green

Cllr. Allan Blakemore gave a detailed report on progress on the recent meeting with Geoff Hughes.

RECOMMENDED

- i) Geoff Hughes to advise DCC that the lease will be between the Cricket Club and County Council**
- ii) Geoff Hughes to seek prices for the feasibility study and also meet the planners on site**
- iii) To deliver a letter to the residents in the bungalows adjacent to the cricket field**
- iv) To re-affirm the Council's support in principle for the Bowling Green and that Geoff Hughes now proceeds to planning permission**

10. Derek Bus

Cllr. John Robinson gave details of the Derek Bus.

This will be in Sedgefield on Saturday evenings between 4 – 6 pm. It has been funded through Neighbourhood Enhancement of Cllr. John Robinson.

It was suggested it be sited on the turning circle.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

11. Christmas Lights

RECOMMENDED

It was agreed to seek funding and prices for additional trunking and lighting on additional trees.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.