

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **MARCH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** of the **Council** held
following the Environment committee meeting in the
Council Offices, Advice & Information Centre,
Sedgefield, on
Monday 21st March 2011.

Present **Cllr. M. Robinson (Chairman)**
Cllr. M. Brown (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllrs. P. Bodo, A. Blakemore, D. Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan, J. Robinson, I.
Sutherland, S. Sutherland, R. Taylor, D. Waters

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. T. Jeanes, J. Robinson (late)

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Invitation to AAP

The Clerk gave apologies from Colin Steele and Jane Bellis who indicated that they are very happy to come to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and invite Mr. Steele and Miss Bellis to the meeting in April

3.2 Christmas Lights

The Clerk explained difficulties in applying for funding for the trenching for the new lights.

RECOMMENDED

To take this to P & R

3.3 Bowling Green

The Clerk informed Members that she had contacted the Cricket Club and Geoff Hughes re a joint meeting and had been advised that it would be of benefit to await further information from Mr. Geoff Hughes before arranging a date for this.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and await further information from Mr. Hughes before arranging a meeting

4. Reports

4.1 Youth Council

No report was given

4.2 Grants/Projects Update

Information was circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.3 Farmers Christmas Market

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting to discuss ideas proposed / proposals for replacing the Town Council's involvement with the Christmas Market and suggestion of establishing a Market (free of charge for stallholders) on the Sunday of the Music Festival in September. This would include music and would be widely advertised. The Clerk informed Members that Joan Edmundson and the Music Festival are happy with this.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information and to arrange accordingly

4.4 Sedgefield Together

Cllr. Sue Hannan gave details of the recent open meeting at the school. However, she expressed disappointment that the Sedgefield News did not advertise the event in the Sedgefield News.

The next meeting will focus on health and will include the local GPs, Sedgefield Borough Homes, PCT and Acute Trust.

4.5 Play Areas

A report was given on the Working Party Group which met immediately before this meeting. This was attended by Cllrs. Maxine Robinson (Chairman), Cllr. May Brown

(Vice-Chairman), Cllrs. Dudley Waters, Norman Dunn, Ian Sutherland, Sheila Sutherland, Allan Blakemore and the Clerk.

The purpose of the meeting had been to confirm funding applications being made to CAVOS, Sedgefield Borough Homes and the AAP in regard of funding for the proposed outdoor exercise area on Eden Drive.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **It was agreed that the short, medium and long term plan for the Play Areas in Sedgefield would include for the short to medium term outdoor exercise area and additional children's play equipment and in the long term the possibility of a skateboard park**

5. Correspondence

5.1 Planning an event in 2011

Information has been received from the Safety Advisory Group.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5.2 Letter: Mr. Dave Emmerson – Youth Services

A letter has been received from Mr. Dave Emmerson who is about to retire and expressing his thanks to all who he has worked with in Sedgefield over the years.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5.3 Age Concern Class: Parish Hall

A request has been made by Age Concern for STC to take over the Pilates and Dancing to Music Classes in the Parish Hall due to Age Concern losing funding.

RECOMMENDED

To agree to this in principal subject to insurance, health and safety etc.

5.4 Mediaeval Fayre Committee

The Clerk informed Members that she will attend the above on Wednesday and asked for clarification on the catering arrangements. It was confirmed that Sedgefield in Bloom are happy to take over the catering in Ceddesfeld Hall in partnership with the Mediaeval Fayre committee.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **The Clerk to report this to the Mediaeval Fayre committee the following Wednesday**

5.5 Sedgefield Has Talent

This has now been cancelled due to lack of sale of tickets.

6. Civic & Mayors Events

Information had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

7. Harriers

Information had been circulated to all re a proposed running track at the College.

RECOMMENDED

To invite the Harriers to a meeting in April at 6.30 pm before the Community Development committee

8. Luncheon Club

Cllr. John Robinson gave details of funding which has been made available for a Luncheon Club possibly at the Hardwick Arms.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

9. Leisure Centres: Questionnaire

A questionnaire re the closure of the centres had been received. The Chairman, Cllr. Maxine Robinson asked everyone to go online and fill in their own individual questionnaires and return these accordingly.

RECOMMENDED

- i) To fill in a questionnaire and return it accordingly**
- ii) To place the closure of the Coxhoe Leisure Centre on the April Monthly meeting**

9. DCC Transport Fund

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ian Henry from Durham County Council Transport. Mr. Henry gave details of the DCC Local Sustainable Transport Fund and in particular changes and how Durham County Council can access funding for transport from Central Government. Presently DCC are working with Darlington on this as a joint bid and he gave details in particular of the benefits of energy saving transport systems and alternatives.

The funding from the LSTF is directed at revenue i.e. publicity information and directed at cycle ways, public transport and the reduction in carbon omissions. DCC is also working to implement electric vehicles and charging points and the

possibility of having such in Sedgefield.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Henry for coming along to the meeting.

RECOMMENDED

To write a letter of support to DCC and the LSTF in their application for the overall bid

10. DRCC Visit to Prudhoe

Details of this had been circulated to all.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

11. Legal Worker: Accommodation

Cllr. John Robinson said that this has now been sorted out and will be at Ceddesfeld Hall.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

12. Repairs to Play Equipment

The Clerk gave details and the costings of £945 to repair the “springy” at Eden Drive.

RECOMMENDED

To remove this piece of equipment

13. Twinning Coffee Morning

The Clerk informed Members that there will be a twinning visit from Germany in April. The Mayor, Cllr. Allan Blakemore said a request had been made by the Twinning Association for the Town Council to host a coffee morning as part of this.

RECOMMENDED

To approach the Dun Cow to provide scones and coffee on Monday 9th May – maximum cost £100

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8 p.m.