

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the meeting of the **JULY**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held in the **Council**

Offices, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday**

21st July, 2008.

Present **Cllr. Maxine Robinson (Chair) and**
Cllrs. S. Sutherland, I. Sutherland, T. Jeanes, J. Robinson, H. Clifford-Brown,
N. Dunn, M. Brown

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, M. Garrod, S. Hannan, D. Waters, D. Brown

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Youth Council

The Chair, Cllr. Maxine Robinson welcomed Jessica Saddler from the Youth Council. The Chair explained that representatives from the Youth Council are to attend each Community Development committee meeting to give the Youth Council's perspective on issues affecting Sedgefield and the local community.

Matters raised included: -

- Low branches and problems about uneven stones on the Cross Hill
- Youth Events including the school disco
- Youth Questionnaire
- Transport re bus passes to allow young people to visit surrounding towns
- The Mobile Movies scheme
- Skate Park – various sites to be considered

Jessica was thanked by Members for attending and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would prepare a report sheet for the Youth Council to use to report general problems rather than these be brought to a full committee meeting.

4. Matters of Information

None

5. Reports

5.1 Review of the Town Plan / Community Appraisal

The Chair, Cllr. Maxine Robinson said that unfortunately Lindsay Nicholson from DRCC had been unable to attend the Planning for Real Exercise which had been scheduled for the previous week. However, a meeting had been held with Bridie Casey, Carly Hind (from RPS), together with herself the Town Clerk and Community Development Officer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how RPS, who have been commissioned by SBC, can help with the Planning for Real exercise to produce a revised Town Plan.

As a result of this meeting it has been agreed to have two workshops in the Parish Hall – to invite the Youth Council and representatives from the Guide/Scouts to attend and which will be used to make the basic model which will be then used for the Planning for Real exercise and then form the basis for the consultation.

The Clerk said that it is important to have a qualified Youth Worker present and that this is now being arranged.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

5.2 Christmas Lights

The Clerk gave details of the prices which the Community Development Officer Angela Simpson had obtained from both DCC and Blachere. These amounted to: -

Ground Works for new lighting on Front Street and Rectory Row would cost £9039 (this does not include road closures) and new lighting strands would be approximately £200 each.

RECOMMENDED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) The Clerk to obtain a breakdown of the Durham County Council costs and to bring these back to the next meeting**

5.3 Community Appraisal

Covered as above

5.4 Cycle Tour of Britain (Milk Race)

Cllr. John Robinson gave details of the above which will pass through Sedgfield on Friday 12th September at about 10.50 am.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

6. Correspondence

None

7. Market

Cllr. John Robinson confirmed that the next meeting of the Tourism Group will be on 31st July at 2 pm and that this will include information/discussion on: -

- Tourism Strategy
- Tourism Centre
- Market
- Heritage Centre
- Tourism Information Centre
- Winter Festival

RECOMMENDED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) The Clerk to email all Members with details of the meeting**

7. Sedgefield Rugby Club: Station Road Field

The Chair welcomed Richard Warrand together with another three members from the Sedgefield Rugby Club. The Chair explained that a request had been made by the Rugby Club to come and speak to the Town Council particularly re their use of the Station Road Playing field for their winter matches. These would amount to 8 / 10 games over the season which lasts from September to April. It was explained that the club will continue to train / practice at the Community College however with the redevelopment of the College and there is no guarantee that there will be a permanent pitch available for them after the BSF programme is completed and that there will not be a facility whilst the process is being undertaken.

It was explained that the Sedgefield Rugby Club are working closely with the Cricket Club and have been in touch with the English Rugby Board to look at various sites where a new Rugby pitch can be developed and this will be needed from September 09. Whilst land adjacent to the Cricket Club would be ideal – at the moment there are issues re the historic parkland and an alternative could be Station Road field although there needs to be some drainage works etc.

RECOMMENDED

- i) The Council in principle support the Sedgefield Rugby Club in looking to develop a new pitch. Whilst negotiations are taking place with DCC re land adjacent to the Cricket Club the Town Council were in agreement with the preliminary investigation work being undertaken by the Sedgefield Rugby Club re the Station Road Playing field.**
- ii) It was suggested to the Rugby Club that they carry out their own publicity / marketing in order to keep all of the community informed of their ideas and**

plans.

The Chair thanked the Members from the Rugby Club for attending.

8. Events

The Clerk confirmed that a list of the various community events would be circulated for discussion at the September Community Development committee meeting.

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