

# **SEDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **July COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** of the **Council** held following the Environment committee meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgfield, on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009**.

**Present**            **Cllr. M. Robinson (Chairman) and**  
Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan, J. Robinson, I. Sutherland, S. Sutherland, D. Waters.

**Officer**            L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk) – apologized for not attending. S. Hannan clerked meeting.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllrs. M. Brown, M. Garood, R. Taylor.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

None

### **3. Matters of Information**

#### **3.1 Revision of Town Plan**

The revision of the Town Plan is ongoing.  
Residents to be encouraged to hand in any returns.

#### **3.2 Additional Post Boxes – Queens Drive**

This has been refused and it would need more vans, impact on the environment etc.

#### **3.3 Post Box Collections**

An apology for change in collection times but this is to tie in with overall policies for Mail Sorting Centres.

### **4. Reports**

#### **4.1 Youth Council**

The Youth Council didn't meet because it was 'Youth enrichment week'. Next meeting is at 3.30pm –on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September. Recent youth meeting liked the Sedgfield Together group and wish to be informed of the meetings.

#### **4.2 Residents' Forum Minutes**

The Clerk had circulated these to members' by e-mail.

Responses had been put together for information. An article had been placed in Sedgefield News identifying what 106 monies were and how they are used.

It was noted that the Sedgefield Extra is not getting to every household and on a positive note that the village looked lovely for the summer.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

- i. STC enquire what's happening with Delivery Company for Sedgefield Extra**
- ii. Congratulations go to gardeners, Stephen Young and Norman Willis on the excellent pots / tubs in the village**
- iii. Landscape & Character plan- is considered during the Environment Agenda in September**

#### **4.3 Pop in & Paint / Drop in & Draw**

Residents of Thurlow Grange had been enjoying some painting sessions with Angela Simpson during off duty time. Based on the interest shown in this private venture, a touring drop in arts session is proposed to encourage residents to join a taster arts session.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**STC offer Project Officer time for a short period, based upon good response from Thurlow pilot, with full report of the project to be presented to council, detailing uptake, cost etc.**

Thurlow Art Group is looking for support to help in purchasing art materials.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**The Group writes into council requesting assistance. Letter awaited**

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#### **4.4 November Fireworks Display**

Reminder of it being held on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **5.1 Co Durham Sports Awards**

Information on the County Durham Sports Awards had been received.

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**Details to be circulated via local sports groups and the Residents' Forum database**

#### **5.2 Sad death of Cllr Fleming's wife notified**

##### **RECOMMENDED**

**It was suggested that Council sends a card**

### **6. Events: Progress Report**

**6.1 Civic Service – 5<sup>th</sup> July –**

It was an excellent service by a very good young Minister.

**RECOMMENDED**

**A letter of thanks to be sent**

**6.2 Quiz – 30<sup>th</sup> October**

All are welcome – to be held in Ceddesfeld Hall.

**6.3 Mayor's Ball**

Date set for 5<sup>th</sup> March – arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time

**6.4 Carol Service and Cheese and Wine**

Date confirmed as 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**7. Request for a baby swing at Winterton Park Play Area**

Cllr N. Dunn reported that it seemed worthwhile – certainly necessary as very little apparent for small tots / junior children.

**RECOMMENDED**

**DCC be requested to add extra swings, including those for babies as part of S106 Agreement at Winterton.**

**Eden Drive Playground**

Damaged swing has been removed but not yet replaced.

**RECOMMENDED**

**STC to pursue with DCC for replacement.**

**8. Play builder Programme**

**RECOMMENDED**

**To support application for equipment**

**9. Christmas Lights / Snow Parade**

**RECOMMENDED**

**Project Officer, Angela Simpson to look at costings for additional lighting etc plus a 2009 Snow Parade**

**10. Planning Application: 7/2009/0239/DM**

Details as attached

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