

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **October**
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT of the **Council** held at 7
pm in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information
Centre, Sedgefield, on
Monday 19th October 2009.

Present **Cllr. Maxine Robinson (Chairman)**
Cllr. May Brown (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, S. Hannan, J. Robinson, S.
Sutherland, D. Waters,

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. T. Jeanes, R. Taylor

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Revision of Town Plan

The Clerk reported that this is now ongoing and the Sedgefield Together Steering Group are meeting on Monday night to bring forward the results of the discussions held at the open meeting of the Sedgefield Together Partnership in September.

3.2 Christmas Lights

The Clerk brought to the meeting prices for additional works for the Christmas lights. These had been received from Blachere and Brownfield. In addition a costing of £3,100 had been received from Ferryhill Town Council for putting up and taking down the lights.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **The accept in principle the cost from Ferryhill Town Council for £3,100 for putting up and taking down the lights**
- ii) **The Chair and Vice-Chairman to meet with the Clerk to agree the**

pricing of the lighting of the additional trees as agreed at a previous meeting

4. Reports

4.1 Youth Council

A meeting had not been held.

4.2 Residents' Forum Minutes

The minutes have not been received as yet from the Residents' Forum.

4.3 Bowling Green

Cllr. John Robinson informed Members that the meeting to discuss the possibility of a Bowling Green next to the Cricket Field is on 28th October.

4.4 Sedgefield Together

Cllr. Sue Hannan gave a brief report on the full partnership meeting which was held in September. She said that it had been quite well attended and very productive.

4.5 Sedgefield 700

The minutes had been circulated. It was agreed to post pone the November meeting until 5th January.

4.6 Grants/Projects Update

Information had been circulated.

4.7 AAP

Some concerns were again expressed about the lack of information re grant funding from the AAP. The Clerk confirmed that she had sent an email to Jane Bellis some time ago and whilst she had been advised that there were no application forms for funding, nevertheless there are now examples of funding projects being discussed by the AAP Board.

RECOMMENDED

To write to Gordon Elliott – copy to Cllr. Brian Stephens expressing disappointment that expectations have been raised about the role of the AAP and in particular the funding and asking what mechanisms are now in place for applications to be made

5. Correspondence

5.1 Eden Drive Play Area

Information had been received from Durham County Council re repairs to the Eden

Drive Play Area. The Clerk reported that the additional cost of the repairs is £72 and she had accepted this on behalf of the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED

To have these repairs carried out as soon as possible

6. Civic & Mayors Events

These had been circulated on the information sheet.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

In addition the Clerk said that there will be a special edition of the Sedgefield Extra to be circulated late November giving details of the Christmas events.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

7. Market Cross

The Clerk reported that the Sedgefield 700 group had been discussing a possible sculpture as part of the Sedgefield 700 celebrations. This in principle had been agreed by that group to have a Market Cross and design details were awaited from David Edwick, Sculptor. Some concerns were expressed by Members of the Town Council about the siting of this and various suggestions were made including opposite the Social Club on Rectory Row as part of the new planting scheme and on the Cross Hill.

RECOMMENDED

To await the design from David Edwick and this to be discussed by both the Sedgefield 700 Group and the Town Council when it was hoped that an agreement would be made on the design and siting

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