

SEDGFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING** of the Council held at
7 p.m. in Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgfield,
on Monday 10th December, 2007.

Present **Cllr Dudley Waters (Chairman)**
 Cllr. Tim Jeanes (Vice-Chairman) and
 Cllrs D Brown H. Clifford-Brown, S. Hannan, I Sutherland,
 S. Sutherland, J Wayman

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, R. Taylor, J Robinson, M Robinson, M. Garrood, N Dunn

2. Declaration of interest

Cllrs. D. Brown, J Wayman - Planning

3. Police Report

The Chair, Cllr. Dudley Waters welcomed Sgt Brian O'Connor who proceeded to give the Police report and answer all questions from Members.
Sgt. O'Connor was thanked by the Chair and then left the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 12th November 2007

These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, (SH, IS)

Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 12th November 2007

These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. (DE, TJ)

Minutes of the Environment meeting held Monday 19th November 2007

These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, (SH, DE)

Minutes of the Community Development meeting held Monday 19th November 2007

These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair (IS, DB)

RESOLVED

To accept all of the minutes as above and recommendations contained therein.

5. Matters of Information

None

6. Dates of Meetings

The meetings for the forthcoming month had been circulated

RESOLVED: To accept the dates

7. Other Reports

7.1 Planning: Hardwick Park: SBC

A copy of the SBC report regarding Hardwick Park conservation area boundary had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.2 Residents Forum Minutes

The Minutes from the meeting on Monday 26th November had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the minutes

7.3 Meeting of Sedgefield District Local Council Clerks

The Clerk had circulated a report on the recent Clerks meeting.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.4 SBC: Local Panel

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the meeting which she and the Chairman Cllr. Dudley Waters attended on Thursday 29th November at Ceddesfeld Hall

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman gave a brief report on the events which he had attended over the past month. These included:-

- a) Civic Dinner at Spennymoor
- b) Civic Carol Service for Sedgefield Borough Council
- c) The Turning on the Lights and the Christmas Farmers Market in Sedgefield
- d) The elections for the Youth Council
- e) The opening of the Manor House
- f) A visit with the Tour Operators as organized through SBC
- g) The Citizen of the Year Panel meeting
- h) A meeting with Rotary re Youth Awards

9. Correspondence

9.1 NALC: Local Leadership in Action Conference: 30th January 2008

Members were informed that NALC had now organized a Local Leadership in Action Conference

on 30th January 2008

No-one expressed an interest in attending

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.2 School Governors: Email DCC

An email has been received from DCC in response to the Town Council's query in regard of the Town Council losing its nominated place as a school governor. The information informs Members that ex-Councillor John Hannon was in place as the Town Council representative and when he was no longer a member of the Town Council he was co-opted by the governing body. The letter continues to say that if and when Mr Hannon decides he no longer wishes to serve as a governor then the governing body has opted to come back to the Town Council.

RESOLVED

To ask DCC when the governing body made that decision

9.3 Stables, Thurlow Road

A letter has been received from SBC in response to the query re development taking place on the site of the stables in the field between Thurlow Road and Sedgefield by-pass. Mr Crosby (Planning Enforcement Officer) has confirmed that the works are allowed within the general permitted development order however he will continue to monitor the Situation

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.4 Application to vary a Premises License: Hardwick Hall

The Clerk explained that over the past few months the Town Council now receive a copy of the licensing applications from SBC. Overall this had been very much welcomed however the Clerk expressed concern that the list identifies all applications within Sedgefield town as Stockton-on Tees rather than "Sedgefield".

The Clerk informed Members that she had taken this up with SBC and was awaiting a response.

One of the licences at the moment is a notice of application to vary premises license at the Hardwick Hall. This is to include events in the marquees at the Hardwick Hall within the overall premises license

Members expressed concern in regard of the existing noise problem

RESOLVED

To oppose the license on the grounds that there is already a noise issue with events happening at the Hardwick Hall and that the license if granted will exacerbate the noise for the local residents.

9.5 Email : Crime Watch Panel

An email has been received from Mr Joe McKenna on behalf of the Crime Watch Panel Chairman Ken Saiger thanking the Town Council and in particular Angela Simpson for the excellent "Switching on Lights" event on Saturday 1st December.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

The Clerk informed Members that she had already thanked Mr McKenna and Mr Saiger.

9.6 Community College

A letter has been received from the Head Teacher at the Community College, Ms Lynne Ackland, which gives information of BSF and community activities. In particular a meeting is being arranged with Ms Ackland, Nick Wadley, the community BSF person and Members of the Town Council.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and to write back welcoming the meeting

10. Public Participation

The Chair, Cllr Dudley Waters closed the meeting whilst the public comments. The meeting was then re-opened.

11. Media Relations Protocol

The Clerk had circulated a Media Relations Protocol for when Members and Officers are contacted by the Press

RESOLVED

To adopt the Protocol

12. Current Planning Applications

A schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To make the comments as attached.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and welcomed everyone to join with him after the Environment committee meeting for some Christmas refreshments