

SEDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of the proceedings of the SPECIAL MEETING of the
Council held at 7 p.m. in the Council Offices, Advice & Information
Centre, Sedgfield, on Monday 23rd May 2011

Present Cllr. J. Robinson (Acting Chairman)
Cllrs. D. Waters, H. Clifford-Brown, P. Bodo, I. Sutherland, S. Sutherland, M. Brown, N.
Dunn, D. Brown

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. A. Blakemore, R. Taylor

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Issues raised from External Audit

The end of year accounts and amended return had been circulated.

A number of issues have arisen from the external audit. These included the need for the full council to approve the end of year accounts and return.

RESOLVED

To approve the end of year accounts and return including:-

- Supporting Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Income / Expenditure Account
- Income / Expenditure Calculations
- Financial Summary
- Statement of Accounts
- Annual Governance Statements

4. County Durham Plan

Discussions re the forthcoming consultation / issues of the new County Durham Plan
Members were advised that DCC are now consulting on the Co. Durham Plan: Policy Directions. An exhibition will be in Sedgefield library on 26th May for two hours, whilst a full presentation for local councils will be given on Tuesday 14th June at 6pm at Green Lane.

The Plan : Main Points

- Consultation will last until 1st July 2011
- The Plan sets out the strategic planning framework for the future development of the County until 2030
- Sets out in broad terms what development is needed, where it should go and how and when it will be delivered
- It will include
 - a. Core strategy – setting plan policies and land use allocations
 - b. Infrastructure delivery plan – identifying infrastructure needed to deliver the plan
 - c. Community Infrastructure levy – (replaces section 106 monies)
- Housing
Identified need for 29,000 additional houses distributed throughout the county and identifies Durham City, Chester le Street and Sedgefield for executive housing
- Shopping
Looks at need for new shopping areas
- Netpark
Identified as a strategic employment site
- Waste Management
Sets out the approach to planning for waste management to 2030
- Low Carbon Energy
Sets out approach to planning for low carbon energy as part of response to climate change.

Timetable

May / June 2011

Consultation on the broad location of houses, employment, shopping etc. for each major settlement

November / Dec. 2011

Full draft plan with policies

Summer 2012

Consultation on the final plan before submission to the Planning Inspectorate

RESOLVED

- I. To work with Sedgefield Together to hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday June 15th (venue to be confirmed) and invite officers from DCC
- II. To publicise the meeting as widely as possible

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.