

Sedgefield Together Community Partnership

The September meeting of the Sedgefield Together Steering Group was held at 7.00 pm on Monday September 27th, 2010 in the Council Offices.

Present

Sue Hannan (Chair)

DCC

Health Dr. Christine Hearmon

Education

Police PC Keith Todd

Community Groups: Rev Michael Gobbitt, Sheila Pinder

Sedgefield Town Council: Ian Sutherland, Sheila Sutherland, May Brown

Officer: Lesley Swinbank

1. Apologies

Carl Arnett – who has resigned from the Steering Group

John Tomlinson – who has also resigned from the Steering Group

2. Minutes of the last Steering Group Meeting held March 1st, 2010

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

These were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

a) Town Plan

This was completed and launched at the full Partnership meeting in March.

b) Open Partnership Meetings

Two had been held since March – both very successful.

The first was an Open Forum with presentations from:-

David Davies: Community College

Pat Buckley – Atkins: SCA

Dr. Chris Hearmon: Health

Vee Cooper / and Bloom Volunteers: Sedgefield in Bloom

Sgt. Brian O'Connor / Allan Blakemore: Community safety

Jane Bellis: EDRC AAP

DCC Cllrs.

c) The second was a funding event with a number of local funders.

These included:-

Co. Durham Foundation

Durham rural community Council

CAVOS

Sedgefield Town Council's Mayor's Charity

Sedgefield Borough Homes

EDRC AAP

DCC NEP.

In addition a number of local groups who had been successful in receiving grants gave brief information and advice.

4. Arrangements

a) Open Meetings

Although it had been suggested to hold another Open Meeting in October and to invite Mr. Davies (Head teacher from the College) back to give details of the new school etc, it was felt it would be of more benefit to postpone this until the new facilities are open – probably Feb / March and to hold the meeting at the College – which can then include a guided tour.

In addition it was agreed that a second Open meeting – in June / July could take the form of an Open Forum again – with an emphasis on Health in Sedgefield but also to include Police, Sedgefield 700 and Sedgefield in Bloom.

b) Steering Group Meetings

Two Steering Group meetings to be held prior to the Open Meetings – ie Jan / Feb and May / June. Others will be arranged as required.

Dates to be circulated and published.

c) AGM of the Steering Group

This to be held on November 22nd at 7pm in the Fletcher room of the Parish Hall.

This to be advertised in the Sedgefield Extra and all members of the virtual network to be invited to attend. In addition all groups to be invited to nominate their representatives as per the constitution.

DCC 2

STC 5

Community & Voluntary 4 (Includes SCA (1), Sport (1), Churches (1), other groups (1)

Police 1

Local Businesses 1

Education 1

Health 1

Young people 2

Time will be made available prior to the meeting for the various community groups to elect their representative if not already confirmed.

5. AAP Community Grants

The chair gave information re grants from the AAP, in particular the decision to award the next allocation of funding from DCC to one large capital project stretching across a number of the communities, i.e. following the success of the 'Limestone Links' project, to the extension of other local cycleways, to reach as far as the Netpark in Sedgefield (see also v. below) In addition £30,000 has been allocated to CAVOS to hold and groups can bid to them for up to £2,000 for

their own individual projects. Full details of the process will be sought from the AAP.
There is also 8 x £1,000 for each of the 8 communities which have local community partnerships. Sedgefield Together is accepted by the AAP as the community partnership for Sedgefield and can apply for this for the Sedgefield Together Group to administer small grants for local groups.

It was agreed that :-

- i. Sedgefield Together hold their own account within the Town Council accounts – but with own cheque book etc.
- ii. To apply for £2,000 towards the Christmas lights (additional funding to come from STC and other funding routes)
- iii. To apply for the £1,000 from CAVOS for small grants to local groups
- iv. To apply to STC for the £500 for small grants to local groups – to be administered by Sedgefield Together.
- v. To suggest to EDRC AAP that the proposed cycle ways be extended from Net park through the Mitford Court Woodland

7. Any other Business

- i. Partnership Networking Event
It was agreed to host an EDRC Partnerships networking event in Sedgefield.
Lesley Swinbank to work with Jane Bellis (AAP coordinator on this)

8. Date of Next Meeting

This will be the AGM on November 22nd.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10om