

SEDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the proceedings of the **FEBRUARY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** of the **Council** held at **6.30 pm** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgfield, on **Monday 17th February 2014.**

Present **Cllr. Vanessa Carmichael (Chairman)**
 Cllr. Rebecca Hagan (Vice-Chairman) and
 Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, David Brown, Mark Cant, Mel Carr, Tim Jeanes, Chris Lines, Maxine Robinson, Ian Sutherland, Alf Walton, Dudley Waters, Gloria Wills

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. Lynne Dentith and John Robinson for lateness

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Bowling Green

The Clerk informed Members that she understood the Bowling Club were looking to submit their planning application for a Bowling Green on the area of land adjacent to the Cricket Club in the near future.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

4. Public Participation

The Chairman, Cllr. Vanessa Carmichael closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

The meeting was then re-opened.

4.1 Speed Indicator Signs

Mrs. Julia Bowles (Chairman of Residents' Forum) said the Forum had been very disappointed to learn that the CDF had turned down funding for the Speed Indicator Signs. However the application is now being made to the AAP.

4.2 Community Engagement

Mrs. Bowles asked about the Town Council's strategy for Community Engagement particularly in light of the current proposals for development in Sedgefield.

5. Reports

5.1 Grants/Projects Update

The Clerk had circulated an up to date report on grant funding etc. The Clerk also reported that the recent application to Sedgefield Sprouts to DES CCG had not been successful.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

5.2 Farmers' Market

Cllr. Lynne Dentith had sent a brief report via the Clerk in respect of progress with the Farmers' Market. This included information: -

- The Twitter account is now set up and is managed by the Community Development Officer
- The Poster competition had been judged and in addition the Community Development Officer had organized a treasure trail of posters around Sedgefield to promote the market publicity etc.
- The next Working Party meeting is on Wednesday 5th March.

In addition Cllr. Allan Blakemore gave a brief report on the Market and reiterated that the Working Party will discuss the Market and in particular arrangements for after April when Sedgefield Development Trust will manage it with a £500 contribution from the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

5.3 Residents' Forum

There had been no meeting of the Residents' Forum in February.

5.4 Sedgefield Plan: Steering Group

The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the January meeting of the Steering Group.

The Clerk said she had emailed all Members of the Town Council with an invitation from the Chairman David Bowles to attend the meeting the following week on 24th February which is now to be held in the Parish Hall when the consultants will be giving feedback / presentation on the recent questionnaire.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

5.5 Sedgefield 700+

Cllr. Allan Blakemore reported on the meeting which had been held the previous week. The group is still awaiting the outcome of the grant which has been applied for from the Armed

Forces Covenant and this should have been determined by the end of February.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Civic & Mayors Events: See information sheet

The Clerk had circulated information re the forthcoming events.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

8. Financial Position

The Clerk had circulated an up to date budget / estimates re this committee.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.22 p.m.