

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Minutes of the proceedings of the **APRIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** of the **Council** held at **7 pm** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Tuesday 22nd April 2014.**

Present **Cllr. Vanessa Carmichael (Chairman) and**
Cllrs. David Brown, Mark Cant, Mel Carr, Lynne Dentith, Tim Jeanes, Chris Lines, Maxine Robinson, Ian Sutherland, Alf Walton, ~~Dudley Waters~~, *(as amended at the May Monthly meeting)* Gloria Wills

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. John Robinson, Dudley Waters, Allan Blakemore, Rebecca Hagan

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

None

4. Public Participation

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

4.1 Planning: Community Engagement

Mrs. Julia Bowles (Chairman Residents' Forum) commented on DCCs recent letter to her indicating that they will no longer be contacting people to inform them of dates and times of when planning applications will be discussed at the County.

4.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Mrs. Bowles said she had received a reply from the Department of Communities and Local Government in respect of material planning considerations in respect of Neighbourhood Plans.

4.3 Petition

Mrs. Bowles reported that the petition had attracted 1424 signatures against the planning development on Eden Drive and also said that it was apparent from the DCC website that some of Durham County Council's own departments are opposed to the same development.

The meeting was then re-opened.

Cllr. David Brown said that the points which had been raised during Public Participation had been very useful and that points raised should be added to other meetings in order that other Members could discuss them in more detail.

This was agreed.

5. Reports

5.1 Grants/Projects Update

This had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

5.2 Farmers' Market

Cllr. Lynne Dentith reported that the recent re-launch of the Farmers' Market had been very successful and thanked the Sedgefield Development Trust and Ceddesfolk.

RECOMMENDED

- i. To receive the information.**
- ii. To remove this as a standing item from the agenda.**

5.3 Sedgefield Plan: Steering Group

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

- i. To receive the information.**
- ii. To request the survey results and circulate to all Members.**

5.4 Sedgefield 700+

The report on the last meeting had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

5.5 Sedgefield Extra

A written report had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To publish four Sedgefield Extras each year on: -

- a) 1st May which will include information on the Annual Town Meeting, Annual Report Summary and Draft Accounts
- b) 1st July to include information re Sedgefield weekend
- c) 1st November to include information re the Snow Party and Christmas Celebrations
- d) 1st February to include general information.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Civic & Mayors Events

A list of the forthcoming Civic and Mayors Events had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

8. Financial Position

The final balances for the Community Development and Engagement committee for the year ending March 31st 2014 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.