

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
17th March, 2014**

Agenda Item: 3

**Report of Central Council
Team.**

Ward Alliance Meetings

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the Central Council on the latest round of Ward Alliance meetings and the Ward Alliances' position at this time.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Central Council receives the Ward Alliance Notes from Central, Kingstone, Worsbrough, Dodworth and Stairfoot Wards for information.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area/ Ward/Neighbourhood levels which are set out in the Cabinet Reports/Decisions as follows:- Cab21.11.2012/6; Cab16.1.2013/10.3; Cab13.2.2013/9; and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 The latest round of Ward Alliance meetings have been completed, with the five Ward Alliances progressing at a similar pace.

All five of the alliances have agreed their priorities and are currently working on action schedules to develop their priorities into plans.

The five alliances have made the decision to move their meetings to monthly, and in addition are holding workshops and special meetings, along with specific themed working groups. Three of the alliances intend to hold community events to engage and consult with the wider community.

Ward Alliance funding has been allocated by three of the alliances with the others inviting or considering projects identified through their ward priorities.

Worsbrough has elected to call themselves Worsbrough Community Alliance, instead of Worsbrough Ward Alliance.

4.2 Ward Alliance notes are attached to this report for information as follows:

Central Ward Alliance Notes 05.02 2014: Appendix One
Kingstone Ward Alliance Notes 16.12.2013: Appendix Two
Worsbrough Ward Alliance Notes 20.02.2014: Appendix Three
Dodworth Ward Alliance Notes 27.01.14: Appendix Four
Stairfoot Ward Alliance Notes 13.01.14 and 03.02.14: Appendix Five

4.3 The reporting into the Central Council, for information, of the Ward Alliances' meeting notes is in line with the approved Council protocols.

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APPENDIX ONE

Central Ward Alliance: Notes of Meeting

5th February 2014

Present: Councillors M. Dyson, M. Bruff, D. Birkinshaw , D Cureton, I Newton, E Naylor, N Morris, M. Kenworthy, P Braithwaite (Central Council Team).

Apologies for Absence: K Micklethwaite, P Lee

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

Notes of Meeting held on 12th December 2013

The notes from the meeting held on 12 December 2013, which had previously been circulated were discussed.

AGREED THAT;

The notes of the meeting held on 12 December 2013 were approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Ward Plan

The vision statement was agreed as part of the ward plan/priorities document. The meeting proceeded with a workshop for the members of the Alliance to pinpoint objectives against the priorities set. The two priorities covered in this particular workshop were 'People at Risk' and 'Reaching our Community'.

Neighbourhood Networks

The Alliance was informed of the work to be undertaken by the Area Team regarding the mapping of all the community groups within the Central area. Pat stated that she would be trying to contact as many groups as possible within the next month and if the Alliance members knew of any new groups could they pass on the details to her.

Community Organisers

Cllr Dyson stated that he would prefer the term 'Community Contact'. There were concerns expressed re the legal issues which may arise from a 'Community Organiser'.

AGREED THAT;

Martin Dyson will contact the central team (Elaine Equeall) to clarify

Love Where you Live

Martin Kenworthy explained the concept of the 'Love Where you Live' initiative and asked everyone to think of a possible project which could be delivered under this banner.

Central Council Update

The Ward Alliance was given an update of the work undertaken by the Central Council who are looking at the Older Peoples specification and the next to be looked at is the Younger peoples specification.

Expressions of Interest for Community Representative on the Evaluation Panel

The evaluation panel process was explained by Martin Kenworthy and a member of the Ward Alliance expressed an interest in being a member of the panel. The group did voice concerns whether small companies will have the expertise to submit to tender.

Ward Alliance Fund

The following application was made to the Ward Alliance Fund.

Group: YMCA. **Project:** Barnsley YMCA, Enchanted Pop Up Prom.

Funding: £2347.00

Decision

That Central Ward Alliance support the project for the full amount

Any Other Business

Councillor Bruff informed the Ward Alliance of a project to be delivered in the ward that would help address issues with private rented properties.

Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 5:00pm on Wednesday 5th March at the Church of Nazarene.

APPENDIX TWO

Kingstone Ward Alliance Workshop:
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
16th December, 2013

Present:

Councillors T Sheard (Chair) and D. Green.
F. Shahi, M. Tombs, D. Tумman, S. Shaw and V Mawby

In Attendance:

M. Kenworthy (Central Council Area Team).

Apologies: Cllr Mitchell, P. Gee, M. Sawdon and K. Quinney.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests.

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 25th November, 2013 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 25th November, 2013 were accurate.

Feedback from Working Groups

Moira Tomb fed back that herself and Faz Shahi met with VAB. The key points from the meeting are:

- Age of participation is rising – which means young people have to be engaged in education, training, employment or volunteering up to age 18.
- There is a small % of this age group not currently in the system – enforcement is therefore an issue
- NEETs a problem, there are simply no jobs, also issue of zero hour contracts
- There are not enough low skilled jobs in Barnsley.
- Sheffield is delivering talent match, this pays employers wages for young people who have barriers to employment. There are 30 plus talent matches couches in place
- There are barriers to YP starting their own businesses, for example insurance on vehicles
- Over 30s not as competent with computers as younger generation
- Eddie Street has emailed all ward alliances with information
- What support can Ward Alliance offer

Cllr Sheard fed back that scrutiny is looking into the issues raised under this agenda item and suggested that now this evidence has been fed back it could be discussed again at a future meeting.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Faz and Moira for the gathering of information.

Terms of Reference

Agreed.

AGREED THAT

Martin Kenworthy to inform secretary to circulate the final Terms of Reference to all Ward Alliance Members.

Public Health

Cllr Sheard explained that he would like to consider the ward profiles from public health today in some detail.

Ward profiles have been produced by Public Health for the Area council and also at ward level. Kingtones was circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Green went through the highlights of the report and made the point that it is always the case that the areas that have the worst health outcomes are also the ones that have highest rates of poverty.

Key issues such as smoking (prevention – target age range 11 years old and stopping smoking), violence, fuel poverty was discussed and ideas regarding interventions suggested.

Martin Kenworthy confirmed that the funds for PH can be carried over.

The following actions were agreed:

Cllr Sheard request breakdown of deaths from smoking male / female from PH
Vera Mawby/ Debbie Tумman Request information from primary schools as to interventions/ lessons re smoking

Cllr Green request information re theatre groups for smoking prevention (primary)

Cllr Green to look at interventions for pregnant woman

Cllr Green provide feedback from meeting re Armer Homes to Ward Alliance

Martin Kenworthy to send confirmation email re carry over of Public health funds

Cllr Green / Moira Tomb / Faz Shahi to look into delivering another fuel poverty event

The point of linking fun things up with public health messages was felt to be important, for example a film screening with food / information to residents in areas of need.

Martin Kenworthy updated the meeting of some on the interventions taking place at Hope House and suggested there may be opportunities for link ups.

Moira Tomb felt that the recent Excess Winter deaths event was a missed opportunity to meet with community groups.

Cllr Sheard thanked the members of the meeting for their time and contributions and wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Venue

The next meeting will take place at 4pm Tuesday 4th February 2014, venue to be confirmed.

APPENDIX THREE

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE NOTES

Thursday, February 20th 2014, at 5:30 pm.
Worsbrough Library

Present; Cllrs Barlow, Carr, Clarke. A Perry, S Taylor, B Travis, S Speight, J Aranyi.
M Kenworthy and M Toone

Observers from Northern Ireland Study Group

Apologies for Absence; S Dunne & K Williams

Declarations of Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Notes of Last Meeting.

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Engaging with Duke of Edinburgh young volunteers, Martin Kenworthy advised that he had discussed with Youth Services and this was not feasible at this moment in time.

Other matters were covered as items on the agenda.

Ward Plan

There was a discussion around the Worsbrough Ward Priorities and Community Alliance Vision Document. A workshop took place and it was agreed that the following would be included in the action schedule.

1) Maintain & Improve Environmental Standards

Clean, cut back & maintain the area around the TPT & canal basin.

Develop volunteer networks and build capacity of local environmental groups

Work with Olive Branch (pub is the hub).

Improve the area of the A61 around Saville House.

Engage with local businesses and schools

Other priority areas, Dale Park, Ward Green, Bankend, MUGA

Identify local groups within the area with the capacity to support/ promote local green spaces.

Link with Area Council priorities

2) Protect, respect, promote use & ownership of community assets & public spaces

Worsbrough Library.

Sign post and encourage use by community/ young people e.g. after hours , job clubs.

Install new signs.

Create information hub – link to olive branch.

2 way relationship with farm and library around the story telling shelter.

Use proceeds from the sale of the Park House and 106 funding on improvements to the play area & Dale Park pavilion which is leased to bowling club. Build relationships between all groups in Dale Park.

Worsbrough Miners Welfare

Provide sports coaching sessions

Build community capacity

3) Promote Heritage & Encourage Visitors To The Area

Places with significant historical interest and visitor attractions are Worsbrough Mill, Wigfield Farm, Worsbrough Village

Ensure adequate signage

Promote via Social Media, Facebook, Networks.

A local history groups to produce Barnsley Pals Book with a Worsbrough focus, for the centenary of the First World War.

4) Youth Provision

Continue to support existing out of hours youth provision project through the Devolved Ward Budget. Encourage young volunteers through this scheme Ward alliance to identify existing provision and any potential gaps once Area Council has commissioned.

Link with Area Council priorities

5) Support Residents to lead healthy and active lives

Signpost to and support user groups that address issues with smoking, obesity, drug and alcohol

Ward Alliance to identify existing support groups within the ward and surrounding area, i.e. health trainers NHS, Dial

Healthy eating grow your own

Support residents Elm Court

Help establish Bulk Buy scheme

Explore availability of local allotments

Social Isolation – Area Council priority

6) Reduce crime & ASB

See Youth provision

Area team to provide figures for Worsbrough over last 12 months

Education.

7) Support and promote access to employability skills through education and volunteering

See Library

Plans for chair to invite Wigfield Farm manager

Olive Branch

Develop Business forum

8) Support promote self-sustainable community groups

Promote / identify neighbourhood network

Community workshop event

Love Where You Live, Ward Alliance Workshops and Community Organisers event.

The Community Alliance agreed that they would deliver a workshop / event for the wider community. The workshop / event would focus on the development of the Ward Plan, and promote Love Where You Live and Community Organisers. This would be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

3 names were put forward as candidates for Community Organisers

Central Council Update

Cllr Clarke provided an update on the progress of the Central Council and its Priorities, stating that the Older Persons element was ready to go to tender and this would be closely followed by the Young Person.

Cllr Clarke was asked to invite the Central Council Area Chair to attend the next Community Alliance Meeting

Expressions of Interest for a Community Representative on the Evaluation Panel

Cllr Clarke asked for expressions of interest from members of the Community Alliance, to be a community representative to sit on the Evaluation Panel alongside officers and elected members, as part of process to procure a provider to deliver a service for reducing loneliness and isolation in older people.

Anthony Perry asked for his name to be put forward.

Ward Alliance Fund

There were no applications for the Ward Alliance Fund on this occasion.

Cllr Clarke asked the alliance if they would receive a presentation form the history group at the next meeting, to put forward their proposal for the Barnsley Pals books. The alliance agreed that Cllr Clarke would invite the history group to the next meeting.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 13th 2014, at 5:45 pm at Worsbrough Library.

APPENDIX FOUR

**Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
6 pm Monday 27th Jan 2014
Held at Dodworth St Johns Primary Academy**

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, B. Perrin, J. Carr
I.Goddard, M. Kenworthy, F.Obrien, J. Ripley, M. Howarth

2. Apologies for Absence

D. Dickinson, Fr S Race

3. Declarations of Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interests

4. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes from the previous meeting, which had been previously circulated, were discussed and agreed.

Agreed - the notes from the meeting held on the 9th December 2013 were a true and accurate record

5. Matters Arising

An update was requested regarding the flooding issues in the ward from Derek Bell. It was stated that Paul Kelly is the officer dealing with this and that there are planned works for the February half term for the issues facing Dodworth St Johns Primary.

There are still issues however surrounding Higham Lane Stack as water stills flows onto the road despite the ditch being created to prevent this.

An additional issue relating to Keresforth Rd Hill and Water Royd Drive was also discussed as there are still concerns during heavy rainfall and debris blocking the culvert causing flooding in this area.

Agreed - the issues stated above regarding the flooding are to be fed into the ward plan as specific points to support future actions. Snow and flood plans could also be created that address these specific issues as these would be closely linked.

These matters will be monitored and an update from Derek Bell requested.

6. Approval of Secretary

At the previous meeting Ian Goddard was nominated as secretary and approval was requested during this meeting as more members were present.

Agreed - Ian Goddard appointed as secretary.

7. Terms of References Agreed

8. Neighbourhood Network & Community Organisers

Both these points were discussed. It was explained that there will be training available in the future for volunteers within the community, and this training would be tailored for the needs of the ward.

The Crime and Safety group (represented in this body) explained that the group wants to run future events involving the community in conjunction with both the Young Wardens Scheme and other local groups. A litter pick has been planned for March.

It is planned that the Neighbourhood Network will create links between all local groups, sharing events and updates / information between each other and the community.

The issue of insurance for these groups working in the community was discussed and it was said that the council insurance would cover activities that were ran by, or had member of the ward alliance in attendance.

9. Ward Plan / Consultation

Following the creation of the ward plan replies from the consultation were brought to the meeting. These had been circulated to all families of the children from Dodworth St Johns. The ' Friends of Penny Pie Park', who are also represented on the alliance membership requested some forms they could circulate some.

Now the plan has been created it was suggested that we look into breaking down the key points into smaller and more specific / detailed points so that future projects and spending can be identified and targeted more specifically.

Agreed - a working party meeting will be arranged to create more specific criteria / points

A bid has been received for the Loneliness and isolation in older people scheme from the central pot and tenders have started to be submitted. An invitation was offered to members to be a part of the panel assessing the quality of these. It was hoped that the Local Value Act would help tenders from either local companies or from those companies who would employ either residents of the ward or Barnsley. Cllr Birkinshaw is already on the panel so would also act as a representative from this ward.

10. Ward Alliance Fund

There have been two applications for funding received from this fund.

One of these was from the Wharnclyffe group who have requested £179 for craft based resources, the other from the Dodworth Reading Group who have requested £500 to purchase multiple copies of books to create reading sets.

Both applications were discussed to ensure that not only did the aims of these support the ward plan but also that there was an element of match funding through support to the community / hours volunteering.

Agreed - Both applications were discussed and all were in favour of granting the funding requests.

Conversations were also held round the pots of money available to the ward alliance; these being the Ward Alliance Fund, the devolved budget, the health authority funding for the community and from April the central pot that the 5 wards can apply to.

To date the projects outlined above are the only two received and approved from the Ward Alliance Fund

There are further applications in the process of being written and submitted, one of these being from Rose Hill Chapel for a ramp to allow access for all users. This is something that could also be approved through the devolved budget but we will wait for any application before further action is taken regarding funding.

Penny Pie Park was also discussed at this time and various alternative funding streams as well as ideas for development were shared.

It was also requested that Martin brings an update on the section 106 money to the next meeting with any current agreements in place and the details of these. The ward alliance would like to know clear criteria for this money and what exactly is available.

11. Any Other Business

The appointment of a treasurer was discussed and due to the current funding going through the council and not through the ward alliance account it was agreed this would be discussed at a future meeting.

The Landlord of the Engineers pub in Higham has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the ward alliance. He has also shown an interest in becoming the treasurer should he be elected.

A conversation was held regarding Youth Provision and the support that was available to the ward.

Agreed - this will be discussed at a future meeting.

The land where the Kingstone school was also discussed. It is believed that Shaw Lane will be taking over the field area of this site, therefore providing a recreation space into the future as it is only the footprint of the school where housing is planned.

12. Future Meeting Dates, Times and Venue

A working group meeting will take place on the 17th Feb @6pm and Dodworth St Johns.

At this meeting the date for the next meeting will be decided, where possible this will be as close to the dates planned in the council diary as possible.

APPENDIX FIVE

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Monday 13th January 2014 @ 10am
OMTI Farm Road, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot - 1/2014

Present: Cllr.K.Dyson (Chair), Cllr.W.Johnson, Martin Kenworthy (Area Partnership) Cynthia Cunningham, Ann Hart, Elaine Equeall (Communities & Local Governance) Robert Stendall, Cllr.B.Mathers, Pat Braithwaite (Area Partnership) and Susan Smith (Adult & Family Learning)

1. Apologies: Roy Marsden, Len Neville, Josie Thirkell

2. Notes from the last meeting on 18th November 2013 AGREED
Proposer: Cllr. Dyson Seconder: Robert Stendall

3. Matters Arising -

Folders/Terms of Reference - members have now been supplied with their folders containing all the relevant documentation and agreed the changes to the Terms of Reference previously discussed.

Community Bank Account - Robert Stendall had contacted Yorkshire Bank and it was agreed that he, Ann Hart and Cynthia Cunningham would be co-signatories on the account, appointment to be arranged for them at the Bank next week in order to set up the account. **ACTION R. Stendall**

Concerns re maintaining current levels of service provision - This will not be known until after the Council's Budget meeting later in the month.

Additional questions raised today re looking into the legalities when using "Community Payback" scheme to clear rubbish - can they get a "Carriers' Licence" in order to take it to the Dumpit site themselves? Can we fund a Licence?

ACTION M. Kenworthy

4. Community Organisers - Elaine Equeall introduced Susan Smith to the Group, she will be supporting the training for Community Organisers.

Briefly outlining the role of Community Organisers as, local residents with a reasonably good knowledge of their area and an interest in what happens there, caring enough to make a difference by getting involved.

A free training programme, which can be held locally if required, is available to anyone interested in these roles in order to enhance or acquire the skills they might need for the role and helping to take things forward re the Ward Plan.

This training could be offered to all community groups thereby strengthening communities and is expected to start late Spring.

Decisions needed by end of February please.

Elaine left members a Role Description and Expression of Interest Form.

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5. Ward Plan: It was agreed that various methods of consultation be used including the internet e.g. "We are Barnsley" Following discussion it was also agreed that as part of our Consultations with individual community groups we would trial "interactive voting" with the Young at Heart Group in Kendray and the Over 55's at Ardsley. If successful this method may then be used with other community groups. **ACTION 1.Pat & Martin to liaise**

**with Elaine & Stewart for questions.
ACTION 2. Ann to provide
contact details for the 2 churches in Kendray.**

6. Ward Priorities: Martin informed the Group that these had been agreed at a Draft Level and we would be looking for funding bids to come in for consideration. Discussion around match funding for volunteer hours with Groups to deliver plans that would benefit the ward as a whole. Reminded of the £7,000 available this year to deliver Health related projects.

7. Any other Business:

1. Concerns had been raised at the beginning of the meeting re travellers having set up on Oaks Business Park - advised that people report this to Steve Batty at Kendray & Worsbrough Safer Neighbourhood Team for him to deal with.

2. Elaine informed the Group that BMBC does a resident survey every couple of years to randomly selected households and as part of that survey she needs to try and get people who are active in their community to complete them too. She left copies of the survey advising that it can also be completed on-line.

8. Next meeting: Monday 3rd February 10am at OMTI Farm Road, Kendray.

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

**Monday 3rd February 2014 @10am
OMTI Farm Road, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot – 2/2014**

Present: Cllr. K Dyson (Chair), Cllr B. Mathers, Cllr. W. Johnson, Martin Kenworthy (Area Partnership), P. Braithwaite (Area Partnership), Peter Schofield (BMBC), Ian Rooth (BMBC), Ann Hart, Cynthia Cunningham, Roy Marsden, Robert Stendall, Len Neville.

1. Apologies: None received

2. Declarations of Pecuniary/None Pecuniary Interest: Cllr. W. Johnson declared an interest in item 6 on the Agenda in his capacity as Chairman of OMTI but as he didn't receive any payment from them he felt that it should be noted as Non-Pecuniary.

The Chair questioned this point and Cllr. Johnson agreed to leave the meeting during this item.

Resident members first sought clarification from him with regard to any alternative plans OMTI had made since receiving notification regarding the end of their current contract with BMBC and if they had any reserve funds. Informed that reserve funds had been used to support the project and presently in discussions with Sue Smith re delivery of training.

It was agreed that we would take this item of the Agenda first.

Members asked it to be noted that in future it would be useful if papers tabled relating to an item on the Agenda could be received by them for consideration prior to the meeting rather than on the day.

Martin Kenworthy apologised for this having only received the OMTI stats that morning and the written report on Friday. Agreed that members would be sent everything relating to the meeting 5 working days before the meeting.

ACTION M. Kenworthy

3. Notes from the last meeting on 13th January 2014 AGREED

Proposer: Robert Stendall Seconded: Cynthia Cunningham

4. Matters Arising – Bank Account is now open and Robert Stendall is to be the contact for any correspondence from the Bank. Account details given to Martin Kenworthy.

Discussed with Waste Management the possibility of a Carriers' Licence to enable Community Payback team access to the tip themselves. Could come from Ward Budget if linked to project.

5. Ward Plan: This item was deferred due to time constraints following taking Item 6 of the Agenda first.

Note: At this point, having declared an interest in the following item, Cllr Johnson left the meeting

6. OMTI

Following the tabling of a Report re OMTI members asked questions of the BMBC representatives present -

Peter Schofield – who outlined his Department's need to make savings and the hard decisions that have had to be made – ending OMTI's funding being one of them.

The Resource Centre/Learning Centre in Kendray offers the same facilities but receives money from contracts.

From 1st April those offering learning opportunities will have to be capable of operating to OFSTED requirements/inspections.

Ian Rooth – gave information re OMTI’s mixture of funding over their 12 years of operation, noting that for the last 2 years their funding had come solely from BMBC

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Due to extensive cuts that the Council was now having to make due to the Governments’ austerity measures, the Council funding for OMTI will cease from 1 April. OMTI will now need to look for other income to support its operations and run it as a business concern.

Advising that from 1st April 2014 the “peppercorn rent” system currently operating will cease and they will have to pay rent for the building too.

From June 2014 “Yor-Tender” will offer opportunities to bid for contracts providing services on behalf of the Council. Both Peter Schofield and Ian Rooth offered to support OMTI with putting together new business plans.

Members asked if it was possible to support with funding in the interim period - April to June 2014 while business plans were being developed that would enable them to bid for contracts ?

As a way forward, it was AGREED to ask OMTI -

To provide members with a breakdown of the £12,000 they have requested from Ward Alliance Funds to maintain OMTI’s operation from April to June 2014

Request that OMTI meet with their Board to see if their Constitution is flexible and visionary and allows for a Business Plan to fit with the new criteria for contracts and is business ready to sustain OMTI’s future.

Bring both of the above to the next meeting.

ACTION Cllr W. Johnson

7. Promoting Community Organisers: Discussed trying to recruit new volunteers by distributing leaflets to local shops and groups.

8. Developing Neighbourhood Networks: £2,700 from Health Budget to develop this network. Looking for a “main core group” for the other groups to network with. Require list of known local groups in order to visit them.

ACTION Pat Braithwaite

9. Area Council Update: Progress within the Area Council – areas of priority are – older people, clean & green, younger people – there is a budget of £500,000 for the 5 wards within the Area Council to support & deliver services differently.

10. Expressions of Interest for a Community Representative on the Evaluation Panel: More information required re role description, times of meetings etc.,

ACTION Pat Braithwaite

Bids in from companies bidding to provide services and will be looked at on cost & quality with importance being attached to quality.

The one to prevent vulnerability & isolation of older persons - ready to go, the other 2 are under discussion.

11. Ward Alliance Fund: Due to the late start-up of Area Councils the £17,000 fund can be rolled over into the next financial year - £7,000 of which is for Health related projects.

12. Any other business: Need to look for projects – ideas please.

13. Dates, Time and Venues of Next Meetings:

It was agreed that future meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month but an Extraordinary meeting will be held at 10am on Monday 17th February re OMTI