

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
12th May, 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, Dodworth, Kingstone and Stairfoot Wards for information. The Worsbrough Ward Alliance minutes have not yet been completed so will be submitted at the next Central Area Council.**

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.

Action plans have now been developed in order to progress to clear tangible actions that can address the ward priorities through allocation of the Ward Alliance Fund.

Ward Alliances are preparing to actively promote their role and activities through Love Where you Live initiatives and some of the Ward Alliances are

looking at attending events throughout their wards to further promote the Ward Alliance.

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

Central Ward Alliance Notes 02.04 2014: Appendix One
Dodworth Ward Alliance Notes 24.03.14: Appendix Two
Kingstone Ward Alliance Notes 04.02.2014: Appendix Three
Stairfoot Ward Alliance Notes 03.03.14 and 07.04.2014: Appendix Four
Worsbrough Ward Alliance Notes 13.03.2014 Not yet received

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

Wednesday 2 April 2014

Present: Cllr. M Bruff, Cllr. D Birkinshaw, D Cureton, E Naylor, N Morris, K Micklethwaite, M. Kenworthy, P Braithwaite

Guests: N Sefton, S Archer, A Ralphs, J Elahor, J Richardson, B Dyer, S Cameron

Introduction to the Ward Alliance

Cllr. Bruff gave a brief explanation of the Ward Alliance to the guests.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr.M Dyson, I Newton

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

Notes of Meeting held on 5th March 2014

The notes from the meeting held on 5 March 2014, which had previously been circulated were discussed.

AGREED THAT;

The notes of the meeting held on 5 March 2014 were approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

N Morris raised concerns re the procurement process, in particular the young persons tender and the possible problems which a small organisation may have in submitting such a tender.

M Kenworthy explained how the successful provider could deliver a service to the area by including the smaller community organisations. He also mentioned that an event for the Children/Young Peoples procurement was held on Friday March 28th which offered networking opportunities for any group or organisation attending. Information at the event was circulated to all the groups who had an interest in delivering to young people.

Cllr. Bruff asked that the Area Chair Cllr. Donna Green and the Central Area Manager Carol Brady be invited to attend the next Ward Alliance meeting to give an update explanation of the procurement process.

S Archer raised the issue of funds being available to smaller organisations such as the 'The Donny Road Den'. They currently have 60 young people attending the 'Youth Club' which is held at the Doncaster Rd Primary School on a Tuesday evening and she felt that they are close to folding. B Dyer offered to give assistance if S Archer wished to contact him. M Kenworthy also offered to visit the 'Donny Rd Den Youth Club'.

Central Council Update

M Kenworthy distributed information to all present advising that everyone should look at the Barnsley Website for more information.

Central Ward Plan

Engage Individuals with the digital infrastructure and encourage access to the internet.

The Central Ward plan was discussed in detail. Cllr. Bruff did state that there is still the issue of communication across the Borough.

A possible Facebook site could be set up or a website for the area informing all the smaller groups of activities within the Central Ward area. M Kenworthy informed the WA that this could be part of the Neighbourhood host role – see note 3 below. Cllr Birkinshaw was concerned that not everyone has access to the internet. A suggestion was given that noticeboards could be placed around the area which would enable small groups to communicate more effectively. S Archer indicated that the Doncaster Residents Association has a notice board in the grounds of the Doncaster Road Primary School and it was often used.

M Kenworthy asked as part of the Central Ward plan, noticeboards would be a priority. All agreed

M Kenworthy stated that another idea suggested to him was to have a Ward Alliance publication distributed to one neighbourhood per month.

WA members stressed the need for communication re delivery of specific courses within the area..

Support provision that generates a meaningful choice of lifestyle.

Cllr Bruff gave everyone a brief description of the Rogue Landlords scheme, now known as 'Our Streets' which had taken place within the Central Area. Skips were placed around the area and a number of partners attended the event enabling advice to be given around, council tax, public health etc. A number of properties had been inspected and the councillors were encouraged with how people had actively engaged with the project. Approximately 20 people had also attended the landlords training session at the Metrodome.

Cllr Bruff also indicated concerns re the legal high shops which were appearing in the area.

Develop community facilitators/organisers/volunteering

M Kenworthy stressed that there was a need to identify a host or hub for the area whereby this organisation would be the central point for all the smaller community groups.

M Kenworthy gave a brief description of the Community Organisers course and encouraged everyone to look at the literature regarding the content of the course. All were advised that if they wished to attend to email Pat Braithwaite or Martin Kenworthy.

Encourage the community to lead active and healthy lifestyles

N Morris indicated that the WA should look at people who were delivering similar projects as this as assets. B Dyer confirmed this by stating that the WA should find someone who could deliver a valuable and meaningful project, someone who youths or young people would look up to and respect their opinion.

M Kenworthy asked the WA if they wished this to be a priority ie; Peer guidance/leadership. All agreed.

Reduce Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

Maintain and Improve cleanliness and environmental standards across the ward.

A number of up and coming projects within the central area were mentioned by M Kenworthy ie; Clean up in Dearne Valley Park, Grow it and eat it from the Queens Road Academy. N Sefton from the Academy said that the school were looking for a particular eco project to be involved with. P Braithwaite promised to keep her informed of the Dearne Valley project.

Cllr Bruff had visited the new skateboard park and all the young people were enjoying the new venue. However she was concerned around the amount of litter which had accumulated since it had opened. P Braithwaite had visited the park on the following week encouraging the users of the park to keep it clean. Everyone had picked up the litter but there is an issue of there being just one bin on the site. A possible solution would be to move two of the underused bins from the nearby car park.

Neighbourhood Networks

A list of all the current community groups which are operating in the area was distributed to the group. All were asked to email or phone P Braithwaite if any further groups were identified.

Ward Alliance Fund

An application was discussed but the WA have deferred it to the next meeting for a decision as M Kenworthy indicated that further work would need to be carried out on the form.

Date and time of the next meeting

5pm Wednesday 7th May - Church of the Nazarene

APPENDIX TWO

Dodworth Ward Alliance: 24th March, 2014:
St Johns School: Minutes of Meeting:

Present - Jack Carr, Fiona O'Brien, Brian Perrin, Phil Birkinshaw, Tony Foster, Jane Ripley, Donna Green, Stephen Race

Apologies - Ian Goddard, Malcolm Howarth

Declarations – No declarations of pecuniary / non-pecuniary interests.
Jane Ripley submitted a funding application for a new group. Discussed at the meeting.

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

Area Council Update- Councillor Donna Green represented the Area Council and gave an update to the meeting. Donna explained the new arrangements for the Area Councils and specifically the Central Area Council. Councillor Green explained how the five wards that come under the Central Area Council would access the £500,000 available. Jack Carr, Brian Perrin and Phil Birkinshaw expressed strong concerns that although they understood the requirement of the Central Area Council to look at the needs of all the five wards, they were determined the Dodworth Ward would should receive what it is entitled to.

Councillor Green identified three key priorities for the Central Area Council. They were:

- Older people-
- Children and young children
- Clean and Green

Jack Carr, Brian Perrin and Phil Birkinshaw also asked Councillor Green how the Central Area Council is supporting jobs in the local area and how the tendering process for local firms can be made easier. Councillor Green explained all tenders are advertised locally and a number of workshops have been put on across the borough to support local businesses tender for work.

Ward plan / consultation – The Ward action plan and working meeting was discussed. Councillor Jack Carr raised the issue of the Capital Park industrial site and the fact that ground rents were far too expensive and consequently companies are locating in the Dearne where rents are significantly cheaper. All three councillors agreed that the Council has to do more to fill all the industrial sites in the Dodworth Ward and subsequently bring more jobs to the area.

Possible activities for the community were discussed and Darren Dickinson agreed to invite Dave Drumgoon from Active Barnsley and Paul Powell from Horizon to the next meeting to discuss how they could support the work of the Ward Alliance.

Maintenance works to the war memorial were discussed and a figure of around £1000 is need to pay for the works.

Jack Carr and Phil Burkinshaw put it to the Ward Alliance that more work needed to be done to support the community in Higham. Jack identified the cricket ground as a key part of the community and highlighted the cricket pitch and the grassland that surrounds it as key areas for community development. The cricket club has recently had a planning application passed for a new clubhouse and this could act as a focal point for the whole community. The Ward Alliance all agreed further investigations should be made into how the work of Higham Cricket Club can be supported. Jack Carr, Brian Perrin and Phil Birkinshaw all agreed to investigate if it was possible to use s106 monies to help fund the building of the new clubhouse.

Tony from the Engineers pub in Higham also agreed to work with Darren Dickinson to look at organising a Higham gala for summer 2015. It was agreed Tony and Darren would look at other galas and try to organise a group to organise the event. Funds from the gala could be used to help fund the building of the new clubhouse.

Ward alliance fund - Two applications for funding were presented to the Ward Alliance. The Friends of Penny Pie Park and The Bowling Club at Dodworth were both successful in their applications.

Fiona O'Brien also confirmed she was keeping account of all spending in relation to the Ward Alliance Fund.

Love Where you Live/Ward Alliance Publicity- Fiona O'Brien thought we need to make a register of the things that are going off in the Dodworth Ward and do more to publicise all the different activities available. It was agreed that the Ward alliance would do more to publicise its work and a Facebook page could be made by Ian Goddard as agreed previously. It was agreed a plan should be made by the Ward Alliance to publicise itself and events.

AOB - None.

Future meetings - Agreed 6pm, Monday 28th April at Dodworth St Johns

APPENDIX THREE

Kingstone Ward Alliance
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
4th February 2014 @ 4pm

Present:

Councillors D Green (Acting as Chair) and K Mitchell, G Fletcher, M Tombs, V Mawby, M Sawdon, K Quinney, P Gee, D Tumman

In Attendance:

Fiona O'Brien, Pat Braithwaite (Central Council Area Team), Elaine Equeall

Apologies:

Councillor T Sheard (Chair), Sue Shaw

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 16th December 2013 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 16th December 2013 were accurate.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Cllr Green will chase up breakdown of deaths from smoking male/female from Cllr Sheard.

The group was informed there are outreach workers for stopping smoking/healthy living.

Schools curriculum covering smoking:

Shawlands – Mentioned in healthy eating covered at Key Stage 1.

Joseph Locke – Touch on it but would welcome a visit

Holyrood – No response received however receptionist said healthy eating is covered.

WCCA adult smoking- covered in AOB.

There are theatre groups that cover these issues however they are not Barnsley based and there will be a cost implication.

Vera will bring some information to the next meeting from Lisa (Healthy Lifestyles).

Cllr Green will check if school nurses go into schools to discuss smoking.

Confirmation has been received from Finance that Public Health funds can be carried forward to next financial year.

Fuel poverty, last time an event was held no one turned up so needs looking at differently, leafleting may be more effective.

Agree Terms of Reference/Governance Framework

Agreed

Community Organisers – Elaine Equeall Presented

Elaine Equeall ran through the community organiser model (notes circulated at meeting). Names of interested people need to be put forward by the end of February/beginning of March and training will hopefully commence in late May.

It was noted that although the training is not accredited the Ward Alliance could endorse the training and provide a statement of achievement/certificate.

Each module is expected to consist of a two hour session. Another option would be to do a taster day.

Although there is no age limit it is felt the training would be suited to 15/16 year olds and above.

Could look at a venue suitable to cover the 5 Central Wards or training could be delivered in conjunction with other areas.

Martin thought this would be good for some of their young volunteers.

Cllr Mitchell will circulate information to her contacts including Homestart.

Ward Alliance Priorities into a Ward Plan – Schedule Dates for Discussion

It was agreed the WCCA plan would be used as a starting point and Cllr Mitchell, Moira, Kelly and a representative from Exodus would form the working group to progress this.

Moira would also look into inviting some young entrepreneurs to present at the Ward Alliance.

Central Area Council Priorities (for information)

Donna gave an update on the Central Area Council Commissioning; the Older Peoples specification has now been approved and is ready to go. An event will be organised for the Young Peoples commissioning to encourage local organisations to contribute. The Clean and Green commissioning will work closely with the Ward Alliance so areas of need and local groups with capacity to get involved can be fed through.

Some local areas were highlighted that are in need of environmental improvements. Volunteers were requested for involvement in the evaluation of tenders, Gordon volunteered- names are being requested from all Wards then someone will be selected at random.

Future Agenda Items

Agreed that Ward Alliance Funding would be on the agenda for the meeting scheduled following the March meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Venue

It was agreed meetings would continue to be held at 4pm and days would alternate between Mondays and Tuesdays. A schedule of meetings for the next year will be circulated at the next meeting. The next meeting will take place at 4pm Monday 31st March 2014, venue to be confirmed.

APPENDIX FOUR

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

**Monday 3rd March 2014 10am
OMTI Farm Road, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot – 4/2014**

1. Present: Ann Hart, Martin Kenworthy (Area Partnership) Robert Stendall (Chair) Roy Marsden, Cllr. Brian Mathers. Cllr. Wayne Johnson, Andrew Gillis was welcomed as a resident member from Aldham House.
2. Apologies: Pat Braithwaite (Area Partnership) Len Neville, Cynthia Cunningham, Cllr. Karen Dyson,
3. Declarations of Pecuniary/ None Pecuniary Interest Cllr. Wayne Johnson declared a Pecuniary interest as Chair of OMTI in their Ward Funding application agreeing to leave the meeting during it's consideration on the Agenda.
4. Notes from the last meeting on 3rd February 2014 AGREED
Proposer: Roy Marsden. Seconder: Cllr. Brian Mathers
5. Matters Arising:
Progress on the question of the Carriers' Licence for Community Payback Team – They are part-funded by contract and can take to a tip but would need to pay to take to a community tip. But they can remove the waste to their own yard.
6. Recommendations from the Extraordinary meeting held on 17th February 2014:
The Chair asked Cllr. Wayne Johnson to update the meeting on OMTI's progress re their business plan as per the recommendation. The project needs to keep moving forward and it's progress monitored and will be reviewed at the April meeting.
 - a. Their Computer Repair Service and charges were now being advertised with a leaflet drop in the area – LEAFLET PROVIDED.
 - b. Following an encouraging meeting with Sir Steve Houghton and Tim Hartley from Asset Management OMTI are looking into taking over the building as a community asset transfer.
 - c. They are also looking into the possibility of future consideration of an application to the Key Fund should they be in a financial position to loan money to purchase the building.
 - d. In furtherance of their business plan they are in contact with a lady who is interested in renting part of the OMTI building for a care service provision for the elderly and will be taking it to their Management Group for their consideration.
 - e. Mark has looked into computer software for Community Cafes – Pay as you Go – with a minimum of 10 hours log-on time and is looking into the possibility of an outside source paying for this for the un-employed.
 - f. Renting out space at the centre – looking into the charging of space per square foot.Cllr. Johnson also advised the meeting that the Chair of the Area Council had accepted his invitation to visit OMTI and look around and had done so last week.

7. Central Area Council Update: Cllr. Wayne Johnson gave the update advising the meeting of it's 3 priorities after looking at areas of concern – £500,000 budget to cover these -

1. Children & Young People - £100,000 for each of the 2 age groups being looked at

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This amount has to cover all 5 areas of the Central Area Council

2. Clean & Green £100,000 – to cover all 5 areas of the Central Area Council.

3. Preventing isolation in the elderly - £200,000 contract over 2 years to cover all 5 areas of the Central Area Council

- Invitation to Area Chair to attend a meeting – list of dates to be provided for her.

8. Ward Plan: Discussion held re Stairfoot Ward Priorities and Community Alliance Vision Document. Volunteering opportunities identified and will be written up and presented at the next meeting.

ACTION M. Kenworthy

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

Discussed possible venues for this – Kendray Resource Centre, Ardsley Resource Centre, Local Primary School Halls.

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

10. Ward Funding:

OMTI Transitional Phase, £4,000 AGREED

Ardsley Welfare Bowling Club, security fencing, £1,093 AGREED

11. Any Other Business. NONE

12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting:

Apologies given as due to a typing error the next meeting had been listed as Monday 3rd April but in fact it is -

Monday 7th April 2014 at 10:00 am at the OMTI Centre, Farm Road, Kendray.

**STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE
MEETING NOTES
Monday 7th April 2014
at 10am OMTI Farm Road, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot – 5/2014**

1. Present: Ann Hart, Cynthia Cunningham, Martin Kenworthy (Area Partnership) Pat Braithwaite (Area Partnership) Cllr. Karen Dyson (Chair) Andrew Gillis, Cllr. Wayne Johnson, Cllr. Brian Mathers, Roy Marsden (until 11.30am)

2. Apologies: Robert Stendall, Len Neville

3. Declarations of Pecuniary/None Pecuniary Interest:

Cllr. Wayne Johnson declared a Pecuniary interest in Item 9 on the Agenda in relation to OMTI's Ward Funding application.

Andrew Gillis declared a None Pecuniary interest in Item 9 on the Agenda in relation to Aldham Tara's Ward Funding application.

4. Notes from last meeting on: 3rd March 2014 AGREED

5. Matters Arising: Apologies for omission from last meeting's Notes - Roy Marsden had declared a None Pecuniary interest in relation to Item 10 of the Agenda - Ward Funding in relation to Ardsley Welfare Bowling Club's application and please note that he left the meeting at 11.30 prior to this item.

6. Central Area Update:

Cllr Johnson updated on their priorities at the meeting -

Preventing Isolation in the Elderly – Following receipt of applications 10 have been short-listed prior to interview stage.

Clean and Green – Working Party looking at this before putting out to tender.

Children and Young People – 8 to 12 years of age and 13 to 19 years of age - This project has gone out to tender.

He informed us that due to spending delays there is a surplus of £135, 000 for 2014/15 and it has been decided that this should go out to tenders for grants from interested parties to address the identified Area priorities – could generate interest from community organisations and social enterprises with a view to developing their capacity to bid for future procurement opportunities.

Working group formed to look at administering this with a decision following meeting on 9th April.

7. Stairfoot Ward Plan:

Having discussed the 11 identified goals in our Action Plan and updating information re the spreadsheet the group decided that due to time constraints we will look at a particular priority at every meeting. Recognising that litter is a big issue for everyone particularly on Doncaster Road at Stairfoot and the Trans Pennine Trail further potential projects discussed. Sarah Ford needs to be involved. Other litter picking projects in the area and flagging up the fact that many people aren't picking up after their dogs also suggested.

Banners from Lamp Standards advertising phone numbers to ring to report litter, etc., suggested too.

Cllr. Mathers updated re The Oaks Memorial Group meeting – Secured Feasibility funding and advised to look to other funding too such as Lottery Heritage Funding.

8. Neighbourhood Networks: Corrections and an addition noted of these networks.

9. Ward Funding:

2013-14 SPEND noted –

Ardsley Welfare Bowling Club security fencing, £1193.00

OMTI Transitional Phase, £4000.00

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ITEM 9 (continued)

Applications to Ward Alliance Fund to be considered today –

Hunningley Primary School Gardening Club £244.90p **AGREED**

Aldham Tara - Notice Board and Newsletter £1,500 **AGREED**

OMTI: IT for the Community Transition £8,000 **DEFERRED**

Cllr. Johnson submitted a progress report and Memorandum and Articles re OMTI and confirmed that they had a dormant Arms Length Company Account that could be used if required and that they have Public Liability Insurance.

He also brought their new leaflets advertising the next Quarter's courses, Drop-in Workshops, Repair Service, their new 1 -1 Tuition service and range of charges for all.

Note that at this point having declared a Pecuniary interest in the item relating to OMTI; IT for the Community Transition, Cllr. Johnson left the meeting.

Following discussion re supporting OMTI in their transition from funded group to self sustaining community enterprise it was recognised that projected income needs to be increased to achieve sustainability.

In view of this it was felt that as a matter of urgency they continue to work at building relations with YMCA and Groundwork Sheffield with reference to the Young Persons bid (Area Council bid) about partnering them on a bid with them being lead body, as mentioned in their Progress Report.

It was noted that it will take time to show increased income and sustainability.

To support the £4,000 of funding already received by OMTI from the Ward Alliance as they operate 3 months in arrears and also in view of their reserves being ring-fenced for redundancies and possible wind-up costs, it was discussed further supporting their transition with a gradual release of funding with a view to gaining a clearer picture of projected income.

OMTI were advised to apply for Area Council support through this transitional phase too.

An extraordinary meeting is to be held on 28th April 2014 to update on progress with the possibilities of projected increases in income.

Guidance required re possibility of gradual release of funding. ACTION Martin Kenworthy

10. Any Other Business – there was no other business raised.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that due to Bank Holiday on the 1st Monday of the month the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Monday 12th May 2014.