

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
6th July, 2015**

Agenda Item: 5

**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, Stairfoot and Worsbrough 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.

Central Ward Alliances are currently reassessing their priorities to focus on effective spend in 2015/16 and developing new action plans to focus spend and highlight projects for 2015/16.

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

Central Ward Alliance Notes 22.04.2015: Appendix 1

Dodworth Ward Alliance Notes 19.05.2015: Appendix 2

Kingstone Ward Alliance Notes 01.06.2015: Appendix 3

Stairfoot Ward Alliance Notes 11.05.2015: Appendix 4

Worsbrough Ward Alliance Notes 30.04.2015: Appendix 5

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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1st July 2015**

APPENDIX 1

Central Ward Alliance Meeting

Wednesday 22nd April

Notes of Meeting

Present: Kath Micklethwaite, Neil Morris, Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cllr Doug Birkinshaw, Cllr Martin Dyson, Carol Brady, Marcia Cunningham

1. Apologies

Eric Naylor, Doreen Cureton, Ian Newton, Paul Bedford

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Notes of last meeting- matters arising

An investigation into Barnsley Endowment Fund had been requested in order to be sure that money was being used to support Barnsley based organisations only., Further enquiries revealed that the fund continued to provide funding for Barnsley projects and in addition also sought additional funds from other pots to ensure maximum support for Barnsley.

The group was updated on Oakwell Residents Group meeting in April which was attended by Barnsley FC Chief Executive . The Chief Executive gave a commitment to pay for the replacement of 2 litter bins in Oakwell area which had been damaged and removed. The group also enquired about the licence requirements for the two burger vans which operate on matchdays. The group are planning to do a litter pick late May/June. The next Residents' Group meeting is on 18th May.

The group were also updated that contact had been made with Sara from Sara's Flowers and Teas . Sara currently does a number of community activities including hosting a group for women who have suffered domestic violence, young people with substance misuse issues. Sara plans to offer Barrista training for young people involved with the Probation Service , and also a growing project in the new outdoor space which she is hoping to get developed. Marcia met with Sara and gave her a Devolved Ward Budget form in order to make an application for support for necessary equipment for the Barrista training which will be delivered in the new community kitchen

4. Membership

The group agreed that the following people be contacted about possible membership of the Ward Alliance . Cllr Doug Birkinshaw to contact Noel from Union Street TARA, Kath to contact Margaret from her group, Doreen to contact Marie from Little Millers group, Marcia to contact Sara from Sara's Flowers and Teas. The group agreed that an informal session would be held at the beginning of the next Ward Alliance meeting on 3rd June by way of an introduction for new members before the start of business.

5.. Review of Priorities 2015-2016 Budget Position

A total of £9,211.10 has been carried over in the Ward Alliance from 2014-2015, total budget for 2015-2016 is £19,211.10

6. Central Area Council Trend Data

Central Area Council Trend Data was presented to the group by Carol who highlighted two particular areas of interest with regard to the Central Ward. The trend data shows an excess number of winter deaths, smoking related deaths and NEETs. Further investigation into these issues will be reported at the next Ward Alliance meeting. Cllr Bruff expressed concern with regard to the number of young people taking up smoking especially e-cigs.

7. Ward Alliance Fund Application

The group considered an application for funding from the YMCA submitted jointly to Central and Kingstone wards for Little Y activity club for children aged 5-8 years. This was approved for funding.

Cllr Bruff suggested that the YMCA be invited to attend a future meeting to give an update on their projects .

8. Central Area Council Celebration Event

Carol stressed the importance of Ward Alliance members to make nominations for each award category and encourage others to do so. The leaflets and nomination forms will be sent to ward alliance members electronically in addition to hard copies which will be distributed from week commencing 27/4/2015. The group were reminded that all nomination forms should be received by 22nd May.

9. Any Other Business

Neil raised concerns around barriers with regard to families trying to escape from poverty such as online only application processes and 0845 telephone numbers for assistance, and stated the need to support people to get out of their situation. Neil also stated that through the CAP programme 9 Barnsley families were now debt free.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3rd June at 5pm at Church of the Nazarene.

APPENDIX 2

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
 Tuesday 19th May2015 @ 6pm
 Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth
Minutes

1.	<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>CLlr Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair) CLlr Jack Carr CLlr Richard Riggs Fiona O'Brien (FO) Marcia Cunningham (MC) Robert Green (RG) Shane Abson (SA) Steve Riley (SR) Malcolm Howarth (MH) Darren Dickinson (DD) Max Senior (MS)</p>	Actions
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Jane Ripley</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declaration of Pecuniary and none pecuniary interest</u></p> <p>Malcolm Howarth RE: Ward Alliance Application for Junior Wardens Robert Green RE: Ward Alliance Application for Dodworth Village Community Group</p>	
4.	<p><u>Notes of last meeting and any matters arising</u></p> <p>The issue of the memorial group monies was raised and an official letter from the Ward Alliance requested to go to Dave Weldrick. The process for the memorial group funds to be transferred into the Ward Alliance is still outstanding.</p> <p>The group noted that RVS contract covering the whole Central Council Area will continue for another 12 months. It was acknowledged that the service may be under performing due to a lack of referrals especially from GP Practices. The group was asked if they knew anyone who may benefit from RVS services, if so to refer.</p> <p>CLlr Birkinshaw mentioned the column in The Chronicle by Milly Johnson which was critical of the new path developed in Penny Pie Park and stated it had glass on it, which had caused damage to a dog's foot. CLlr Birkinshaw stated that an official BMBC response was required. Fiona agreed to contact Parks.</p> <p>The group discussed the possibility of requesting Twiggs to clear the snicket below Engineers Pub as a special project.</p> <p>Darren questioned whether the gate on Royd Lane could be replaced as this is a problem area for littering and dog fouling. CLlr Birkinshaw suggested an</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>MC</p> <p>DD</p> <p>PB</p>

	<p>estimate be obtained for replacement of the gate which may be a deterrent. Cllr Carr queried the ownership of the gate.</p> <p>The group discussed a suggestion from Central Area Council that dog walkers be prosecuted not only for actual dog fouling but also intent EG having no bags on them for cleaning up after their dog.</p> <p>Fiona, mentioned that the gazebos which belong to the Ward alliance will be moved to the central area team's new offices at Worsbrough Common where there is storage capacity. The Gazebos can be borrowed by other groups with agreement by the Chair of the Ward Alliance.</p> <p>Other ward resources which can be loaned out to groups for local events include the PA system which will be kept at Gilroyd. New members are being recruited for the choir; Darren suggested that the School Assembly can be used to recruit new members.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>FO</p> <p>DD</p>
5	<p><u>Ward Alliance Improvement Plan</u></p> <p>It was agreed by the meeting that a Ward Alliance Pack for all members should be circulated. In addition appointment of new Ward Alliance representatives should be agreed by the whole group not just the councillors, it was also agreed that the meetings should remain informal and inclusive.</p> <p>The Group discussed promotion of the Ward Alliance, including use of Gazebos at galas, with notice boards to promote the Ward Alliance, agreeing content to submit for 'Dodworth News' in the Chronicle.</p> <p>In addition, there is the possibility of using local radio to promote the work of the Ward Alliance. Robert stated that Lisa Kenny from the Village Community Group has been interviewed by Dearne FM.</p> <p>Max is also a member of Barnsley Tv he will be doing some work for 'Down Dodworth Way' which will promote activities in the village.</p> <p>In terms of taking forward the Improvement Plan, Cllr Birkinshaw suggested rather than developing specific working groups, it would be better to alternate the meetings. Therefore, a generic meeting would be followed by a priority focus meeting which would consider a single priority per meeting. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride in Dodworth Ward • Strengthening the Community • Quality of Life 	<p>RG</p> <p>MS</p> <p>PB</p>

	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>CLlr Birkinshaw mentioned that the Methodist Chapel have requested some funds for repairs to the toilet facilities. This can be put to the devolved ward budget when costs are received.</p> <p>CLlr Birkinshaw then mentioned issues around graffiti across the ward, which he states is no longer being dealt with by BMBC unless it is offensive in nature.</p> <p>Robert stated that the Village Community Group had an agreement with Parks to paint over graffiti where this is possible. There was a discussion then about the possibility of Remedi coming into the ward one day a week to do various jobs.</p> <p>It was also noted that graffiti on electrical boxes needs to be blasted off, any actions need discussing with the Tasking Officer.</p> <p>CLlr Birkinshaw highlighted the financial position of the Ward Alliance, he stressed that there will be less funding, with no Devolved Ward Budget. CLlr Birkinshaw raised the possibility of 'topping Up' Ward Alliance funds next year from Central Area Council budget, this needs to be agreed by elected members across all the central wards. CLlr Birkinshaw stressed that Dodworth has achieved much through the Ward Alliance so would benefit from this proposal.</p> <p>CLlr Carr raised the possibility of S106 funding which will benefit the ward, especially for Higham Cricket Club. The ongoing maintenance cost of any facilities was highlighted as BMBC can no longer fund this.</p> <p>CLlr Carr raised a query in relation to G&M Fit Camp, he was concerned that this was no longer operating on the basis it was originally agreed and funded by the Ward Alliance. To be followed up with a request to attend a future meeting and provide an update on the project.</p> <p>2 funding applications were approved by the Ward Alliance, Junior Wardens, and Dodworth Village Community Group.</p> <p>Shane updated the group that Gilroyd Group would be using funds remaining to purchase football goalposts for the recreation ground in order to improve the facilities for young people and encourage use of the area over the summer.</p> <p>Steve outlined the possibility of a memorial garden at the front of Gilroyd club featuring raised beds and miniature roses. This was to go to the next club meeting.</p> <p>The group noted the Dodworth Gala is on 5th July. The group also decided to accept Lisa kenny's application to join the Ward Alliance.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>RG</p> <p>PB</p> <p>JC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>SA</p>
9	<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 23rd June at 6pm. Pollyfox Centre</p>	

APPENDIX 3

Kingstone Ward Alliance
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
1st June 2015 @ 4pm

Present:

Councillor Williams, S Shaw, K Quinney, M Sawdon, V Mawby, Debbie Tumman, Fiona O'Brien.

Apologies:

Councillor Green, Councillor Mitchell

Note: The meeting wasn't quorate due to only one Councillor being in attendance therefore decisions will need to be approved by at least one other Councillor.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No declarations

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 30th March 2015 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 30th March 2015 were agreed as accurate.

Ward Alliance Review: Workshop

A continuation of the discussion on the results of the Ward Alliance Assessment was held with the following decision made;

New members are needed for the Ward Alliance following the reconfiguration of reps suggestions were;

Zara, Councillor Williams to send Fiona contact details **Action: Fiona to contact.**

Dave Clayton **Action: Fiona to contact**

One of Exodus Young volunteers, **Action: Martin to contact**

Andy Bentley (Bentleys Hair Salon) **Action: Fiona to forward form to Sue for Sue to drop off to Andy.**

A Facebook page was discussed at the last meeting, Fiona has now set this up (Kingstone Ward Alliance) and if people are happy to be administrators they should forward the email address they use for Facebook to Fiona for her to give them permission.

The updated priorities for 2015/16 were circulated and approved although The Health and Wellbeing priority needs to be discussed and agreed through the working group when they meet.

Working Groups to be re-established;

Environmental; It was agreed this would not have a dedicated working group however the other working groups would incorporate this into activities they were developing. Additionally Debbie was happy to look at being involved in organising clean ups.

Health & wellbeing; It was agreed this group would set/finalise the details of the priority and Kelly, Sue and Fiona volunteered to be on this group, this would also be open to members not at this meeting and any new members.

Young People

Fiona showed the group the art work produced by the Litter Pick Art Project, everyone agreed it looked really good.

Martin mentioned Exodus were looking at purchasing a new inflatable however was struggling as it would be used in more than one ward, Fiona said it was possible to put joint applications to the 5 central wards and if the equipment were to be used outside the Central Area a charge could be made by Exodus which could then be used for delivering further activities in Kingstone or purchasing new equipment to help sustain the group. Vera, James, Councillor Williams and Fiona volunteered to be on this group, this would also be open to members not at this meeting and any new members.

It was agreed working groups would not be established for;

Older people; a significant amount of activity was funded through this last year and although applications would still be considered that met this priority it was felt options of the working group had been exhausted.

Communication; it was felt this priority did not need a dedicated working group with the Facebook page being set up and the Ward Fun Day being held, additionally a WAF is being developed for a community newsletter.

Environment; this would be developed through the Young people and Health and Wellbeing working groups.

Any Other Urgent Business

It was agreed RVS be invited to attend the next meeting to update on their service and the Youth Council also be invited to look at how they could link in with the improving the environment priority.

Date & Time of next Meeting

Monday 13th July 2015 4pm at Worsbrough Common ICT Resource Centre

APPENDIX 4

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE
MEETING NOTES

Monday 11th May 2015 10am St. Andrews Church Hall, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot - 04/2015

1. **Present:** Ann Hart, Robert Stendall, John Ramsden until 11.30am, Andrew Gillis, Fiona O'Brien Area Team, Cllr. Wayne Johnson, Cynthia Cunningham, Cllr. Brian Mathers and Sam Crossley Youth Worker from St. Andrews Church and Pastor to The Barnsley Academy, was welcomed to the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** Cllr K. Dyson, Roy Marsden

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary/None Pecuniary Interest:** None declared

4. **Notes from last meeting on:** Monday 13th April 2015

Proposer: Cynthia Cunningham **Seconder:** Andrew Gillis

5. Matters Arising:

Footpath Cypress Road/Resource Centre **re-reported.**

Tree at the rear of the Crematorium - **no further information available.**

£500 payment into the account held at Yorkshire Bank has been **actioned.**

NO GOLF sign Aldham Fields - A. Gillis reported that it's still not been replaced nor has he been advised as to it's cost - **to defer to next meeting.**

Bow topped fencing A.Gillis informed the meeting this is now with **Park services for re-use.**

Also A. Gillis informed the meeting of recent spates of ASB in the vicinity of the Play Equipment and the Bowling Green in Aldham Fields area resulting in the padlock being cut off the gates at the Bowling Green and the zip wire in the Play area being cut down too -

Suggested that as a priority a need to look at Summer Programmes/ Activities for the area.

Presence of Mark Miller at a future meeting - Fiona informed us that this is not possible.

6. Ward Alliance Workshop:

Fiona facilitated this session explaining that the Stairfoot Ward was within the boundaries of the Central Area Council which had a budget with which to commission services to tackle issues raised by the residents as being a priority in all the 5 areas that it covered.

Older People - Royal Voluntary Services are the provider to tackle issues of isolation and loneliness in older people.

Young People - Y.M.C.A. & Core Assetts are the 2 providers of these services aimed at addressing 2 age groups - young people and younger young people.

Enforcement Officers - Kingdom Securities - the officers are tasked through the SNT Tasking Officer and deployed in reference to areas of concern.

Clean & Green - Twiggs employed to complement the work of Neighbourhood Services by doing identified additional clean & green work.

Having welcomed Sam to his first meeting Fiona went on to explain the purpose of the Council's Ward Alliance Fund - intended to support schemes and initiatives that support solutions to local issues identified in the Ward Plan.

As we have been allowed to roll over the under-spend from last year our Ward Alliance Allocation to spend on projects match funding with volunteer time before 31st March 2016 is £15,826.83

In addition to this the elected members have responsibility for a Devolved Ward Budget which is agreed and managed by them.

We then re-visited the results of the recent Self Assessment Summary -

Q 3. new members - Whilst elected members make the decision on community membership can they agree that it's a decision that comes to the Ward Alliance with a cap of 4 members per each of the 4 areas within our Ward ?

Q.4. Community membership should be reviewed annually so might we at the same time also review positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary - suggested May/June? **The Vice Chair stood down as from this meeting but would remain a member.** On the suggestion of a Rotating Chair from the elected members - that they discuss this separately before the next meeting.

Q. 12. Action Plan would be helped by working groups re-visiting priorities at the next meeting.

Q. 23. It was felt that it would be helpful to have summarised Minutes from Area Council meetings to see how they support our work.

Q.25. Continuity of staff identified to assist with action re: points raised has been a problem.

In support of the request at Q.23. Cllr Johnson informed the meeting of his last attendance at Area Council where it was discussed that there could be options for Central Area Council to devolve some of their budget to Ward Alliances or a suggestion that as a last option distributed evenly through each Ward Alliance.

7. Any Other Business: Fiona reminded us that the first week in June is the week for environmental type clean ups and we haven't identified one so far - suggested that she contact Glyn Staves as he had previously mentioned doing an event to support the clean up of Yews Lane trying to attract residents there into volunteering to keep it clean.

8. Any Future Agenda items/issues for discussion: VICE CHAIR

9. Date and Time of the Next Meeting: Monday 8th June 2015 at 10am at St. Andrews Church Hall, Gerald Road, Kendray

APPENDIX 5

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE 30th April 2015

1. Welcome & Introductions

Cllrs Jill Carr, Betty Barlow & John Clarke (Chair)
Steve Taylor
Hannah Taylor
Sylvia Speight
Tony Perry
Alison Andrews
Kevin Williams (Secretary)
Michelle Toone (Locality Support BMBC)

2. Apologies for Absence

Jill Aranyi

3. Declarations

None received

4. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes of the previous meeting held on the 5th March 2015, were accepted as an accurate representation

5. Matters arising

The Ward Alliance asked if Mark Miller had secured the additional funds he needed for the security camera. The Ward Alliance had awarded a £2717 contribution towards the project provided the shortfall in funding could be met. Michelle Toone to contact Mark Miller for an update.

6. Ward Alliance Self-assessment – Progress on agreed actions.

The Community Alliance had previously completed a self-assessment exercise and as a result identified 4 areas for improvement: Member attendance, Members understanding of the Ward Alliance purpose and their role within it and communication with the wider public about the Ward Alliance and its work. A number of actions were agreed upon to try and address these.

Michelle handed out a copy of the "Members Information Pack" to each member. These packs contain a number of different documents that Ward Alliance members can refer to for clarification on Members Roles, Ward Alliance fund, Area priorities, Neighbourhood Networks as well as useful tool kits regarding volunteering and inspiring/ leading social action

Each member also received a letter of recommitment to serve on the Worsbrough Ward Alliance. Members were asked to sign and return. A copy will be sent to members not in attendance.

It was proposed and agreed that members who missed 3 meetings in a calendar year would have their membership reassessed; this will include absences where apologies are given.

7. Central Contracts

Y.M.C.A. A timetable of what the YMCA is delivering was distributed.

The Exodus Project were awarded a Working Together Fund grant, as part of this are now delivering sessions at the Academy which will last for 12 months. These sessions will be initially targeted at 8-12's with a club being created for 13-19's in September when children move up/ progress from the 8-12 club.

CORE Assets. CORE Assets have been working at Dale Park and had previously held sessions at the Edmunds centre, however they had very little uptake and were looking for ideas on what activities they could provide and where. Ward Alliance Members met with them and gave them suggestions but have not received any feedback as yet. Michelle informed the Alliance that as this was a Central Council procurement she would pass on these concerns so they could be addressed at the next Contact Management Meeting.

RVS. There was no further update from the last meeting. They were due to have their quarter 3 contract management meeting so a comprehensive update would be given at the next meeting.

TWIGG. Michelle distributed the current work schedule.

Dog fouling and littering should be reported to Kingdom on Tel. 775656. They had been most successful when they were working from intelligence so it was important people rang in.

Fly tipping etc should be reported on Tel.772468

Celebration Council Community Celebration event. This has been organised on the 25th June at the Metrodome 7-9.30pm. Michelle stressed the important role Ward Alliance Members had in ensuring nominations were, this included making nominations and publicising the awards and encouraging the local community to make nominations. Michelle strongly encouraged all members to make at least one nomination. The deadline for nominations is 22nd May 2015.

8. Environmental Update

Community Clean-up day March 21st. There is a video on face book together with a PowerPoint presentation of all events that took place on that date. The day was a massive success across the Borough.

Worbrough Mill volunteer days. Michelle provided an update on the 3 days that had taken place. 58 people had volunteered over the 3 days 6 of whom volunteered for all 3 days. The events were so successful Worsbrough Mill have agreed to schedule in more days throughout the year. The Mill will lead on these with support from

Michelle and the Ward Alliance. Michelle will update the alliance with dates when these have been decided.

Love Where You Live Campaign. This will be re-launched again in June and July and will run for 12 months. The Ward Alliance agreed to arrange their own litter picks to support the campaign and encourage others to do the same. It was agreed to hold a litter pick at Dale Park on the 20th June at 11.00am and another litter pick is being arranged for the 11th July.

9. Ward Alliance 2014-2015 Spend and Project Updates

Michelle distributed information detailing what Ward Alliance funding had been spent and which priority it had addressed.

10. Ward Alliance Fund 2015-2016

Allocation available. We have £21,685.51 available.

Potential Projects. A meeting has been arranged for the Ward Green Growing project.

We are still awaiting more information about the Walking Football.

Application from WISH group was considered. The group were looking for £1075.00 to purchase public liability insurance for the memorial at Worsbrough. This would cover a 3 year period. The Ward Alliance agreed to fund the full amount requested.

11. Any Other Business

Non

12. Date of the next meeting

11th June 2015 at 5.30pm