

North East Ward Alliance Notes

19th September, 2013

Held at the Lifestyles Community Centre, Grimethorpe

Present:

Councillor Jeff Ennis (Chair), Councillor Dave North (Vice Chair), Councillor Dorothy Higginbottom, Father Ian McCormack, Sylvia Nixon, Elsie Smith, Chris Sykes, and Martin Fensome.

In Attendance

Caroline Donovan, Area Manager

Councillor Ennis welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the North East Ward Alliance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Malcolm Davies, Dorothy Coates and Pat Ford.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Agreement of the Ward Alliance Terms of Reference

The model Terms of Reference were circulated. After careful consideration the Group agreed to adopt these Terms of Reference for the North East Ward Alliance.

4. The role of Secretary and Treasurer, and the provision of a Bursary

It was agreed that Martin Fensome would take on the role of Secretary and Treasurer for the North East Ward Alliance. It was also agreed that a bursary of £500 per annum would be paid to facilitate the meetings and keep the accounts up to date.

5. Consideration of the Ward Priorities

A discussion followed with regard to the Ward priorities. After careful consideration all present agreed that the indicative priorities for the North East Area Council would be considered, which were Health and Wellbeing, the Local Economy and Regeneration, Youth Provision and The Environment.

All present agreed to consider these indicative priorities with a view to crystallising their decision at the next meeting, and working towards preparing the Ward Plan for consultation in January 2014.

6. Consideration of a Ward Plan

The Group were updated that they would need to consider potential projects, within their Ward Alliance priorities, which would then form the basis of their Ward Plan.

7. Update with regard to Funding

Caroline explained to the Group that there were essentially three different funding streams for the Ward Alliance to consider, which were as follows:

£10,000 from the Devolved Budget, which was not time limited. The funding has to be matched by Volunteer hours.

£5,000 from Public Health, which was not time limited, and spend would need to follow the Five Steps to Wellbeing criteria.

£2,000 from Public Health, which would need to be spent by the end of March 2014, and spend would need to follow the Five Steps to Wellbeing criteria.

However, she explained that spend was encouraged to benefit local residents and improve the local community as soon as possible, and that all projects would have to reflect the four Priorities which the Group had agreed.

8. Consideration of Potential Projects

The parameters of the funding were discussed with regard to potential projects in the area. The members of the Group discussed the possibility of providing some extra youth provision in the Ward. They considered working toward extra School Holiday activities for young people across the Ward. It was agreed that it would be beneficial if a representative from Youth Services could attend the next meeting to give an update on what was happening in the area. It was also suggested that everyone brought back details of the Youth Provision in their Villages in order to start an Audit of Youth Provision for the Ward.

A member of the Group highlighted the need to include the Churches and Schools in any activities with regard to Health and Wellbeing. The benefits of the provision of Breakfasts Clubs in Schools were also highlighted.

Activities to improve the local Environment were discussed and it was agreed that environmental improvements would be of benefit to all the four Villages.

After further discussion it was agreed that the representatives from each Village would look at their different priorities and feedback to the next meeting.

9. Dates of the next Ward Alliance Meetings

It was agreed that the next Ward Alliance meetings would be scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, 20th November at 5.00 pm at Shafton Community Centre.
- Wednesday, 29th January at 5.00 pm at Great Houghton Welfare Hall.
- Wednesday, 26th March at 5.00 pm at Brierley Methodist Community Centre.

It was agreed that extra meetings would be scheduled if required.

10. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.