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| MEETING: | North East Area Council |
| DATE: | Thursday, 2 February 2017 |
| TIME: | 2.00 pm |
| VENUE: | Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall |

AGENDA

Members please note that this meeting of the Area Council will be immediately followed by a workshop session to discuss future priorities

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 1st December 2016 (*Pages 3 - 6*)

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- 4 Monk Bretton Ward Alliance (*Pages 15 - 18*)
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- 5 North East Ward Alliance (*Pages 19 - 20*)
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Performance

- 7 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (*Pages 29 - 40*)

Items for Decision

- 8 'Let's Grow Great Houghton' pilot allotment project (*Pages 41 - 44*)

To: Chair and Members of North East Area Council:-

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

Area Council Support Officers:

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Wednesday, 25 January 2017

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| MEETING: | North East Area Council |
| DATE: | Thursday, 1 December 2016 |
| TIME: | 2.00 pm |
| VENUE: | Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall |

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

33 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

34 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on Thursday 29th September 2016

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 29th September 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 29th September 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

35 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held throughout September and October 2016. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – Details of recent grants were given. The Christmas Lights switch on takes place on 2nd December at the Methodist Church. The Christmas Event is one of the biggest events for the Ward Alliance each year and officers were thanked for their help and support.

Monk Bretton – It was noted that an application has been received from Redfearns junior football club for a new lawnmower. Twenty children from St Helens school have been busy working on getting the planters and raised beds ready for the winter bedding. Christmas activities are due to take place over the next two weeks. The Don Booker magazine about the history of Monk Bretton is currently being distributed. The Archives at Town Hall will be getting a copy of the magazine.

North East – Various funding projects were highlighted, including the Milefield Community Farm which had been granted £1000 for resource centre equipment. Recent projects include the Christmas lights switch on and associated celebrations which were attended by around 700 people.

Royston – Work has started on forty new allotment plots and people on the waiting list will be contacted. A Love Where You Live event took place in Royston park. Staff from the Benefits and Taxation Department, the NEET team and others were involved in bulb planting and work in the Rose Garden to develop the Community Orchard. Following a session at Royston library a new Park Group has been formed. There was a lot of interest in environmental projects and 3 representatives have been selected to be part of the S106 group. Two Christmas trees are to be lit, one at Albert Shepherd, one at the Wells. BPL has contributed to the cost of one of the trees and has also given out free family swim tickets to the children in the school choirs who sang at the Christmas event. Thanks were expressed to the Area Council Team for help with repairs to the play area.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

36 North East Area Council Performance Management Report

The Area Council Manager updated Members in respect of the performance of the North East Area Council contracted services and associated outcomes. It was reported that the Private Sector Housing Management service is going from strength to strength. From 20th June to 30th September, 176 contacts were received, some of which were resolved on an informal basis. A number of case studies were provided.

The Fit Me project in Great Houghton appears to be a success and should be sustainable in the long term. Future potential venues for Fit Me include Carlton ALC and Priory Campus, possibly in January 2017. Members felt that the report underlines how far the North East Area Council has travelled in terms of delivering high quality outcomes whilst representing value for money.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report.

37 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The Area Council Manager provided a financial analysis of the North East Area Council's commissioning budget. It was highlighted that the Shopability service has now ceased.

It was proposed that a workshop will take place at the 2nd February meeting to look at Area Council priorities and budgets going forward. This aligns to the Council's budget decision making, which takes place on the morning of the same date.

RESOLVED that Members note the financial position and procurement update.

38 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager provided members with an update with regard to progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund. Various projects across the wards were discussed, together with the positive impact they had generated in the community.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

39 Review of Parks equipment damaged by anti social behaviour

The Area Council Manager highlighted the audit of equipment in the parks and open spaces across the North East Area Council damaged through anti-social behaviour. The cost of replacing the damaged equipment is £5,250 and includes replacement of a cantilever swing, water safety signs, 'no dog fouling' signs, litter bins and dog bins.

Members queried if litter bins in park should be paid from S106 money rather than the Area Council budget and also highlighted concerns that dog bins, litter bins, water safety and dog fouling signs should not be included either as this was the responsibility of the parks department, not the Area Council as it is not equipment damaged through anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED that funding for the cantilever swing replacement at a cost of £1500 is approved.

40 Milefield Farm Report

The Area Council Manager updated Members with regard to the Milefield Community Farm Project which is a Volunteer it Yourself (a not for profit Community Interest Company) which has been supported by Milefield School, Voluntary Action Barnsley, the North East Area Council's Youth Development Fund and local businesses.

11 young people achieved their City and Guilds Entry Level 3 Introductory Award in Employability Skills through working on this scheme. Further funding is now being sought for a Farm Manager (Reaching Communities), 2 alpacas plus shelter (crowd funding) and a poly tunnel and interactive TV (EDF funding). Leaflets highlighting the crowd funder initiative were distributed with a view to increasing engagement as part of the publicity campaign. It was highlighted that there are rewards for donating - for example, if an individual donates £25 they can visit the farm, whilst a £100 donation would qualify the donor to take tea with the Mayor.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the report and share information about the crowd funder initiative throughout their networks.

41 NEAC Foster Care Pilot - presentation by John Banwell, Interim Head of Service, Children in Care.

Jon Banwell, Head of Children in Care, delivered a presentation regarding the recruitment of foster carers. A large number of foster carers live in the North East Area Council wards and it was felt that it may be possible to recruit foster carers via word of mouth. It was pointed out that the care population is increasing and the demographics have changed, with an increase in older children and teenagers. Neighbouring authorities are facing similar problems. Barnsley remains a net importer of children in care, which means there is an increased need to be met. Evidence suggests that children placed locally with in-house foster carers achieve better outcomes and costs are significantly reduced in comparison to using an Independent Fostering Agency (IFA).

Members asked questions about a number of issues including:

- Initial stages of assessment and associated 'drop out' rate
- Training and ongoing support for foster carers (including staff capacity)
- Timescales and removing unnecessary delays
- Profile of children in care and profile of foster carers
- Effective marketing including Facebook/Twitter and sponsorship by Barnsley Football Club.
- CAMHS services for looked after children and their carers

RESOLVED

- (i) That the NEAC support the recruitment of foster carers in the area, acting as a pilot for the new campaign which could then be shared to other area councils.
- (ii) That a working group be established comprising Councillors Sheard, Ennis, Makinson and Hayward to take the project forward, with a meeting planned for early in the New Year.

Chair

Item 3

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| Cudworth Ward Alliance | |
| Meeting Notes | |
| Meeting Title: | Cudworth Ward Alliance |
| Date and time: | Monday 17th October 2016 at 10.30am |
| Location: | Bow Street Offices. Cudworth |

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| <p>Attendees:</p> <p>Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair) Councillor Charlie Wraith. (vice chair) Mick White. Florence Whittlestone. John Hayhoe Joan Jones. Vicky Dawson. Kevan Riggett Janet Robinson Ernest Oliver</p> <p>In attendance: David Gill - Local Support Officer.</p> | <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Councillor S. Houghton.</p> |
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| | | Action / Decision | Action / Lead |
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| <p>1.</p> <p>Declarations of interest:</p> <p>Councillor Hayward declared an interest in a funding application.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>Janet Robinson declared an interest in a funding application.</p> <p>Notes of the previous meeting: 12th September 2016</p> <p>Councillor Hayward informed members that other areas have no interest in a line marker. Councillor Hayward is to purchase a line marker - subject to approval.</p> <p>Dark nights grant funding: Councillor Hayward informed d members he has contacted the police and we do not meet the criteria for this funding.</p> <p>Brass bands in the park: People have enjoyed the brass bands in the park and would like more events next year.</p> <p>Men in sheds: Age UK have been looking for match funding for this project. Councillor Hayward informed members Age UK have received £1,000 from Shawlands Trust. Age UK now say they will put the rest of the money in themselves for this project to move forward.</p> <p>Bright Sparks are a family support group and currently hold sessions at 5pm. In the Valley Community Centre. They are</p> | | | |

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| <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> | <p>looking to hold these sessions at a different time to attract more families.</p> <p>Christmas Tree event: Councillor Hayward informed members he has made enquiries and the Ward Alliance can purchase its own Christmas tree, but not this year. The tree has already been ordered. Also, the tree must be erected and dismantled by responsible people and insurance checked.</p> <p>Action Plan:</p> <p>Brass bands in the park: Councillor Hayward informed members 3 dates have been booked with the brass bands 2nd July 2017, the last Sunday in July 2017 and one in August 2017.</p> <p>Health Fayre: David gave an update about the Health Fayre which will be held on Saturday 12th November 2016 at Cudworth Methodist Church 10.30am to 12 noon. Winter stew packs will be given free to people attending the Health Fayre.</p> <p>Councillor Wraith stated we always buy the produce from our local shops. The question was asked by members about the length of time local shop owners are having to wait for payment. David stated the guideline is. Payment will be made after 30 days.</p> <p>Kevan is to contact Mawby's fruit and veg. wholesaler as they are very good with donating produce.</p> <p>Christmas Tree event: The switch on of the Christmas tree lights will be on Friday 2nd December 2016 4pm at Cudworth Methodist Church. Barnsley Road. David is to invite John Hambleton from the Methodist Church to a steering group meeting on Wednesday 19th October 2016 at 2pm.</p> <p>Potential Projects.</p> <p>The Environment.</p> <p>Caroline Donovan is having the hanging basket brackets taken down to ensure new brackets will be placed where required.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>Janet suggested Walking Football as a potential project. Councillor Hayward is to contact Pinfold Pumas.</p> <p>Finance:</p> <p>David gave an update. There is £9,327 remaining.</p> <p>Funding applications:</p> <p>Members agreed to fund:</p> <p>Hanging baskets: £1,600</p> <p>Birkwood Primary School reading bus: £949.44</p> | <p>David Gill</p> <p>Caroline Donovan</p> | |
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| | <p>Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Camera. £180</p> <p>7. Pocket Parks. £500</p> <p>Janet suggested another camera for Cudworth. Due to the increase of fly-tipping in Cudworth. Councillor Hayward is to contact John Hallows.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>Kevan asked for feedback of the outcomes to using these cameras.</p> <p>Correspondence:</p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p> <p>Compliments and Complaints:</p> <p>Compliments have been received about the summer bedding plants at the Co-op car park area and the hanging baskets along the main road. Councillors are to make sure the hanging baskets will be placed correctly next year. Where the Councillors ask for them to be placed.</p> <p>9.</p> <p>Dog fouling needs to improve. Enforcement Officers have changed their shifts.</p> <p>Complaints have been received about the lack of toilet facilities in the park when the brass bands are playing.</p> <p>Any other business:</p> <p>Planters. Kevan asked if a charge can be made for advertising space on the planters. Councillor Hayward said Yes there can be a charge.</p> <p>10.</p> <p>Vicky informed members people have been seen inside the Peace Garden when it is locked. There must be a way through the perimeter where people are getting in.</p> <p>Councillor Hayward thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.</p> <p>Date and time of the next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 28th November 2016. 10.30am at Bow Street Offices. Cudworth.</p> <p>If anyone has any ideas for future projects, please bring your ideas to the next meeting.</p> <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <p>Monday 9th January 2017</p> | <p>Cllr Hayward</p> | |
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Cudworth Ward Alliance

Meeting Notes

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| Meeting Title: | Cudworth Ward Alliance |
| Date and time: | Monday 28th November 2016 at 10.30am |
| Location: | Bow Street Offices. Cudworth |

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| <p>Attendees:</p> <p>Councillor Joe Hayward. Chair Councillor Charlie Wraith Mick White Joan Jones Vicky Dawson Kevan Riggett Ernest Oliver Janet Robinson</p> <p>In attendance: David Gill – Local Support Officer.</p> | <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Councillor Stephen Houghton Florence Whittlestone</p> |
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| <p>1. Declarations of interest:</p> <p>Councillor Hayward declared an interest in a funding application from C.A.B.</p> <p>2. Notes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>Kevan informed members he could not get through to speak to anyone at Mawby's fruit and veg. supplies.</p> <p>Cudworth is to have its own camera purchased from Ward Alliance funding. Councillor Hayward suggested inviting John Hallows from Neighbourhood Watch to a meeting.</p> <p>Kevan stated he needs the paperwork to get started with companies who are wanting advertising space on the planters.</p> <p>Walking Football. Kevan is making enquiries about Walking Football, as we do not have this in our area.</p> <p>3. Action Plan:</p> <p>The Princes Trust are involved with the Hard and Fast club for young people at the boxing club on Barnsley Road. The Hard and Fast Club is a diversion from Anti-Social Behaviour for these young people. These young people have been working very hard painting, litter picking and fund raising for a new boiler and radiators as there is no heating in the building. The building is in disrepair.</p> <p>Winter Health Fayre. David gave an update to say the Health Fayre was very successful. Winter stew packs and apples</p> | | Kevan |

were given away free from the Ward Alliance to people attending.

Christmas Tree event: David gave an update to members. The switch on of the Christmas Tree lights will be on Friday 2nd December 2016. The event will start at 4.30pm with children from the three primary schools singing carols. The switch on of the lights will be at 5pm.

4. Potential Projects:

Robert Street allotment area needs a litter pick.

5. Finance:

David gave an update. There is just under £6,000 left to be spent before March 2017.

6. Funding applications:

Councillor Hayward declared an interest in a funding application from C.A.B.

Members agreed to fund:

Citizens Advice. £1,572

Hard and Fast boxing club. £1,500

Friends of Cudworth Library (children's group) £223.65

Kevan suggested a logo be placed in the boxing club stating the Ward Alliance has given funding to the boxing club. To raise awareness and the profile of the work the Ward Alliance is doing.

Kevan also suggested the boxing club could try South Yorkshire Sport for funding.

7. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

8. Compliments and complaints:

None.

9. Any other business:

Councillor Hayward has made enquiries about the Ward Alliance purchasing its own Christmas tree for 2017. The tree would have to be erected and dismantled by responsible people and insurance checked.

Kevan mentioned the new Co-op supermarket manager may be interested in becoming a member of the Ward Alliance. David stated anyone interested in becoming a member of the Ward Alliance would have to complete an application form and the three councillors would decide if they are suitable to join.

David asked if the notice board outside the Co-op supermarket could be removed, as it is in disrepair.
Members agreed the notice board could be useful to advertise forthcoming events and information.

Members agreed to apply to the Ward Alliance to fund a new notice board.

There was no other business.

Councillor Hayward thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.

10. Date and time of the next meeting:

Monday 9th January 2017 10.30am at Bow Street Offices. Cudworth.

If anyone has any ideas for future projects. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Future meeting dates:

Monday 20th February 2017
Monday 27th March 2017

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Item 4

Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

November 4th. 2016 @ Burton Grange Community Centre

In attendance:

Cllr Steve Green. Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Margaret Sheard, Sue Fox, Charlie Goulding, Paul Jolly, John Marshall, Don Booker, Jake Finney.

| 1 | Apologies: Tom Sheard, Gavin Doxey, Ann Moffett | Actions |
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| 2 | Declarations of Interest: None | |
| 3 | Notes of the previous meetings: Carlton Gala August 5 th . Strategy session – agreed action plan item next meeting | |
| 4 | Project Feedback: Monk Bretton booklet at printers | |
| 5 | Ward Alliance Fund – applications received: Barnardo's Xmas Event – support Redfearn's Junior Football Club – support Barnsley Neighbourhood Liaison Group – refuse Dial Barnsley – Hold over & compare against CAB Project | £300 £2400 |
| 6 | Funding & Finance: Spreadsheet discussed Xmas activities – Carlton Church lights need remedial electrical work to ensure safety – Approved | £3200 (Est) |
| 7 | Additional Items: Community resilience – speaker not present, again! | |
| 8 | AOB: Carlton Pavilion – funding for replacement lights – not possible to fund from WA. Great Britain Spring clean – resolved to join, March 4 th . TPW through Lundwood | KR, SF |
| 9 | Date of Future meetings Next meeting will be held at 9:30 @ Silverdale Community Centre, December 9 th . 2016 | |

Meeting closed by SG at 11am

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Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

December 9th. 2016 @ Silverdale Community Centre

In attendance:

Cllr Steve Green. Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Margaret Sheard, Sue Fox, Charlie Goulding, Paul Jolly, Ann Moffett, John Marshall, Gavin Doxey, Tom Sheard, Don Booker.

| 1 | Apologies: None | Actions |
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| 2 | Declarations of Interest: None | |
| 3 | Notes of the previous meeting: Correct – Spring clean registered | |
| 4 | Project Feedback: Monk Bretton Booklet printed – copies made available to members CAB Report – need to advertise this service in GP's etc. Leaflet reqd. In New Year. It was stated SYHA has a similar project starting in April Concern was expressed on the quality of the report. | PJ |
| 5 | Ward Alliance Fund – applications received: None | |
| 6 | Funding & Finance: Spreadsheet discussed, need to restart at year start. Xmas activities heading explained, items discussed. | |
| 7 | Additional Items: CAB Monk Bretton Report – covered under item 4. | |
| 8 | AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central contact team Xmas dinner – agreed £50 donation • Monk Bretton light switch on – duties discussed and agreed. • Monk Bretton Service of Memorial – it was stated that the Monk Branch of the British Legion may close leading to a need to organise next year's event Agreed WA take over next year's event – agenda item next meeting with information • Gifts for Children – it was suggested the WA look at raising Xmas gifts for needy children in the ward | PJ All GD GD, KR |
| 9 | Date of Future meetings Next meeting will be held at Burton Grange Community Centre. January 20 th . 2017 @ 9:30 | |

Meeting closed by SG at 11am

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Item 5

NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

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| Meeting Title: | North East Ward Alliance |
| Date & Time: | 9th November 2016 4:00pm |
| Location: | The Acorn Centre Grimethorpe |

| Attendees | Apologies |
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| Cllr D Higginbottom (Acting Chair) M Fensome D Dyson P Mackinnon S Nixon Cllr J Ennis Cllr D P Coates M Handley D Gill | Fr I McCormack Cllr A Hampson |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Before the main agenda items</p> <p>Jo Thornton from Barnsley FC did a presentation on The National Citizen Service An initiative to provide work and life skills for 16-17yr old's (yr 11) over a 4week period. A request for projects which groups of up to 15 can organize and complete in the summer was made</p> <p>Representatives Brierley Cubs FC (Brian & Julie Hayward) attended the meeting to explain and discuss their application for funding raised at the previous meeting on 21st September</p> <p>1. Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>2. Matters Arising.</p> <p>JE raised the matter of the grant given to OSCAR at the previous meeting following its recent closure.</p> <p>3. Summer Activity - Update</p> <p>DG informed members that the activities in the parks had not been as successful as last year. Whilst the Gaz initiative went well</p> | <p>Noted and Agreed</p> <p>Following discussion and the departure of the representatives it was agreed that a grant of £1,750 be approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>DG informed members that the application had been withdrawn</p> <p>Noted</p> | |

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| | <p>5) Ward Alliance Funding Applications</p> <p>MF circulated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A copy of an application from Shafton Aged Welfare Council requesting a grant of £500 the provision of social activities 2) A copy of an application from the Friends of St Luke's Church Grimethorpe requesting a grant of £781 towards activities at the Christmas Lights switch on 3) A copy of an application from the Friends of St Paul's Church Brierley requesting a grant of £621 towards activities at the Christmas Lights switch on 4) A copy of an application from Shafton Community Fun Club requesting a grant of £678.80 towards materials for future activities 5) A copy of an application from the Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group requesting a grant of £180 towards the provision of a surveillance camera to catch Fly Tippers <p>6 Any Other Business Non</p> <p>Cllr DH raised the issue of funding to provide grit for the bins provided by the Area Forum</p> <p>DG distributed publicity material for members to distribute promoting the Christmas events</p> <p>DG informed members that a speaker would be attending the next meeting to inform members of the Community Resilience initiative a copy of which was distributed to members</p> <p>7. Date and Time of future meetings</p> <p>Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 4.00pm Great Houghton Welfare Hall</p> <p>Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 4:00pm at Shafting Community Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 4:00pm at The Acorn Centre Grimethorpe</p> | <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>DG to identify the number of bins and the cost of filling them</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Following discussion DG was to invite John Hallows from the Neighbourhood Watch to the next meeting in order to clarify the position regarding the legalities of providing, siting, and operating the camera and prosecution of offenders</p> <p>DG to investigate</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
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Item 6

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

**Monday, the 21st November 2016
6pm at the Grove, Royston**

Present, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr M Clements, Mick Birkinshaw, John Craig, J Clare, John Openshaw, and S Croft

In Attendance, Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer and Jake Finney

1. **Apologies for Absence**, Cllr T Cheetham, Howard Lavender, Gemma Conway, Graham Kyte, and Fred Harston
2. **Declaration of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest**, none declared.
3. **Correspondence & communications**, the secretary reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from the Royston Greenfingers Gardening Club for the support given to the group.
4. **Notes of previous meetings, 10th October 2016.**
Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting were a true record.
5. **Matters Arising**
Royston in Bloom, J Craig updated the meeting on progress of the autumn planting. He also gave a report on the proposals for the Park View planter site and the flower beds on Royston Lane. The meeting agreed that he should negotiate the cost of planting the beds with local contractors.

6. **Area Council Update**
No update available, no meeting held.

7. **Project Updates**
CAB, a 6 month review was distributed, together with a 3 month review of the **DIAL**, project. Members were impressed with the success of the projects and the benefits that it brings to the residents of Royston. Members expressed their thanks to both organisations.
Achievement Awards, the meeting was updated on the progress, nominations from all 4 schools involved should be received in the New Year.
Christmas Event, the meeting was updated on the progress of the project; there will be trees and lights at the Albert Shepherd VC Civic Hall. The event at the will be held on the 7th December with members asked to be available from 1:30pm to prepare the site, children will be attending from 4pm with carols from 4:15 pm followed by a light switch on at around 4:45pm.

Cards, It was also agreed that cards would be sent to the Neighbourhood network in Royston and Alliance members.

LWYL Event, Members were updated on the event which took place on the 2nd November in Royston Park. The event with 3 primary schools together with a number of volunteers and staff from BMBC's corporate volunteering initiative, with Royston Bowling Club provided refreshments on the day.

Royston Park, members were invited to a meeting being held at the Life Long Learning Centre 4pm to 5pm on Wednesday the 23rd November to discuss improvement within the park and the formation of a "Friends of Royston Park"..

Allotments, The Chair updated the meeting on work at the new allotment site off Sycamore Drive. Work has started to establish 40 new allotment plots with residents on the allotment waiting list being contacted and offered an allotment.

8. Royston Family Centre, No Update available.

9. WW1 Commemorations, The secretary had contacted John Niland draft designs would be made available at the next meeting.

10. Royston & Carlton Community Partnership, The secretary reported that the group had been a finalist in the 2016 Proud of Barnsley Awards with members attending the awards ceremony at the Holiday Inn on Friday the 18th November, with Friends of Wombwell Cemetery winning the Community Group category.

11. Funding Opportunities, No Update.

12. Ward Alliance finance update and to consider applications

The community Development Officer updated the meeting on the available budget. There were no applications to consider.

Members discussed possible future funding applications: Community Orchard, Notice Boards, Urban Arts Project.

13. Any Other Business

Dog Fouling, members were informed of a recent newspaper article on the issuing of dog fouling fines, Barnsley hands out nearly 10% of UK Fines in 2015.

Fly Tipping, members asked about proposals being put the BMBC's cabinet and requested feedback.

Rabbit Ings, there will be a Christmas Fair on Sunday the 11th December 11am to 3pm at the site. There are also proposals for a Summer Music Festival in August 2017.

14. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Royston in Bloom, John Craig to agree costs for planting the beds on Royston Lane with local contractor.

Notice Boards, the secretary to seek costs.

15. Dates of next meeting, 6pm on Monday the 9th January 2017.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:30pm

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ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

**Monday, the 9th January 2017
6pm at the Grove, Royston**

Present, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr T Cheetham, Mick Birkinshaw, John Craig, J Clare, Gemma Conway, Graham Kyte, Fred Harston and John Openshaw.

In Attendance, Jake Finney Community Development Officer.

- 1. Apologies for Absence**, Cllr M Clements, Howard Lavender, Stephen Croft and Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer
- 2. Declaration of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest**, The secretary declared a non-pecuniary interest in the funding application for the Wells notice board, as secretary of applicant.
- 3. Correspondence & communications**, None to declare
- 4. Notes of previous meetings, 21st November 2016.**
Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting were a true record.
- 5. Matters Arising**
Fly Tipping, J Clare reported that feedback on previous reports of fly tipping had now been received.
Christmas Cards, the chair thanked the North East Team and the secretary for posting cards to the neighbourhood network and members of the Ward Alliance
- 6. Area Council Update**
The Chair updated the meeting on the Area Council whose previous meeting concentrated upon performance monitoring. The previous meeting had a presentation from the Foster Carers Team who was seeking local support to promote their service and the recruitment of foster carers; it was proposed to invite them to local community events.
- 7. Project Updates**
Achievement Awards, G Conway updated the meeting with progress; the deadline for nominations is the 17th February. The event will take place at Barnsley Town Hall on the evening of the 14th March meeting at 6pm for a start at 6:30pm All ward alliance members are invited. A planning meeting is arranged for the 26th January.
Allotments, The Chair updated the meeting on work at the new allotment site off Sycamore Drive. 17 New tenants have been signed up and additional plots should be ready by the end of January.

Christmas Event, J Craig updated the meeting on the event. There were around 90 attending these included 30 children 10 per school. There were a number of proposals put forward on how to improve the event for 2017.

Planters & Flowerbeds, J Craig updated members on the proposals for the Park View/Church Hill site and the works undertaken to the beds along Royston Lane. The meeting were also updated on the autumn planting the various sites maintained and work with Carlton Community College.

Royston Park, the secretary updated the meeting on the friends group who have now held their second meeting, where they have agreed a draft constitution agreeing to review it by the end of 2017, they have also agreed on a name for the group "Royston Green Spaces Group". Their next meeting is to be held on the 22nd February.

8. Royston Family Centre, No Update available.

9. WW1 Commemorations, The secretary is working with John Niland to prepare draft designs.

10. Royston & Carlton Community Partnership, No update available.

11. Funding Opportunities, No Update.

12. Ward Alliance finance update and to consider applications

The community Development Officer updated the meeting on the available budget.

Funding applications.

- **Reds in the Community, Street Games Doorstep Club Activities.** Members recommended an allocation of £675.00
- **Reds in the Community, Us Girls Doorstep Club Activities.** Members recommended an allocation of £675.00
- **Royston Park Mural Project, Urban Arts Mural Project Royston Park.** Members recommended an allocation of £1,050.00.
- **Royston & Carlton Community Partnership. Wells Notice Board.** Members recommended an allocation of £1,500.00

13. Any Other Business

Carlton Cemetery, G Conway updated the meeting on proposal to plant a number of trees within Carlton Cemetery and a war memorial.

Meadstead School, G Conway updated the meeting on proposal to work with the school on a community project within the local area.

Aldi Site, members raised concerns around the fly tipping on the site of the former spring factory. The meeting was informed that as the site is private land it is the responsibility of the land owner.

Dial, latest monitoring information on the sessions at the library were distributed to members.

Yorkshire in Bloom, following discussions it was agreed that the ward alliance would enter the Planters/Flowerbed and the Canal projects in the event for 2017.

Annual Review the meeting was informed that the annual review of the ward alliance would take place at the next meeting on the 13th February 2017.

Canal, the meeting was informed that a notice board was installed on the 15th November along with fish stocks.

Environmental Hot Spots, members were asked for a list of hot spots within Royston, There were a number of sites identified for dog fouling, Litter along the path from the Green to The Pack and broken glass along the footpath from the store on High Street towards High View.

18th January 2017 Meeting

14. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Notice Boards, the secretary to seek revised costs.

15. Dates of next meeting, 6pm on Monday the 13th February 2017.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:40pm

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NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2014/15 TO 2016/17

| Contract Name | Delivery Body | Start Date | Length of Contract | Total Cost of Contract | Commissioning Budget 2014/15 | | Commissioning Budget 2015/16 | | Commissioning Budget 2016/17 |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Base Expenditure | | | | | 400,000 | | 400,000 | | 400,000 |
| Parks Maintenance | BMBC | 1st April 2014 | 1 Year | 30,000 | | | 5,388 | | 24,612 |
| Environmental Enforcement Project | Kingdom | 4th August 2014 | 21 months | 91,990 | 34,761 | 34,761 | 57,229 | | |
| | BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety | | 21 months | 18,883 | 9,876 | 9,876 | 9,007 | | |
| NE Environment Team Cudworth & NE | BCB | 1st September 2014 | 18 months | 135,000 | 66,479 | 66,479 | 68,521 | | |
| NE Environment Team Cudworth & NE Appre | BCB | 1st August 2015 | 8 months | 12,000 | | | 12,000 | | |
| NE Environment Team Monk Bretton & Royst | BCB | 1st September 2014 | 18 months | 135,000 | 66,479 | 66,479 | 68,521 | | |
| NE Environment Team Monk Bretton & Royst | BCB | 1st August 2015 | 8 months | 12,000 | | | 12,000 | | |
| NEET 3 month extension | BCB | 1st March 2016 | 3 months | 51,000 | | | 17,000 | | 34,000 |
| Youth Development Grant | Various | 03-Oct-14 | Ongoing | 130,000 | 8,016 | 8,016 | 60,000 | | 61,984 |
| Older People's Project | Royston & Carlton CP | 01-Dec-14 | 9 months | 20,646 | 4,114 | 4,114 | 13,532 | 13,532 | 3,000 |
| Summer Internship Programme 2015/16 In Partnership with North- full contract £90,000 | TBC | | 20 Months | 45,000 | | | 30,000 | | 15,000 |
| Fit Reds & Fit Me Programme | BFC & PSS | | | 31,255 | | | 12,502 | | 18,753 |
| Shobability | Barnsley Community Foundation | | | 7,824 | | | 7,824 | | |
| Let's Grow | TBC | | | 10,000 | | | | | 10,000 |
| Dance & Performance - Primary Schools | QDOS | | | 9,000 | | | | | 9,000 |
| Celebration Event | Various | | | 3,000 | | | | | 3,000 |
| Community Magazine | Various | | | 6,000 | | | 2,452 | 2,452 | 3,548 |
| Additional editions of Community magazine | | | | 6,000 | | | | | 6,000 |
| Environmental Enforcement Project April 201 | Kingdom | | | 55,796 | | | | | 55,796 |
| | BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety | | | 10,800 | | | | | 10,800 |
| Summer Internship Programme 2015/16 In Pa | C&K Careers | | | 31,550 | | | | | 31,550 |
| Private Enforcement | BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety | | | 36,000 | | | | | 36,000 |
| NEET Team Phase 2 | | | | 245,000 | | | | | 245,000 |
| Devolved Grant to Ward Alliances | | | | 40,000 | | | | | 40,000 |
| Under graduate apprentice placement | | | | 18,500 | | | | | 18,500 |
| Hedgehog project | | | | 2,000 | | | | | 2,000 |
| Expenditure approved up to March 2015 | | | | | 189,725 | | | | |
| Expenditure approved up to March 2016 | | | | | | | 375,976 | | |
| Expenditure approved up to March 2017 | | | | | | | | | 628,543 |
| In Year Balance | | | | | 210,275 | | 24,024 | | -228,543 |
| Balance Including Any Base Expenditure Not utilised in Previous Financial Year | | | | | | | 234,299 | | 5,756 |
| | | | | 1,194,244 | | | | | |

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2016/17 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2016/17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2015/16 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

CUDWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| £10,000 | base allocation |
| £2,859 | carried forward from 2015/16 |
| £10,000 | devolved from Area Council |
| £22,859 | total available funding |

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining | Allocation Remaining |
|---|------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | £11,429.95 | £22859.00 |
| Cudworth Probus Club – Presentation Equipment | £500.00 | £500.00 | £11,429.95 | £22,359.00 |
| Cudworth Achievement Awards 2016 | £1053.00 | £1053.00 | £11,429.95 | £21,306.00 |
| Working Fund | £2,000.00 | £0 | £9,429.95 | £19,306.00 |
| Robert Street Allotments – | £495.00 | £495.00 | £9,429.95 | £18,811.00 |

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| Community Garden | | | | |
| Robert Street Allotments – Community Garden – Plot 30 Baileys | £360.00 | £360.00 | £9,429.95 | £18,451.00 |
| Pinfold Pumas – Football for everyone | £500.00 | £500.00 | £9,429.95 | £17,951.00 |
| Cudworth Environment Group – Summer Holiday activities 2016 | £1,000.00 | | £8,429.95 | £16,951.00 |
| Cudworth Christmas Tree Lights switch on | £1,121.00 | £1,121.00 | £8,429.95 | £15,830.00 |
| Brass in Cudworth Park | £550.00 | £550.00 | £8,429.95 | £15,280.00 |
| Cudworth Christmas Motif Lights 2016 | £3,552.95 | £0 | £4,877.00 | £11,727.05 |
| Cudworth Winter Health Fayre | £750.00 | £750.00 | £4,877.00 | £10,977.05 |
| Bright Sparks | £500.00 | £500.00 | £4,877.00 | £10,477.05 |
| Friends of Birkwood PS - Birkwood Community Reading Bus | £950.00 | £950.00 | £4,877.00 | £9,527.05 |
| Hanging Baskets | £1,650.00 | £0 | £3,227.00 | £7,877.05 |
| BNWLG - Skip it, Don't tip it | £180.00 | £180.00 | £3,227.00 | £7,697.05 |
| Cudworth Environment Group - conversion of old bowling green | £500.00 | £500.00 | £3,227.00 | £7,197.05 |
| Age UK - Men in Sheds | £1,000.00 | £1000.00 | £3,227.00 | £6,197.05 |

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| Friends of Cudworth library Lego Club | £223.65 | £223.65 | £3,227.00 | £5,973.40 |
| Hard & Fast Boxing Club - Installation of new heating system | £1,500.00 | £1,500.00 | £3,227.00 | £4,473.40 |
| Brass in Cudworth Park 2017 | £575.00 | £465.00 | £3,227.00 | £3,898.40 |
| Crystal Lights Majorettes | £500.00 | £500.00 | £3,227.00 | £3,398.40 |
| Valley Community Centre | £300.00 | £300.00 | £3,227.00 | £3,098.40 |
| Reds in the Community - Walking Football | £664.44 | £180.00 | £3,227.00 | £2,433.96 |
| Reds in the Community - Street Games Doorstep Club activities | £675.00 | £350.00 | £3,227.00 | £1,758.96 |
| Chewin' t' cud volunteers - magazine | £442.00 | £442.00 | £3,227.00 | £1,316.96 |

MONK BRETTON WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| £10,000 | base allocation |
| £2,560 | carried forward from 2015/16 |
| £10,000 | base allocation |
| £22,560 | total available funding |

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining | Allocation Remaining |
|---|------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | £11,280.00 | £22,560.00 |
| Working Fund | £2,000.00 | | £9,280.00 | £20,560.00 |
| Monk Bretton Gala Working Fund | £960.00 | £960.00 | £9,280.00 | £19,600.00 |
| Victoria Creates – Summer Holiday activities | £750.00 | £750.00 | £9,280.00 | £18,850.00 |
| Physical Futures – Family fun & disability awareness day | £402.00 | £402.00 | £9,280.00 | £18,448.00 |
| Nit & Natter – Knitting club | £740.00 | £740.00 | £9,280.00 | £17,708.00 |
| Burton Grange Community Centre - Study Support | £1,305.71 | £1,305.71 | £9,280.00 | £16,402.29 |
| Friends of Carlton Park Gardening Club - Park Border improvements | £262.50 | £262.50 | £9,280.00 | £16,139.79 |
| Carlton Bowling Club - Bowling for Free - Young people | £1,160.00 | £1,160.00 | £9,280.00 | £14,979.79 |

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| Friends of Carlton Park Gardening Club - Hanging Baskets | £2,200.00 | £0 | £7,080.00 | £12,779.79 |
| Village History - Monk Bretton Bygones | £1,750.00 | £1,750.00 | £7,080.00 | £11,029.79 |
| Redfearns JFC - Ride on lawnmower | £2,400.00 | £2,400.00 | £7,080.00 | £8,629.79 |
| 12th Barnsley Air Scout Group - Christmas activities | £3,960.00 | £3,960.00 | £7,080.00 | £4,669.79 |
| Barnado's Priory Family Centre - Christmas Community Event | £300.00 | £300.00 | £7,080.00 | £4,369.79 |
| Reds in the Community - Us Girls Doorstep Club Activities | £675.00 | £675.00 | £7,080.00 | £3,694.79 |
| Reds in the Community - Street Games Doorstep Club Activities | £675.00 | £675.00 | £7,080.00 | £3,019.79 |
| Monk Bretton Community Centre - Table tennis club | £860.00 | £860.00 | £7,080.00 | £2,159.79 |

NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| £10,000 | base allocation |
| £1,883 | carried forward from 2015/16 |
| £10,000 | devolved from Area Council |
| £21,883.00 | total available funding |

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,941.50 | Allocation Remaining £21,883.00 |
|--|------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Queen's Birthday Celebrations | £725.00 | £725.00 | £10,941.50 | £21,158.00 |
| GAZ – Summer Holiday activity programme | £500.00 | £500.00 | £10,941.50 | £20,658.00 |
| Fit & Well Together - Exercise & weight management | £620.00 | £620.00 | £10,941.50 | £20,038.00 |
| Great Houghton Youth Group - Training & qualifications | £770.00 | £770.00 | £10,941.50 | £19,268.00 |
| Great & Little Houghton TARA - Christmas celebration | £460.00 | £460.00 | £10,941.50 | £18,808.00 |
| Working Fund | £2,000.00 | £0 | £8,941.50 | £16,808.00 |
| DIAL Outreach project (Great Houghton) | £1,410.00 | £1,410.00 | £8,941.50 | £15,398.00 |
| New Options Bingo - Community | £540.00 | £540.00 | £8,941.50 | £14,858.00 |

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| Bingo | | | | |
| Grimethorpe Village OAPs - Supporting Isolation | £450.00 | £450.00 | £8,941.50 | £14,408.00 |
| Great Houghton Christmas Tree lights switch on | £2,300.00 | £2,300.00 | £8,941.50 | £12,108.00 |
| Milefield Community Farm - Community Café | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £8,941.50 | £11,108.00 |
| Summer Holiday Activities | £500.00 | £500.00 | £8,941.50 | £10,608.00 |
| Shafton Parish Council - Keep Shafton Tidy | £2,000.00 | £2,000.00 | £8,941.50 | £8,608.00 |
| Friends of St Luke's Church - Christmas tree switch on | £781.00 | £781.00 | £8,941.50 | £7,827.00 |
| Friends of St Paul's Church - Christmas tree switch on | £621.00 | £621.00 | £8,941.50 | £7,206.00 |
| Brierley Cubs JFC - Development Project | £1,750.00 | £1,750.00 | £8,941.50 | £5,456.00 |
| Shafton Community Fun Club | £679.00 | £679.00 | £8,941.50 | £4,777.00 |
| Shafton Aged Welfare | £500.00 | £500.00 | £8,941.50 | £4,277.00 |
| 71st Barnsley Rainbows - | £500.00 | £500.00 | £8,941.50 | 3,777.00 |

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| Imbedding into the Local Community | | | | |
| 71st Barnsley Guides - Imbedding into the Local Community | £500.00 | £500.00 | £8,941.50 | 3,277.00 |
| CAB - Grimethorpe Outreach Project (x12 sessions) | £600.00 | £600.00 | £8,941.50 | 2,677.00 |

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| £10,000 | base allocation |
| £6,583 | carried forward from 2015/16 |
| £10,000 | devolved from Area Council |
| £26,583 | total available funding |

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining | Allocation Remaining |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | £13,291.50 | £26,583.00 |
| Royston Gala & Prom Concerts | £1,440.00 | £1,440.00 | £13,291.50 | £25,143.00 |
| Royston Working Fund | £2,000.00 | | £11,291.50 | £23,143.00 |
| DIAL Outreach Project | £2,450.00 | £2,450.00 | £11,291.50 | £20,693.00 |
| CAB - Extension July-March | £1,163.00 | £1,163.00 | £11,291.50 | £19,530.00 |
| Rabbit Ings | £1,298.00 | £1,298.00 | £11,291.50 | £18,232.00 |

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| Country Park - Summer Holiday Activities 2016 | | | | |
| Royston & Carlton Community Partnership - Allotments path improvements | £1,893.52 | £1,893.52 | £11,291.50 | £16,238.48 |
| Royston Canal Club - Stock maintenance | £500.00 | £500.00 | £11,291.50 | £15,738.48 |
| Greenfingers Gardening Club - Greenfingers learning | £1,008.00 | £1,008.00 | £11,291.50 | £14,730.48 |
| Rabbit Ings Country Park - Hanging Baskets | £1,320.00 | £0 | £9,971.50 | £13,410.48 |
| Neighbourhood Watch - Christmas activities in Royston 2016 | £2,108.00 | £2,108.00 | £9,971.50 | £11,302.48 |
| Reds in the Community - Us Girls Doorstep Club Activities | £675 | £675 | £9,971.50 | £10,627.48 |
| Reds in the Community - Street Games Doorstep Club Activities | £675 | £675 | £9,971.50 | £9,952.48 |
| Royston & Carlton CP - The Wells Notice | £1,500 | £1,500 | £9,971.50 | £8,452.48 |

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| Board | | | | |
| Royston Park Mural Project - Urban arts mural project | £1,050 | £1,050 | £9,971.50 | £7,402.48 |

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Area Council

2nd February, 2017

Report of North East Area Council Manager

Let's Grow Great Houghton

1. Background

At the North East Area Council meeting held on June 11th, 2015, the Area Council agreed that the Lets Grow Great Houghton Allotment project should be taken forward at a cost of £10,000. Please see Appendix A for a summary of the objectives and outcomes of the project.

2. Youth Development Fund

The Great Houghton Let's Grow initiative will build upon the public's pride in the environment and increase Health and Wellbeing by developing a community growing centre. Consultation has taken place in the village and there is great interest within the community that this should be an intergenerational community project. Given that this initiative matches the priorities required by the Youth Development Fund of:

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Physical Health
- Enjoy and Achieve

It is recommended that the project is run under the Youth Development Fund as a grant application. This means that quarterly updates will be required showing progress against outputs and outcomes. Additionally the grant will have to be spent according to financial regulations, and best value quotes for all aspects of spend will be sought.

Recommendation

That the project is taken forward, and managed through the Youth Development Fund, and overseen by the North East Area Youth Development Panel.

**Caroline Donovan
North East Area Manager
2nd February 2017**

Appendix A Let's Grow Great Houghton, project summary.

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North East Area Council Project

Let's Grow - Great Houghton

Project Proposal

The Great Houghton Let's Grow initiative will build upon the public's pride in the environment and increase Health and Wellbeing by developing a community growing centre.

Using derelict allotment sites in Great Houghton we aim to encourage local volunteers to help us bring these sites back into use for the use of the wider community. To build on community cohesion, gain transferable skills, learn the forgotten skills on how and where food is produced, promote healthy eating and care for the environment. It is possible for this project to include all sections of the community, including local business, Schools and partnership agencies.

We aim to turn two allotments into a designated training area which will act as the hub for further community environmental improvements, where further specific training can take place, e.g. health and safety, safe tool use, horticultural practices such as seed sowing, propagation and planting. The project would link in with local schools and include a junior and senior section.

We would encourage these volunteers to build a management team for the whole site which would enable them to keep all vacant plots useable, fencing in good condition, weed growth under control and best of all provide a service to help older members with the harder more physical tasks and be able to take over their plots and keep them cultivated if they fell ill and were unable to tend their plot. Hopefully this could lead onto the volunteer group being able and confident enough to take on tasks within the wider community.

Eventually the one of the key aims would be to make the allotment project self financing, this could be done by offering work experience placements to local secondary schools offering training and qualifications in return for fees and by carrying out development work for school garden projects. Hosting short horticultural training sessions for interested parties, e.g. "How to" courses. It could also offer a safe environment for primary school children to access and supplement their learning on subjects linked to growing and/or the environment.

Aim

The Let's Grow Allotment project would aim to achieve the following objectives:

- Encourage volunteering and the relationships between children, parents and the local community.
- Link in with local schools and have a junior and senior section
- Develop a programme of community growing and volunteering
- Provide a training programme

Outcomes

- Residents are more physically active as a consequence of their involvement
- Residents consume more fresh produce
- Increased Number of Community Growing Champions trained
- An opportunity for all sections of the community, including local business, Schools and partnership agencies, to be involved.

Time scales

Term time over 40 weeks

Scheme Detail

The project will:

- Turn two allotments into a designated training area
- Engage with at least 40 individuals willing to develop vacant plots as part of a group, raising interest in allotment gardening, healthier lifestyles and local food. Working together as a group, rather than alone, will share the workload more evenly and encourage adherence to the programme. These groups may include community groups schools, etc
- Develop a junior Let's Grow section linking in with local primary schools
- Develop a Let's Grow senior section of 14 to 16 year olds
- Provide a series training days
- Increase the number of Community Growing Champions
- Develop at least 3 cook and eat sessions using produce grown on allotment sites
- Obtain 3 individual case studies, demonstrating any change to feelings of well-being

Benefits to the local residents and the community of Great Houghton

Allotments provide a wide range of benefits to local communities and the environment. They do not only provide a source for good, healthy, low cost food production, but also provide valuable recreational opportunities and physical exercise.

Physical activity and social contact can benefit all groups in society, from those on a limited income for whom the economic considerations take precedence, to those who are financially secure but take pleasure in producing their own food. Allotments provide an opportunity for social activity and provide a setting for those with mental health problems or a physical disability to interact. They can also act as a significant component to improving local biodiversity.

Benefits will include:

- Healthier and more active people and communities, and new Volunteers engaged
- People have better chances in life – with better access to training and development to improve life skills, in addition to working with local businesses.
- Stronger communities – with more active citizens working together to tackle issues within the community.
- Improved rural and urban environments – which communities are able to better access and enjoy.