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<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 22 January 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 5, Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 20th November 2017 (*Pages 3 - 8*)

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- 3 Safer Neighbourhoods Service Presentation - Paul Brannan and Inspector Andy Norton

### Items for discussion

- 4 Preventing Excess Winter Deaths, Warm Homes Fund Bid Round 2 - Jenny MacPhail
- 5 Sport England Families Funding (*Pages 9 - 12*)

### Items for Decision

- 6 Preventing Excess Winter Deaths - Strategic Social Isolation Pilot North Area (*Pages 13 - 16*)
- 7 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance update (*Pages 17 - 22*)

### Ward Alliances

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Darton West – held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Old Town – held on 1<sup>st</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
St Helen's – held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess, Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Grundy, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

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Friday, 12 January 2018

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 20 November 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), Cave, Cherryholme, Howard, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

### 19 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 6 on the agenda as her mother lives in the Woolley Colliery village area.

### 20 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 18th September 2017

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 21 Safe and Well Checks

Tracy Leach, Health and Wellbeing Officer, was welcomed to the meeting and delivered a presentation regarding the Safe and Well initiative here in Barnsley. Key points to note included:

- This is a national movement, being rolled out across South Yorkshire, building on existing fire safety checks and including falls prevention and identifying cold homes.
- The initial focus is on vulnerable people aged 65+ and those with disabilities who are most at risk. A pilot is due to be launched in February 2018 and will be rolled out across the Borough later in the year.
- In Barnsley 47000 people smoke – 23.3% of population. Emergency hospital admissions due to falls is 2282.6 per 100,000 65+. In addition 11.3% of households in Barnsley experience fuel poverty.
- Partners include Barnsley MBC, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Housing Association, Berneslai Homes, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Dementia Action Alliance, SWYFT and Age UK.
- Help from the Area Council is needed to raise the profile of the Safe and Well checks, to support the launch at Cudworth Station and to encourage local services who work with vulnerable people aged 65+ in the pilot area to become referrers to the scheme.

**RESOLVED** that the Area Council support the initiative and that Tracey Leach be thanked for her attendance and contribution.

## **22 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed, highlighting the projects requiring significant financial commitment.

Members were informed that the recruitment to the Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer post had been unsuccessful. However, the Housing Migration Officer (HMO) role graded as scale 6 offered a satisfactory alternative. Recruitment for HMO posts is currently underway and a healthy number of applicants were being interviewed. It was recommended that the Area Council recruit an HMO for the North Area because the post holds similar responsibilities and requires many of the same skill. The feasibility of employing a Youth Participation worker was being explored and looked positive. However, it was felt that a similar post focussed on older people did not fit within existing structures and alternative possibilities should be considered.

It was also highlighted that the Area Council had benefitted from £112,294 of recycled Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) income since 2014 and that this will cease in March 2018 following the decision to decommission the service.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. The North Area Council note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.
- ii. The North Area Council note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.
- iii. Members note the position on the recruitment of the Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer
- iv. Members note the current financial position and the surplus budget of £180,341 for 2017/18.
- v. Members note the forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September 2017 meeting.
- vi. The option to combine the older people's participation project with a larger project linked to prevention of winter deaths was looked on favourable and should be explored in a workshop.

## **23 Fresh Street Project**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing the Area Council with an introduction to Sheffield University's FRESH Street Project proposal for Athersley

North, which also includes a proposed match funding arrangement. £5,000 has been secured from the Alexander Rose Charity by Sheffield University. The aim of the project is to increase participants' consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables to encourage behaviour change and contribute to improved health and wellbeing.

The target group for the project is all residents (adults and children aged 2+) living on two randomly selected streets within the Athersley North ward, who will be given vouchers to spend locally on fruit and vegetables for a 6 month period. The Yorkshire Health Study Questionnaire will be used to assess the health of the people in the Athersley North Area and the impact of the project.

**RESOLVED** that

- i. The North Area Council note the specific details of the FRESH Street Project provided within the report.
- ii. The Area Council agree a match funding proposal of £5,000 so that more local people will benefit from the project.

## **24 Energy Efficiency - Woolley Colliery Pilot & Larger Cross Area Project for 2018**

The Area Council Manager introduced the report and provided the Area Council with an introduction to Strategic Housing's proposal to target Energy Efficiency Works in Woolley Colliery Village.

The project will install central heating systems in private sector households who do not have a gas supply and are at risk of fuel poverty. Members were aware of many, mainly elderly residents who did not receive a fuel allowance and were unable to keep their homes warm during the winter months. It was highlighted that Darton East ward has the second highest no. of excess winter deaths in the Borough. The project will be delivered by the Better Homes Barnsley energy efficiency programme. The current maximum amount of funding per household is £4,400 but this does not include VAT.

Members were asked to consider contributing additional funding to achieve added value. This will include VAT and the cost of ensuring that minor repairs, flue extensions and additional pipework is completed. A detailed business case is being drawn up and will be presented at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** that

- i. The North Area Council note the proposed energy efficiency works in Woolley Colliery Village.

- ii. The North Area Council agree in principle to provide additional funding for the project once resident consultation has been completed and the business case has been fully costed up (by March 2018).

## **25 Performance Management Report - Commissioned Projects & Grant Summary**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who updated Members with regard to the performance of commissioned projects and Stronger Communities projects for the period July to September 2017 (2017/18 Quarter 2).

A discussion took place regarding the various commissioned projects. The following key points were highlighted:

The Summer Holiday Internship programme (2015/16), delivered by C & K Careers, had achieved its objectives for those students who took part. Evidence indicated that all the young people involved were heading in a positive direction. Students had become more career confident and were pro-active about taking decisions and focussing on their post-16 opportunities. None of the participants had become NNET and 55 out of 83 had enrolled on a level 3 qualification. A copy of the final report was available on request.

Councillors were disappointed that the Kingdom Security project had not delivered the anticipated behaviour change with regard to littering and dog fouling.

It was highlighted that the CAB/Dial project had generated more than £3 million in benefit gains across the two-year life of the project and had handled £478,246 of debt. Survey feedback indicated that the project had helped to reduce residents' stress and improve their health and wellbeing, leaving them now more able to manage their own affairs.

### **RESOLVED that:-**

- (i) Members note the content of the report.
- (ii) C & K Careers be sincerely thanked for their work on the Summer Holiday Internship Project, which had delivered positive outcomes for the young people involved.

## **26 Stronger Communities Grant - Approval to advertise 2018/19**

The Area Council Manager updated Members with regard to the provisional grants programme for 2018/19, as recommended by the Stronger Communities Grant Panel.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- i. that the indicative dates for applications, evaluation, notification of successful applicants and project start dates be agreed

- ii. that the value of the grant funding pot for 2018/19 be agreed at £80,000
- iii. that Councillors Charlesworth, Platts, Lofts and Howard represent their wards on the Grants Panel.

## **27 Commissioning Forward Plan**

The Area Council Manager provided an update regarding progress on the Commissioning Forward Plan that had been made since the September meeting and requested a clear indication of which priority the Area Council wanted to concentrate on over the coming months.

A discussion took place regarding the recruitment of a Youth Participation Support Officer. The postholder's core hours would be in the afternoon and into the early evening, to include holiday times and occasional sessions at lunch time and over the weekend. Following discussions with Adult Social Care, it has been established that an Older People's Participation Support Officer would not fit within the existing structure of the Council.

### **RESOLVED** that

- i. Members note the financial implications of commissioning a Support Worker for young people for the North Area and agreed to recruit to this post.
- ii. Members note that the Participation for Older People post does not fit within BMBC's existing structure
- iii. A workshop be arranged to identify an alternative project for Older People that would benefit from an intervention commissioned by the North Area Council, perhaps addressing loneliness and isolation, preventing winter deaths, healthy housing and social inclusion/befriending.

## **28 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund**

The Area Council Manager updated Members with regard to the current financial position of the Ward Alliance budgets for 2017/18.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the current position of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance funds and priorities the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

## **29 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances**

Members received an update regarding the progress made by each ward in relation to Ward Alliance implementation and received the notes of Ward Alliance meetings held in September and October 2017. Members were reminded of the requirement for Ward Alliance notes to be received by the Area Council.

*Darton East*

Cllr Spence congratulated The Green space Group for their hard work in planting between 5,000 and 7,000 spring bulbs per year and for their work on the Cenotaph.

*Darton West*

As printed.

*Old Town*

As printed.

*St Helens*

Cllr Platts reported back on the Feeding Britain project, which had been a great success. Over 1000 meals had been served to children across the Ward. Four Christmas events are planned (one being a memory tree service), across three venues, providing opportunities for residents to sign up for various activities such as healthy eating, exercising, money matters and volunteering.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the individual updates from each Ward Alliance.

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Chair



# Item 5

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

**Agenda Item: 5**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

### **Sport England Families Fund**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with an introduction to Sport and Active Health's funding application to Sport England for their Families Fund.
- 1.2 It also seeks a steer from the Area Council to see if they will consider providing match funding that will significantly strengthen bid submitted.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the appendix of this report which provides an initial briefing note regarding the project proposal, which aims to increase participation in physical activities by families.**
- 2.2. **The Area Council should agree if they would be willing to provide the match funding for this project if the application is successful in the bidding process to Sport England.**

#### **3. Background Information**

- 3.0 BMBC's Sport and Active Recreation team have been successful in reaching the second round of the Sport England Families Fund despite strong competition.
- 3.1 The proposed project will work closely with family centre staff to facilitate family multi-sport sessions. Increasing overall health and wellbeing for all participants.
- 3.2 The project will be delivered over 3 years.
- 3.3 Although this is a borough-wide project which will use the Family Centres as a hub, this funding bid is particularly pertinent to the North Area because it is proposed that the project will be piloted at Athersley Family Centre. This will mean that the North Area will be the first locality to benefit from this opportunity.
- 3.4 The Sport and Active Recreation Team are in the process of developing a more detailed funding bid. A match-funding contribution will be viewed very favourably by the funding body.

3.5 Notification regarding the success of the application will be received in March 2018.

3.6 The Area Manager believes that this piece of work could compliment the FRESH Street project that will be delivered from March 2018.

**4. For decision**

4.1. Area Council is asked to indicate if they would consider allocating a £5,000 match funding sum to this project if the application is successful.

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## **Appendix 1: Sport England – Families Fund Project Outline**

**Total Sport England Investment sought:** £200k (approx)

**Match funding sought:** 25-35k (all sources)

**Length of project:** 3 years

**Application deadline:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Project Idea:** Develop a physical activity project that integrates physical activity into the early help referral process, upskills outreach workers and parents to exercise together as a family in/around our five family centre hub sites (Athersley, Grimethorpe, Thurnscoe, Darfield and Worsbrough).

Families identified through our early help panel to be experiencing the issues stated in the target audience section will be signposted into our project. Our 20+ family outreach workers and 34 family support workers will provide the face to face family engagement. They will develop with the family a specific sport and physical activity action plan, which would aim to move them along the 'family journey of change'. Each family journey will be specific to that family and look different.

Although our family outreach and family support workers are highly experienced and skilled in dealing with families, they are not experts in physical activity. We will brief them on the project and the benefits of physical activity. They will be put on motivational interviewing training, as many of the families we consulted had a negative attitude towards sport and physical activity.

Our family outreach workers currently deliver group family activities. We plan to upskill these workers so they can deliver family multi-sport sessions. Additionally we will upskill parents who show an interest in delivering and supporting family specific activities, which will develop their skills and confidence. There will be a lead outreach worker and two supporting outreach workers at each hub site, who will advocate the project across their teams.

We will deliver our project over 3 years. Year 1 will be a pilot year, with intensive consultation and delivery in one locality. The learning and consultation from Year 1 will be used to deliver the project in the other four localities in Years 2 and 3. Consultation will still be continued after year 1 and fed into the project but on a less intensive basis.

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# Item 6

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### **Preventing Excess Winter Deaths and Reducing Loneliness and Isolation Pilot for The North Area**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with an introduction to Barnsley Council's intention to bid for the Warm Homes Fund Round Two.
- 1.2 Serves to make the Area Council Members aware that 1.1 provides the North Area with an opportunity to develop a reducing social isolation project with a housing and energy focus piloted in the North Area.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **That the North Area Council should reflect on the information that they have heard during Item 4.**
- 2.2. **The Area Council should agree if they would like to proceed with a collaborative pilot project for the North Area that would focus on Reducing Loneliness and Social Isolation and Preventing Winter Deaths.**

#### **3. Background**

- 3.0 In autumn 2017 representatives from BMBC Housing and Energy Team approached the North Area Manager to provide a briefing on the planned Energy Efficiency Works and other affordable warmth initiatives. The team also provided an update on recent excess winter death and fuel poverty statistics.
- 3.1 It became clear that the Darton East Ward has a higher than average excess winter death index for the borough.
- 3.2 The trend in excess winter deaths for both Darton East Ward and Darton West Ward has increased steadily since 2006.
- 3.3 The Housing and Energy Team identified that Woolley Colliery Village would benefit from the installation of first time central heating systems available for private homes made feasible by the monies secured from round one of the National Grid Warm Homes Fund.

- 3.4 The proposal suggested in this report would be complementary to the Energy Efficiency Works in Woolley Colliery Village. The North Area Council in principle agreed to fund low cost added value works for Woolley Colliery Village properties at the November 2017 meeting. Housing and Energy colleagues will also be bidding for round three which will be for vulnerable and low income tenants which would again benefit some Woolley Colliery residents.
- 3.5 Following the update that an Older Peoples Participation Worker for older people would not align with existing BMBC service provision at the November 2017 meeting. The Area Council requested a workshop to explore an Older People's Reducing Social Isolation and Preventing Winter Deaths project.
- 3.6 The Area Chair and Area Manager attended a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with colleagues from Housing and Energy and Public Health to explore the opportunity of a strategic piece of work that would splice with the work we are considering for the North Area with the preventive winter death work. It was a very positive meeting with the opportunity to do some joined up delivery and pilot a new approach in the North Area.
- 3.7 Shortly after meeting mentioned in point 3.6, the Group Leader for Housing and Energy provided an update that the National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions have opened their second bidding window for the Warm Homes Fund and that the Council proposes to bid for category 3 funding which is to enable 'specific energy efficient / health related solutions – bringing together relevant organisations and charities'. Housing and Energy Colleagues have teamed with Public Health officers an expression of interest was submitted on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Bidders will be selected from an assessment of the EOIs. If the Council's EOI is successful this could enable a core offer to be developed with borough wide partners and linked closely to the Independent Living Review. This would complement the community based provision that the North Area are considering funding to reduce loneliness and isolation which would service the North Area only. It is proposed that this service would include home assessments as part of the service.
- 3.8 An email update regarding points 3.6 and 3.7 was circulated to the North Area Council Members on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- 3.9 To ensure that the Area Council is up to speed on the developments Jenny Macphail was invited to attend the Area Council, hence agenda item 4.
- 3.10 If the Warm Homes Fund are interested in the project proposed by BMBC then a full bid setting out the project proposal will need to be submitted by the 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- 3.11 The Area Manager has looked into Loneliness and Isolation projects commissioned for other areas and recommends an annual investment of £75,000 for at least three years. This would fund two social inclusion officers who would have to receive specialist training to offer home energy assessments and advice.

3.12 The Area Manager recommends that this work should include building a network of trained volunteers with knowledge of how to identify and address fuel poverty. This will ensure that there is active community capacity building within the community that will lead to increased resilience and leave a positive legacy once the project concludes.

**4. For decision**

4.1. Considering points 3.11 and 3.12 the Area Council is asked to indicate if they wish for the Area Manager to continue to develop this piece of work.

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**Date:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**





# Item 7

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Agenda Item: 7

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### Procurement Update, Financial Position and Forecast

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.
- 1.2 This report seeks to start a discussion about which of the existing financial commitments the North Area Council wish to continue to fund.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **The North Area Council should note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.**
- 2.3. **Members should note the position on the recruitment of the Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer**
- 2.4. **Members should indicate if they wish the Area Council Manager to proceed with the variation of the role profile for the Young Peoples Participation Worker.**
- 2.5. **Members should note the current financial position.**
- 2.6. **Members should note that forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.**
- 2.7. **Following on from Item 4 and Item 6, Members should discuss if they wish the Area Manager to proceed with the development of the project outlined in points 3.5 and 4.6 of this report.**

### **3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment**

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

The decision was taken to retender the opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met.

- 3.1 The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This was a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £150,000 per annum. The initial contract has now concluded.

The decision was taken to advertise an enhanced tender opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £85,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met.

- 3.2 Environmental Enforcement contract commenced in April 2016. This is a one year (+ one year + one year) contract. This has financial implications of up to £146,000 per annum. The decision was taken at the September 2017 meeting NOT to utilise the final year of the contract extension. This will mean that the contract will have run for two years and will end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

- 3.3 Private Sector Housing Officer – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would offer a Housing Migration Officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. Interviews have taken place and a suitable candidate identified. There has been a delay in offering the post due to the requirement for a delegated report to be signed off. This has now taken place and it is anticipated that the candidate will come into post in early February 2018.

- 3.4 Opportunities for Young People – At the September 2017 meeting the Area Council requested that the Area Council Manager and Senior Link Officer look into the feasibility of the North Area recruiting a Youth Participation Worker which would help to increase links with the local schools and increase the participation and social action involvement of young people across the area. At the November 2017 meeting the North Area Council agreed to the recruitment of a Support Worker for young people at grade 4 FTE, however based on further discussions with the Early Intervention Service they have recommended that to fulfil the requirement of the Area Council the post would need additional skills. It is advised to devise a new role profile for a part time post at Grade 5/6. This would not require an increase in funding allocation but will require a longer lead in time.

- 3.5 Health and Wellbeing – At the November 2017 meeting The North Area Council agreed to consider a Social Inclusion Project with a Prevention of Winter Deaths focus. This would complement the work of Housing and Energy Colleagues who are looking at developing a Housing and Energy Advice Hub with housing energy advice. They are currently applying to the Warm Homes Fund for a three year project. Aligning a 3 year pilot in North Area would be a fantastic opportunity to combine resources and realise positive outcomes for residents in the North Area. The earliest this could be anticipated to start is June 2018. This has been included as the table below to help Members understand the implications.
- 3.6 Stronger Communities Grant - At the September 2017 meeting the Area Council indicated that they intend to the run the grants programme again in 2018/19. This has been incorporated into the profile.

#### 4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the September 2017 meeting The Area Council took the decision to reconfigure its annual financial commitment. To ensure that the annual spend is in-line with the budget allocation. It was agreed to cease the Environmental Enforcement Service and proposed to introduce a Participation Worker for Young People.
- 4.2. The possibility of a Social Inclusion project with a focus on housing and energy would link well with the new Housing Migration Officer and help to address the wider determinates of health.
- 4.3. At the time of writing there is an **underspend of £167,183 for 2017/18.**
- 4.4. This is a significant excess caused by the decisions to stop the Positive Progressions project £55,000, the delay in recruiting to the Private Sector Housing Support Officer role, the unallocated Grant funding £20,797.50 and recycled FPN income of £42,143 for 2016/17 now received. Please refer to the appendix for a full profile.
- 4.5. The decision to terminate the Environmental Enforcement contract from March 2018 means that the Area Council will need to commit to at least one large scale project make efficient use to the outstanding budget.

4.6. The proposed annual commitments from April 2018:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Private Sector Housing Officer	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£80,000
Magazine Delivery	£6,000
Participation & Engagement Officer – Young People FT (+participation budget)	£26,000 & £5,000
TBC ( <i>Social Isolation Project Healthy Home</i> )	£75,000
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances	£40,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£447,000</b>

**5. Risks**

- 5.1. Members please note that the Area Council has benefited from £112,294.00 in recycled FPN income since 2014. This will cease in March 2018 following the decision to decommission the service.
- 5.2. Members please note that the financial position of the Area Council has altered significantly and there is a substantial sum currently unallocated for 2017-18.
- 5.3. The proposed budget would take the Area Council £47,000 over budget pa for the next 3 years. However taking into account the current underspend (£167,183) this investment would be feasible for the next three years and still leave £26,183 unallocated.

**6. Next Steps**

- 6.1. Provide the Area Manager with clear instructions regarding the proposed annual commitments and if the Area Council is happy to proceed.

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# Item 8

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:  
22 January 2018

Agenda Item: 8

Report of the  
North Area Council Manager

### Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

#### **2. Recommendation**

**That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2017/18, in line with the guidance on spend.**

#### **3.0 Introduction**

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2017/18.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocate to projects where there is match funding.
- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
  - it is in the wider public interest (whole community can potentially benefit),
  - it represents value for money.

#### **4.0 2017/18 Financial Position**

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2017/18 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.
- 4.2 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.
- 4.3 Budget allocations for 2017/18  
The full grant allocation for the North Area's Ward Alliances for the year 2017/18 was £92,608.

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2016/17	Devolved from Area Council	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£300	£10,000	£20,300
Darton West	£10,000	£2,297	£10,000	£22,297
Old Town	£10,000	£7,335	£10,000	£27,335
St Helen's	£10,000	£2,676	£10,000	£22,676

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

## **5.0 Challenges and Opportunities**

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan during 2017/18 (during the first quarter is recommended). This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans and reaffirm their ward priorities.

5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

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## **Appendix 1:**

### **DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE**

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance had the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£300	carried forward from 2016/17
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£20,300</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining  £10,150</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining  £20,300</b>
NCS - NCS Sponsorship	£300.00	£300.00	£10,150.00	£20,000.00
Wellgate PS - Project raised beds	£854.29	£854.29	£10,150.00	£19,145.71
M&SG Rec Group - War Memorial steam clean	£240.00	£240.00	£10,150.00	£18,905.71
DE Working Budget 2017	£600.00	0	£9,550.00	£18,305.71
DE Hanging baskets	£2,200.00	0	£7,350.00	£16,105.71
DEWA - Grass cutting	£450.00	0	£6,900.00	£15,655.71
Qtr 1 Secretary expenses	£125.00	£125.00	£6,900.00	£15,530.71
Nova Theatre Gp - First Stage Summer School	£250.00	£250.00	£6,900.00	£15,280.71
M&SVH - Learn & play with pleasure	£1284.96	£1,284.96	£6,900.00	£13,995.75
DEWA - Keswick Rd Allotments	£1421.00	£1421.00	£6,900.00	£12,574.75
DE Christmas Working Budget 2017	£2900.00	£0	£4,000.00	£9,674.75
DEWA - Spring Bulbs	£400.00	£400.00	£4,000.00	£9,274.75
DEWA - Teddy Bear's Picnic	£400.00	£0.00	£3,600.00	£8,874.75
Qtr 2 Secretary expenses	£125.00	£125.00	£3,600.00	£8,749.75

M&SGRG - Boundary stones clean	£150.00	£150.00	£3,600.00	£8,599.75
M&SGRG - Tree planting - Mapplewell Park	£1000.00	£483.80	£3,083.80	£7,599.75
Mapplewell & Stainx Over 55s - Winter Warming Outing	£643.15	£643.15	£3,083.80	£6,956.60
Staincross & Darton Community Venture - Community Panto	£615.00	£615.00	£3,083.80	£6,341.60
DIAL - Grin & Share it	£756.00	£756.00	£3,083.80	£5,585.60
M&SVH - Village Hall Dementia Gp - marketing	£500.00	£0	£2,583.80	£5,085.60
DEWA - North Gawber Miners Memorial	£350.00	£0	£2,233.80	£4,735.60
DEWA - Children's Woodland Event	£350.00	£0	£1,883.80	<b>£4,385.60</b>

**DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE**

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance had the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,297	carried forward from 2016/17
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£22,297</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining  £11,148.50</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining  £22,297</b>
Darton Voice - Brookhill Road/Darton Wildlife Project	£80.00	£80.00	£11,148.50	£22,217.00
Darton Crowns - Line marker	£187.00	£187.00	£11,148.50	£22,030.00
DWWA - Sloppy Slippers	£2,000.00	£0	£9,148.50	£20,030.00
All Saints Church - York Waits Concert - 500th Anniversary	£500.00	£440.00	£9,148.50	£19,530.00
DW Hanging baskets 2017	£1,945.00	£0	£7,203.50	£17,585.00
North Gawber Junior FC - Community Project	£500.00	£0	£6,703.50	£17,085.00
All Saints Church Darton - Fire alarm	£500.00	£0	£6,203.50	£16,585.00
Redbrook TARA - Redbrook Park	£100.00	£100.00	£6,203.50	£16,485.00
Clean & Green Team - Barugh Green rec painting	£100.00	£100.00	£6,203.50	£16,385.00
Darton Cricket Club - Ground maintenance machinery	£750.00	£750.00	£6,203.50	£15,635.00
Nova Theatre Gp - First Stage Summer School	£500.00	£500.00	£6,203.50	£15,135.00
DWWA - New bench	£760.00	£0	£5,443.50	£14,375.00

Darton College - College Farm	£800.00	£800.00	£5,443.50	£13,575.00
Les Cadeaux - Santa's creative Christmas	£698.00	£698.00	£5,443.50	£12,877.00
DWA - Spring bulbs	£200.00	£200.00	£5,443.50	£12,677.00
Priestley Avenue Community Group	£250.00	£0	£5,193.50	£12,427.00
DWA Barugh Green Christmas lights	£1,100.00	£0	£4,093.50	£11,327.00
DWA - Planters	£1,900.00	£483.80	£4,093.50	£9,427.00
DWA - Maintenance on Redbrook Roundabout	£400.00	£0	£3,693.50	£9,027.00
Gawber History Group - History of Gawber	£365.00	£698.00	£3,693.50	£8,662.00
DWWA - Maintenance on Christmas street	£80.00	£0	£3,613.50	£7,552.00
Kexbrough Local History Group - History book	£700.00	£0	£2,913.50	<b>£6,852.00</b>

### OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance had the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£7,335	carried forward from 2016/17
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£27,335</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

The Old Town Ward Alliance has not yet allocated any of their Ward Alliance Fund.

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining  <b>£13,667.50</b>	Allocation Remaining  <b>£27,335</b>
Ad Astra Barnsley CIC - Having fun & staying fit	£1,984.00	£1,984.00	£13,667.50	£25,351.00
OTWA - Dual bin	£1,838.00	£0	£11,829.50	£23,513.00
Mum's Team Barnsley	£600.00	£600.00	£11,829.50	£22,913.00
OTWA - Christmas Trees	£910.00	£0	£10,919.50	£22,003.00
Pogmoor Resident Association - dog bin	£300.00	£0	£10,619.50	£21,703.00
Pogmoor Resident Association - Afternoon Social club	£588.94	£588.94	£10,619.50	£21,114.06
Friends of Wilthorpe Park - Noticeboard	£909.56	£909.56	£10,619.50	£20,204.50
Spring Bulbs	£100.00	£0.00	£10,519.50	£20,104.50
Pogmoor Residents Assoc - Cresswell St fencing	£448.00	£0	£10,071.50	£19,656.50
OTWA - Brettas Park fence	£1,950.00		£8,121.50	£17,509.42
OTWA - Brettas Park fence removal	£1,040.00		£7,081.50	£16,469.42
OTWA- Healthy Happy Me	£2,300.00		£7,081.50	£14,169.42
Willowbank Community Partnership - Multiple Event Insurance	£603.52		£6,477.98	<b>£13,565.90</b>

**ST.HELENS WARD ALLIANCE**

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance had the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,676	carried forward from 2016/17
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£22,676</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining  £11,338</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining  £22,676</b>
STHWA - Restricted Parking Fences for Carlton Rd	£4,000.00	0	£7,000.00	£21,425.00
STHWA - Hanging Baskets 2017	£2,046.00	0	£5,292.00	£19,379.00
Time for tots - Mother & Baby/toddler play & stay group	£700.00	£354.00	£5,292.00	£18,679.00
StHWA - feeding vulnerable families	£540.00	£540.00	£5,292.00	£18,139.00
Honey Pot Café - Additional activities	£1,139.85	£1,139.85	£5,292.00	£16,999.15
StHWA - Extra car parking facility	£500.00	£500.00	£5,292.00	£16,464.15
The Coffee Lodge - Kids eat free at the coffee lounge	£285.00	£285.00	£5,292.00	£16,179.15
Athersley Cares - Bees little helpers	£260.00	£260.00	£5,292.00	£15,919.15
Qtr 1 Secretary expenses	£125.00	£125.00	£5,292.00	£15,794.15
Twilight Group	£441.00	£441.00	£5,292.00	£15,353.15
Spring Bulbs for 2017/18	£585.00	£0	£4,707.00	£14,768.15

Barnsley NWLG - Outdoor equipment events	£518.88	£518.88	£4,707.00	£14,249.27
Health Event Working budget	£700.00	£0	£4,007.00	£13,549.27
SHWA - Christmas budget	£933.50	£0	£3,073.50	£12,615.77
Athersley Community Association & FC - Community bonfire	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£3,073.50	£11,615.77
StHWA - Christmas Events	£1000.00	£0	£2,073.50	£10,615.77
StHWA - Athersley Rec FC carpark	£535.00	£535	£2,073.50	<b>£10,080.77</b>

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# Item 9

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

**Agenda Item: 9**

**Report of North Area Council Manager**

### **North Area Ward Alliance Notes**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the 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 and Neighbourhood levels (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

#### **4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings**

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during November and December 2017.  
Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Two
Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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**Date:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**'CAN DO-WILL DO'**

14th November 2017 – 6PM

Mapplewell & Staincross

Village Hall

**Present:**

Cllr Roy Miller Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Harry Spence Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Gail Charlesworth Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye North Area Team  
Paul Marsh Local Business Man  
Pauline Brook Methodist Church  
Jonathan Harrison Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Jonathan Senior Greenworks  
Twiggs John and Adam  
Helen Altun Minutes

**1. Apologies:**

David Hilton Greenspace

David Oates Local Business Man  
Julian Senior Greenworks

**2. Twiggs**

John and Adam from Twiggs came to the meeting and explained more about the service. They explained it was a commissioned service which helps to improve the local area alongside help groups and volunteers.

Twiggs liase with Rebecca Battye so there is no cross over with Barnsley Council.

Over the last few months they have worked alongside Councillor Spence on some green spaces including Athersley Strelley Road and a memorial site which included cutting of shrubs, weeding and litter picking.

They have also worked with Green Space to help them with the war memorial and have also helped with planting bulbs at Wilthorpe Park.

Councillor Charlesworth asked them if they have volunteers working with them and they explained all of the events up to now they have had volunteers as well as established working groups.

Councillor Spence thanked them and Green space for cleaning up the cenotaph and explained Twiggs had left their mark already.

They have also cleaned up a footpath from the village hall leading to Spark Lane and the Village Hall also thanked Twiggs.

Councillor Spence also said there is a lot of work that can be completed up at the allotments.

Jonathan Harrison asked if the bushes' from the park could be cut back on Blacker Road and

Councillor Miller asked if the bus stop near the park could be maintained.

It was also raised that Ibberson Memorial Gardens and Swallow Hill Road also needed some work.

Councillor Spence also mentioned he been bulb planting down Spark Lane and he asked if Twiggs could cut back the edge near the boundary stone on the left hand side.

Twiggs also explained they had looked at the old tennis courts in Mapplewell Park and the surfacing looked quite sound so they thought it may be a good idea to make a skate park.

Councillor Miller explained plans were already underway for the tennis courts which didn't include a skate park and recommended Twiggs have a meeting with everyone involved to discuss.

Helen and Gail arranged to meet Twiggs on Wednesday 22/11/17 at 9.30 am for The Christmas Tree to be put up in Mapplewell. Twiggs website is [twiggsuk.co.uk](http://twiggsuk.co.uk) they are also on Facebook.

### **3. Minutes from previous meeting.**

Ok.

### **4. Matters Arising**

None

### **5. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Harry Spence and Nick Hibberd declared a declaration of interest.

### **6. Finances**

Rebecca explained £5,151.56 was available for waf supported projects and £1,515.04 was available not requiring match funding. Councillor Spence asked for £4000 to be moved from waf supported projects to the not requiring match funding finances. Rebecca said she would look into whether this would be approved to be moved.

### **7. Applications for funding**

**Children's Woodland Event £350 – Agreed.**

**Dementia Group – Marketing £500 – Agreed.**

**Grin and Share it £992 – travel expenses to be taken off they can not be funded £756 – Agreed**

**Staincross and Darton Community Venture £615 – Agreed for sound system only.**

**North Gawber War Memorial £350 - Agreed**

### **8. Area Ward Plan**

Councillor Miller explained he was still chasing Harworth Estates regarding the start of work on Mapplewell Village. Businesses' have suggested starting at the end of January otherwise the six week summer holidays.

Councillor Miller explained he was pleased that the flats had now been completed down Blacker Road near the Chinese takeaway. This plot had been left abandoned for a number of years and it was nice to see the flats now completed.

Councillor Miller explained an extra school classroom would be added to Mapplewell Primary School.

Councillor Miller explained he had taken a number of complaints from residents near Woolley Woods due to cars being dismantled and being burnt in the woods.

Councillor Charlesworth explained from the leaflet's she had put out to the residents around Mapplewell Primary School. 2 residents had been in touch with Councillor Charlesworth and 2 residents had been in touch with Councillor Miller. Councillor Charlesworth will contact them shortly regarding starting a group up regarding traffic problems and parking around Mapplewell Primary School.

Jonathan Harrison asked about the footpath linking the car park at the Co Op to the Car Park at Fountain's Parade. Councillor Miller explained it had been blocked off due to anti social behaviour and it went through planning to be blocked off.

## **9. Christmas**

Councillor Spence explained the ground had been dug out for the tree at Darton and Harry had cut the grass. He explained a small fence may be needed to go round it due to someone driving over it. Selection boxes will be given out at both events by Father Christmas.

## **10. AOB**

Councillor Miller explained the Police will no longer be using the Police Station at Mapplewell. It had been de-badged and the nearest police station was now Royston.

Councillor Charlesworth explained she had thought about the possibility of having a Christmas tree put up in Woolley next year.

Councillor Spence also wanted to thank Paul Marsh and Nanoflam in Carlton for delivering 8 water bowsers to the allotments.

Next meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm.

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**'CAN DO-WILL DO'**  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 6PM  
Mapplewell & Staincross  
Village Hall

**Present:**

Cllr Harry Spence Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Gail Charlesworth Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye North Area Team  
Paul Marsh Local Business Man  
Pauline Brook Methodist Church  
Jonathan Harrison Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
David Oates Local Business Man  
Jonathan Senior Greenworks  
Julian Senior Greenworks

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr Roy Miller  
David Hilton Greenspace  
Helen Altun

**2. Library Service**

Joanne Fieldsend and Kathryn Green from the library service attended the meeting to discuss the libraries review. They explained that the way people use libraries has changed over the past 10 years – less book borrowing, more use of the building for wifi, computers, information, groups, activities and as a meeting place. Barnsley MBC Customer Services has to make a saving of £872k by 2020, this includes a saving of £165k against the library service. Therefore, different ways of running the libraries needs to be looked at.

Joanne and Kathryn explained that Mapplewell library is well used with 1016 active borrowers – the visits and borrowing are above the library average. They also explained that design workshops will take place in January where people will be able to come along and put ideas.

**5. Minutes from previous meeting.**

Approved and seconded

**6. Matters Arising**

Finances – Cllr Spence asked about the transferring of £4,000 from the volunteer matched side of the WA fund to the non-volunteer match side. Rebecca advised that she had sought advice on the matter and that it is not possible to transfer money from the volunteer side to the non match side. It was agreed through the Area Councils and states in the Governance arrangements that at least £10,000 of the allocation must be match funded through volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question or other match funding resources (for example, room hire or donated goods).

**11. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest

**12. Finances**

Rebecca explained that there is a total of £4,345.60 remaining in the budget:  
£3,780.56 requires match funding (volunteer hours)  
£315.04 for initiatives that don't require a volunteer element

### **13. Applications for funding**

There were no applications for funding

### **14. Area Ward Plan**

- Councillor Charlesworth reported that she had interest from five people regarding the parking near Mapplewell Primary School project. They will get together in the New Year to start planning the project.
- It was agreed that part of the February meeting will be used to discuss and develop the Ward Alliance's priorities and Action Plan for 2018-19.

### **15. AOB**

Nick advised that he is holding a seminar for treasurers on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Mapplewell Village Hall. The session is £15 per person and is aimed at small groups/charities.

Next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 6pm.

## **Darton West Ward Alliance.**

### **Notes of Meeting 13th November 2017, 5pm at the Darton Centre.**

**Attendees:** Cllr Sharon Howard (Chair), Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Linda Burgess, Ann Plant, Richard Haigh, Dominic McCall, Tom West.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

Apologies: Jason Gardner, Louise Oxley. Carol Gamwell.

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Sharon Howard, welcomed everyone and apologies were received.

#### **2. Notes of the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The notes of the Meeting were discussed.

##### *ACTION POINTS:*

*Cllrs Burgess, Cave, Howard to meet with Gary McNaught to discuss further issues and solutions re: Birthwaite Hill and report next meeting.*

*Cllrs Burgess, Cave, Howard to meet with Rebecca to formulate letter suitable for Hanging Basket provision across the Ward.*

*Linda to contact Carol Gamwell to discuss Christmas events and dates at Barugh Green Primary School.*

*Rebecca to contact Jo Birch re: planters for Dayhouse Way and installation.*

*Rebecca to supply list of the names all local Businesses in Barugh Green, Claycliffe and Redbrook Industrial Estates.*

*Dominic to update on any progress made with Restoration of mile stone markers.*

*Richard to email Rebecca of names of residents involved in Autumn Bulb Planting.*

*Linda to place Traffic Team Document on the Agenda for the December Meeting.*

*Tom and Richard to arrange date for Autumn Bulb Planting with Horizon Students in Gawber.*

#### **3. Ward Alliance Fund.**

A. Budget update was noted.

B. WAF Applications.

Additional monies for Barugh Green Christmas Lights. Agreed.

#### **4. Ward Alliance Action Plan.**

Dominic led an update discussion of Ward alliance Action Plan and amendments were made.

##### *ACTION POINT:*

*Dominic to supply updated copy of Action Plan to Linda for the next meeting.*

#### **5. BMBC Darton Centre Project.**

Linda, Sharon and Richard updated members of the progress being made with the Project.

#### **6. Communications.**

##### *ACTION POINTS:*

*Linda to send details of Ward Twitter Account to members for their attention.*

*Rebecca to send details to Darton Arrow of Hanging Basket Procedures for sponsorship 2018.*

#### **7. Updates from North Area Council.**

Nothing to Report.

#### **8. Preparation for Darton West Ward Stars Event.**

Cllr Howard, Cllr Cave, Richard Rebecca and Scott to meet and organise event.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 2.30 pm at the Darton Centre.

##### *ACTION POINT:*

*Rebecca to send time and date to Scott.*

#### **9. A.O.B.**

Tom gave an update on Horizon Students involvement this week with TWIGGS at Harry Road Rec.

Tom informed members of Horizon School Christmas Hampers for Age U.K. and local families in need.

##### *ACTION POINT:*

*Members to bring any items of food for Hampers and Tom to email types of items required.*

#### **Date of Next Meeting.**

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**

**Old Town Ward Alliance  
Meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017  
Edith Perry Room – Barnsley Hospital**

**Present**

Cllrs Dave Leech (Chair) Liz Grundy

BMBC Rep. Lee Swift

Community Reps. Sheila Lowe – Kirsty Summerfield – Michelle Cooper

**Apologies**

Cllr Anita Cherryholme – Fr Craig Tomlinson – Rev Cameron Stirk – Dorothy Hayes

**Guests – John Twigg Adam Taylor Roberts**

John from Twiggs Ground Maintenance gave a short presentation of the work they are currently delivering in the North Area after being awarded the contract from the North Area Council.

They are a private and community development company working throughout the Barnsley area.

If anyone has a project they would like support from Twiggs please contact Lee.

It was discussed that Twiggs have been working in Pogmoor around the West Road area and there was a discussion about whether this land was privately owned also the 'goal posts' that stop vehicles going onto the grassed area had been removed prior to Twiggs working there so Liz will contact Jo Birch to clarify these issues.

**ACTION LIZ**

**The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true copy.**

**Matters Arising**

**Fleets** – Luke has been onto the area littler picking and doing a general tidy up and he has come across several sharps.

Paul Brannon has been contacted about this issue and as the land is privately owned they can't clean the area unless the owner pays them to do it.

John from Twiggs informed the group that there staff have also been cleaning in the area and all their staff will be completing the 'Sharps Training' which will allow them to do a more thorough clean. The problem is where to dispose of the sharps once collected. There were some 'sharps boxes' in the area but problem is where to dispose of them also. Liz is going to look into this and find a disposal venue.

**ACTION LIZ**

We are hoping to get a guest from the Dementia Alliance to come to our January meeting.

**ACTION MICHELLE**

We need to look at placement of the dog signs.

**ACTION MICHELLE AND LIZ**

Old Town News – deferred to the December meeting

**TRO –**

- Some issues have arisen from the original plan and application for the TRO.
- After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would invite Gary McNaught to a meeting with the Ward Alliance group to discuss the issues that have arisen.

**ACTIONS**

- Lee to look at funding logistics
- Dave to speak to Rosie and Phil
- Liz to speak to Gary McNaught
- Lee to coordinate a meeting with Gary and the alliance members.



### **Swift Street Parking Issues**

Someone is parking a range of cars along Swift Street and selling them, which is adding to the congestion – All the cars are legal – Liz is going to look further into the issue.

**ACTION LIZ**

### **Ward Alliance Applications**

#### **Xtra at Emanuel Methodist Church – Residential Weekend - £1290**

- After a lengthy discussion about the project it was decided to decline this application. The reason we declined this application was because the group felt we would be funding work outside the Barnsley area – work that could easily be delivered within the boundaries of it and also though the staff were indicated as volunteers.

#### **Pogmoor Residents Association – Extension to fencing on Creswell Street - £448**

- This application was passed

#### **Cllr Lofts – Re-site waste bin - £75**

- This application was rejected as the form had not been updated with answers to the queries previously raised, which demonstrated a clear lack of commitment to the application process.

### **Area Round Up – Sharing good practice**

- **Friends of Wilthorpe Park and Ad Astra** – held a Halloween Event in Wilthorpe Park although due to the cold and windy weather the event was a great success – the numbers were down on last year but all the families had a great time.
- **Friends of Wilthorpe Park** – The Friends group worked with Wilthorpe Primary School and had 60 - 5 year olds planting bulbs and doing a litter pick in the park – excellent event where all the children really enjoyed the event.

### **Love where You Live Up Date**

- **Celebration event** – The Celebration event will be held at The Metrodome on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017. It would be great to have a good turn out to represent our Ward Alliance.

### **Forth-Coming Events**

- **Healthy / Happy Me Event** – This event will take place mid January and will incorporate the Sloppy Slipper Exchange and lots of information sharing. Liz is leading on this project and will bring more information to the next meeting.
  - **ACTION LIZ**

### **Any Other Business**

- Kirsty asked about a project running in Lundwood part of the Principle Towns Funding– this is only for specific areas of Barnsley unfortunately Old Town is not one of the areas. The groups that are interested may however apply for money from the Better Barnsley Bond, a funding pot run by Henry Boot and partners.
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- Sheila asked about the amount of refuse that is being left in the Sugdens Rec area and asked if we could ask Kingdom to look into this issue. Liz is going to contact Kath Fairweather
  - **ACTION LIZ**

**Old Town Ward Alliance - Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**Meeting Held in the Edith Perry Room @ Barnsley Hospital**

**Present**

Cllr Dave Leech (Chair) Cllr Liz Grundy

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Com Reps. Luke Holmes – John Love – Bill Gaunt – Kirsty Summerfield – Michelle Cooper

Barnsley Library – Kathryn Green – Joanne Fieldsend

**Apologies**

**Cllr Anita Cherryholme – Dorothy Hayes – Sheila Lowe – Fr Craig**

**Presentation**

Kathryn gave a brief presentation of the current situation with the library services including the current facts around usage and costings and the Libraries Review they are undertaking currently, which includes a public consultation and survey about the new model for Barnsley Libraries.

- The minutes were accepted as a true copy – although a few members of the group had difficulty opening the attachments.

**Matters Arising**

- **West Road Pogmoor**
  - Liz reported the situation about the amount of refuse being left.
  - Rosie and Cllr Lofts are looking into the issue brought to the November meeting about ownership of the land.
  - Lee will bring any decisions or information back to the next meeting. **ACTION LEE**
- **Fleets**
  - Luke spoke about the disruption and issues and unsafe behaviour in the area particularly around Aqueduct Street/ASDA area /Fleets
  - This will be brought up at the PACT meeting.
  - Operation Lima was discussed briefly and it was believed that the Honeywell area had already been covered – to be checked at the PACT meeting.
- **Old Town News**
  - Bill reported that the next copy has yet to be completed.
  - The article about the Honeywell area could be seen as controversial and needs to be looked at – Bill to forward this onto Lee and Michelle – **ACTION BILL - LEE AND MICHELLE**
  - Happy Healthy Me Project would make a good Front Cover Story – **ACTION BILL LEE AND LIZ**
  - Distribution was discussed amongst the members
- **TRO**
  - Lee reported back to the group –
  - Gary McNaught had refused to meet with the WA members – He agreed to meet with the councillors.
  - The group were informed that the work and costings previously agreed with the department couldn't be completed. The funds agreed for the work are now not sufficient for all the work that was requested.
  - After a potted history of how the TRO originated, there was a great deal of discussion about what will now happen to the funds previously set aside for this work and why and how this could happen.
  - Further meetings are yet to take place and further information will follow plus a breakdown of the costs for the work we originally asked for.

- Lee will send all TRO information to all members **ACTION LEE**
- **Swift Street Parking**
  - The parking of cars on Swift Street is a major concern for local residents. One local resident seems to be parking several cars in what is a very busy area – there are concerns he is running a car selling business from his home, which is adding to the already heavily congested area. All the cars on the street are legal but more checking is required within the council and with Companies House. **ACTION LIZ**
- **HEALTHY HAPPY ME**
  - The event will take place on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018
  - Different agencies will be come together at The Emanuel Church on Huddersfield Road 10am till 1.30pm.
- **Stronger Communities** – The next round for applications is now out with applications due in at the end of January 2018
- **Ward Alliance Funding and Applications**
  - Summary of Funding available was given by Lee - £16,469.42
- **Application – Willowbank Community Partnership**
  - Multiple Insurance event cover - £603.52 – This was passed unanimously
- **Application – Healthy Happy Me Project**
  - Working budget to cover cost of slippers refreshments and advertising - £2300 – this was passed unanimously
- **Love Where you Live**
  - First major event in 2018 will be the March Clean Up to coincide with The Great British Clean Up.
- **Any Other Business**
  - **Ward Plan Work Shop**
  - Lee will confirm dates and let us know at the January meeting – a similar format to last times event worked very well.
  - **Tour de Yorkshire**
  - The event will have a starting point in Barnsley and will come past Huddersfield Road on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 –
  - Events throughout the borough will be taking place and more information will follow
  - **Snow Patrol**
  - The grit had not been delivered at the time of the meeting – but it was all delivered in December
  - **Bulbs**
  - The bulbs purchased for Old Town were distributed to Bill Gaunt for around Willowbank and to Ad Astra who have worked with children from the local primary and secondary schools to plant them around the schools and local area

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**The meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

The meeting was closed by Dave wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year



**St. Helen's Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA**

**Present:** Cllr Jenny Platts (Chair), Cllr Dave Leech, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Tony Lowe, Clyde Black, Ruth and David Gammon, Neil Wright.

**By Invitation:** John Twigg – Twiggs Ground Maintenance

**Apologies:** Madge Busby, John Hallows, Kath Bostwick.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions were given from the members of the Ward Alliance. John Twigg was welcomed to the meeting.

**Introduction from TWIGGS:** TWIGGS are the new clean and green contractors. John Twigg came along to the meeting to introduce himself to the Ward Alliance members and to explain a little about his business. Suggestions were made by members about where TWIGGS could help within the community, including Ad Astra, other groups within the community and the schools within the area.

Cllr Dave Leech asked TWIGGS to merge with the North Area Team and advertise on their website and social media so if help is needed from TWIGGS then people should contact Rosie or Lee at the North Area team.

It was also suggested that a member of the TWIGGS team should attend the next Ward Alliance meeting.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Update on:-**

**Principal Towns:** Cllrs had a follow up meeting with Highways, Fiona, the Church and Poundstretcher. Poundstretcher leases the land from Asda.

Reverend Marian Olsen from New Hope Church said she would be happy to talk but any decisions to be made would have to go through the Diocese.

The Church along with volunteers are going to clear the carpark of any unwanted items and remove the extra grass. With the removal of the grass it will allow more cars to park in carpark.

**Health Event:** Lee Swift reported that this event went really well and was well attended. There were 3 raffle prizes and a hamper supplied by The Community Shop.

**Memory Tree:** based at Laithes Crescent Church. It has been reported that the tree looks to have been damaged. Cllr Jenny Platts asked John Twigg if TWIGGS able to take a look at the tree.

**Gazebo's:** The tables and chairs have arrived and are being stored in a Ward Alliance Members garage. The Gazebos have been ordered but haven't arrived. Ruth and David Gammon to chase up. The straps for the Gazebos have been ordered, awaiting their arrival.

**Funding Applications:**

- The purchase of permanent Christmas Trees and lights for the St. Helens Ward. Lee Swift presented the bid for £849. Cllr Jenny Platt also stated that once the trees were bought they would be used every year after, therefore would save money in the future. The trees would be 6ft, traditional Christmas trees.  
Cllr Dave Leech enquired as to whether the lights that were included in the funding bid would be enough for the trees and what the exact price of dressing the tree would be.  
John Twigg said he would look into the prices for dressing the tree.  
Due to this information it was discussed with the members and decided that the bid would be increased by £84.50 to a new bid of £933.50. All members agreed.
- Annual Community Bonfire. Cllr Dave Leech (on behalf of Pete Goodlad) presented this bid for £1,000. The bid was for the purchase of fireworks for a junior and adult firework display at an event that would get all the community involved. All members agreed to the bid.
- Christmas Event Working Budget. This budget was discussed by members. Lee Swift outlined what we would need to hold the three Christmas events, including drinks, snacks and presents for the children. It was decided that the events would cost around £1,000 so we would use the money that was left over from the Health Event and add another £500 from Ward funding.  
Ruth and David Gammon volunteered to do the tombola and would donate half of the proceeds made to the Mayors Charity.  
[Lee Swift to organise the Brass Band Quartet to attend, to book the face painter and to arrange drinks, food, etc.](#)  
[Cllr Sarah Tattersall to do the form for the transfer of monies.](#)

**Dates for Christmas Events:** The Memory Tree event will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 5.15pm at New Hope Church, Laithes Crescent.

New Lodge Community Centre Christmas Tree Light Switch on will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.

St. Helens Church, Laithes Lane Christmas Tree Light switch on will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.

Athersley North Community Shop Christmas Tree Light switch on will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.

**Ward Plan:** All actions completed for this year.

[Action: To book in a session in January 2018 to explore new actions.](#)

**Treasurers Report:** Clyde Black reported an up to date balance of £10,990.77.

Clyde was thanked for his report.

**Secretary's Report:** Dates for next years Ward Alliance meetings were handed out to members.

Cllr Jenny Platts read out correspondence received from The Community Shop regarding the Feeding Britain campaign.

**Spring bulbs:** The spring bulbs have arrived and arrangements to be made to pass these out to the 5 schools in the area, the New Lodge Community Centre and the Community shop. It was agreed upon that the schools would get 300 bulbs each and N.L.C.C and Community shop would get 250 each.

Twiggs volunteered their services to help plant the bulbs.

Machine planting is booked for the 27<sup>th</sup> October and will cover New Lodge Crescent, Mansfield Road and Lindhurst Road.

**Forthcoming projects/bids:**

Lee Swift spoke about the Ward Alliance Celebration Event that was taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> November. He said he would email out to members a list of previous projects that the Ward Alliance have funded over the last couple of years. This list could be discussed at the event with members of other Ward Alliances.

Cllr Dave Leech discussed Friends of New Lodge Village Green. A group to keep the green tidy and free from litter. Hopefully residents will get involved. It was also discussed the Cllrs would speak to Linwood House treatment centre to see if they could get the residents involved with the project.

**Magazine:** As the editor of the magazine, Cllr Sarah Tattersall discussed its content. This will be 6 stories about projects in the St. Helens Ward, including the Health Event, Christmas Events and the Village Green.

The meeting finished at 17.10pm.

**Date and time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.