

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**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 March and April 2018, plus St Helen's notes from January and February.

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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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## **Appendix One:**

### **Darton East Ward Alliance**

#### **'CAN DO-WILL DO'**

13 th March – 6 PM

Mapplewell & Staincross

Village Hall

#### **Present:**

Cllr Gail Charlesworth Darton East Ward Councillor

Rebecca Battye North Area Team

Nick Hibberd Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

David Oates Local Business Man

Paul Marsh Local Business Man

Pauline Brook Methodist Church

Jonathan Senior Greenworks

Julian Senior Greenworks

Helen Altun Minutes

#### **1. Apologies:**

David Hilton

Cllr Roy Miller Darton East Ward Councillor

Cllr Harry Spence Darton East Ward Councillor

Jonathan Harrison Local Business Man

#### **2. Minutes from previous meeting.**

Ok.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

None

#### **4. Financial Update**

Rebecca explained waf supported projects have £2180.56 remaining and waf not requiring match funding have £315.04 left. This is the end of the financial year.

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

None

#### **6. Applications for funding**

No applications were received. Due to the meeting not being quorate, we were unable to discuss and make a decision on hanging baskets for 2018. Rebecca will send an email round to the Ward Alliance regarding hanging baskets for 2018.

## **7. AOB**

Rebecca explained the area ward plan needed to be looked at in April.

Paul Marsh explained that the Coalfield's festival would be held at Woolley Cricket Club on 14/07/18 with money raised for Barnsley Hospice. There will be 2500 tickets available for the event. A public meeting was held last Friday. No one came to the meeting. Another meeting is planned for this Friday 16/03/18. The meeting was advertised in the arrow and anyone with objections/concerns/ideas for the festival were asked to attend the meeting. The event is for over 18's only unless a parent or carer is present. Last year 4500 tickets were sold and 7 complaints were received in total.

Paul Marsh also explained DJ Allen Builder's have gone into receivership.

Paul Marsh explained he had spoken to the Talbot Inn and they would be willing to offer volunteers in the village a 10% discount. He also said he thought Mezzaluna would also match this offer.

It was raised in the meeting regarding congestion in the village. John Foster and the Talbot inn are having trouble with the congestion.

It was raised in the meeting regarding the village development by Harworth Estates. In a previous meeting it mentioned work may start in January 2018 but no work as been started. Previous to that it was agreed it would start in August 17.

Football cages were also raised and it needs to be raised again at the area ward plan meeting.

## **8. Time and Date of next meeting 6pm – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Darton East Ward Alliance**

### **'CAN DO-WILL DO'**

10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 6 PM

Mapplewell & Staincross

Village Hall

#### **Present:**

Cllr Roy Miller Darton East Ward Councillor

Cllr Harry Spence Darton East Ward Councillor

David Hilton

Jonathan Harrison Local Business Man

Rebecca Battye North Area Team

Nick Hibberd Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

Paul Marsh Local Business Man

Pauline Brook Methodist Church

Helen Altun Minutes

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr Gail Charlesworth Darton East Ward Councillor

David Oates Local Business Man

Jonathan Senior Greenworks

Julian Senior Greenworks

#### **2. Minutes from previous meeting.**

Approved. Paul Marsh wanted to add that no one turned up for the second meeting regarding the coalfields festival.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

None

#### **4. Financial Update**

Rebecca explained the total budget available was £22,745.00

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

David Hilton

#### **6. Applications for funding**

Bedding plants for the war memorial £220 – agreed.

Rebecca confirmed the budget for the hanging baskets had been agreed with all members via email.

Room hire for the ward alliance - £600 agreed.

Councillor Roy Miller asked for an email to be sent to Greenspace for all everything they have completed and all the hard work they have provided.

## **7. Area Ward Plan**

Councillor Roy Miller explained he would like to do more on litter and dog fouling in the area. He explained he had requested stickers which will be put out around the ward for this problem.

Councillor Roy Miller also explained the improvements to the village are to be completed this year during the summer holidays. Jonathan Harrison explained improvements had been made outside of his shop Pet Bay to stop people parking at the front, but explained he had looked at the improvements to be made to the village and he did not want bollards putting outside of his shop. Jonathan explained the main problem with parking outside of shops was at Ricco's and Pacchino's. It was raised regarding the bins in the village overflowing with rubbish and a lot of it seems to be takeaway rubbish. A letter is being sent out to the takeaways to explain to them not to use the public bins for their rubbish.

Councillor Roy Miller also explained he would like to organise a volunteer's event which he would like to hold at Mapplewell Village Hall as soon as possible.

It was raised under crime and safety the lack of policing in the area. Councillors Miller and Spence explained it had been raised regarding the lack of police in the area.

Councillor Spence explained the bins had been reviewed and he will make sure they are all in the right location in the village.

Helen Altun asked where the grit bins were located in the area and Councillor Harry Spence agreed a list could be brought to the next meeting. If grit is needed it can be requested online or by phone. The council will grit the primary routes first, then the secondary routes then special areas.

Helen Altun also raised more needed to be done for the children in the village and said a lot of attention is focused on the elderly. Helen Altun rose whether a disco could be held once a month at the village hall or more facilities in the park area. Councillor Roy Miller asked for youth services to be invited to a meeting to see what options we have for children in the area.

Paul Marsh explained his land could be used for some children's activities if needed.

Nick Hibberd asked whether the community could look at the area plan once a month and they could contribute ideas to the area.

Nick Hibberd also asked why the village hall was no longer used for the council meetings with the public. Councillor Roy Miller explained more people came to the other meetings held in the churches in Mapplewell.

Nick Hibberd explained he would be willing to rent the room at no charge so the council meetings were also held in the Village Hall. Councillor Roy Miller explained they would set up the meetings again at the village hall.

Rebecca Battye asked if we would like twiggs to come to another meeting. 75% of twigs work needs volunteers and 25% of the work in the community can be done by Twiggs.

Jonathan Harrison raised not enough advertising was being completed by Twiggs to promote their volunteering and work. Jonathan explained he sees Greenspace in the area but not Twiggs. Twiggs are to be invited to another meeting.

Councillor Harry Spence explained the notice board was moving from the Police Station to the co-op now the police station had been sold.

Councillor Harry Spence also said the Christmas tree was to be relocated the Christmas tree to the Co-op. Also a new post box will be located at the Co-op Mapplewell.

Councillor Harry Spence also explained hanging baskets would be nice outside the shops in the village. Harry will have a walk round the shops this year.

Jonathan Harrison asked if the village could have Christmas lights put up. Councillor Roy Miller explained this had already been looked into and was very expensive but if the shops wanted to fund it themselves this was fine.

Councillor Harry Spence explained he will be doing an open day at the allotments in June or July. Harry asked Paul Marsh if he could bring a jcb up to help at the allotments. Harry will be inviting people to attend and people will receive a vegetable box which will be sponsored by Asda.

Councillor Harry Spence also confirmed they had been offered a 20ft container for free but the only place it could go was outside of the allotments. Parks have said this is not allowed. They have also had a reply from assets, who have said they would allow a container inside or outside the allotment, but it would need planning permission, it must be maintained and painted in a certain colour. Harry will speak to Jonathan and Julian Senior to see if the container is still available but it is on hold at the moment while Harry gets more information on the container and planning permission.

David Hilton explained his wife had asked what happens at the Ward Alliance meeting and if it was communicated. Rebecca explained a Facebook page was set up but needs expanding. A volunteer is needed to expand the Facebook group and post more on Facebook for the Darton East Ward Alliance.

**8. Time and Date of next meeting**  
**Tuesday 08/05/18.**

## **Appendix Two:**

### **Darton West Ward Alliance.**

#### **Notes of Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**

**Attendees:** Cllr Alice Cave ( Chair) , Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Linda Burgess, Jason Gardener, Ann Plant, Richard Haigh. North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

Cllr Alice Cave welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Louise Oxley and Dominic McCall.

#### **2. Notes of Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

##### *ACTION POINTS.*

*Ann and Louise to contact local business at Barugh Green for possible Christmas lights sponsorship.*

*Richard to identify poster sites across Gawber.*

*Ann to look identify poster sites for Darton.*

*Rebecca to check out BMBC protocols for Twitter and social media.*

#### **3.WAF update.**

A. Budget update was discussed and noted.

B. WAF applications for Gawber Church Community Hall and a Darton Park project were discussed and decisions were deferred to the April meeting

#### **4 / 5. Ward Alliance Action Plan 2017/ 2018 and priorities for 2018/19.**

A review of ward issues for further development and action was undertaken and the priorities for 2018/19 were identified

##### *ACTION POINTS*

*Rebecca to collate the notes ready for the April meeting and agreement of the 2018/19 Action Plan*

*Dominic to update Ward Action Plan for 2017/18*

#### **6. Sponsored Hanging Baskets.**

Some sponsorship requests had been received and it was agreed to fund the hanging baskets as provided last year less those sponsored.

##### *ACTION POINT*

*Rebecca to order hanging baskets.*

*All members to continue to promote the sponsorship scheme.*

*Rebecca to provide posters for sponsorship of hanging baskets ready for distribution*

*Ann to distribute posters to Darton shops.*

*Richard to distribute to Gawber and Kexbrough shops.*

*Sharon to distribute to Barugh Green shops.*

#### **7. Tour de Yorkshire.**

Working group of Alice, Linda, Sharon, Tom, Dominic, Richard and Rebecca. to meet on MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018, AT 5.00 PM AT BARNSLEY TOWN HALL.

### *ACTION POINT*

*Sharon and Dominic to meet Paul Castle and Stephen Miller re Redbrook roundabout*

### **8. North Area Council.**

BMBC's review of litter bin sites was discussed and it was agreed to consider the ward sites in a working group

*Action points*

*Alice, Linda and Richard, to meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 4 pm at the Darton Centre*

*All members to feed any information on site improvements to the working group*

*Dominic to email map of locational sites of litter bins to Rebecca.*

### **9. Darton West Ward Stars Event.**

Cllr Sharon Howard gave an update

Start time 5.45pm Friday , 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Town Hall.

### **10. Darton Project**

Cllr Linda Burgess gave an update

Next Steering Group meeting Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018, 6.00 pm at the Darton Centre.

### **11. Communications**

Nothing to report.

### **12 A.O.B.**

Richard gave information re unveiling of first Heritage Board of the Gawber History Trail on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am at Wood View

Ann raised the issue of the seating bench in Darton .

*ACTION POINTS*

*Rebecca to check on progress to site the bench*

*Cllrs to clarify the progress being made on the Dearne Hall Rd housing development*

### **Date and time of next meeting.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018 at 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**



## **Darton West Ward Alliance.**

### **Notes of Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, at the Darton Centre.**

**Attendees;** Cllr Linda Burgess (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Jason Gardener, Richard Haigh.

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

Cllr Linda Burgess welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Alice Cave, Ann Plant, Louise Oxley.

#### **2.Notes of meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

##### *ACTION POINTS:*

*Ann and Louise to contact local business at Barugh Green for possible Christmas lights sponsorship.*

#### **3. WAF update.**

A. 2018/19 budget was discussed and noted.

*ACTION POINT: Rebecca to update any carry forward for 2018/ 19*

B.WAF applications.

A special meeting of a quorate group to be arranged to discuss WAF applications.

#### **4. Ward Alliance Plan 2017/18.**

This item to be carried forward to the next WA Meeting.

#### **5. Ward Alliance Plan priorities and action plan for 2018/19.**

This item to be carried forward to the next WA Meeting.

#### **6. Sponsored hanging baskets.**

Sponsorship requests have been received for 12 baskets. 40 baskets in total will be provided across the Ward.

#### **7. Tour de Yorkshire.**

After discussion the following action points were agreed:

##### *ACTION POINTS.*

*Linda to email Paul Castle and copy in Matt Mitchell to ask for weeding of the Redbrook roundabout.*

*Sharon to email Jason re road closures on the day.*

*Jason to contact Barugh Green School for use by College learners on May 4th*

*Jason to clarify if bunting will be available for parts of Barugh Green Road.*

*Linda to drop off leaflets at Barugh Green.*

*Richard to drop off leaflets at Redbrook.*

#### **8. North Area Council updates including litter bin and green space reviews.**

Linda and Richard gave an update on the review findings.

#### **9.Review of Darton West Ward Stars Event.**

The event was discussed and agreed to be successful.

*ACTION POINT: Next WA meeting to identify any nominations for Proud of Barnsley Awards.*

#### **10. BMBC Darton Centre Project.**

Funding for the car park and the masterplan for the Park had been agreed.

#### **11. Communications.**

##### *ACTION POINTS:*

*Next meeting to discuss GDPR and the Neighbourhood Network.*

*Ann to identify poster sites across Darton.*

*Rebecca to check out BMBC protocols for twitter and social media.*

*Richard to keep list of poster sites across ward.*

#### **12. AOB**

An update on the housing development at Low Barugh was discussed.

The recruitment of new WA members was discussed.

### **Next Meeting of the Darton West Ward Alliance.**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 , 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre**

## Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Present

Cllr Dave Leech (Chair) Cllr Liz Grundy

BMC Ref: Lee Swift

Community Reps: John Love Sheila Lowe Luke Holmes Michelle Cooper

### Apologies

Fr Craig Tomlinson Rev Cameron Stirk Dorothy Hayes Bill Gaunt Kirsty Summerfield

### Hospital Update

- Mike Lees from Barnsley Hospital came into the meeting to give a quick update on the car-parking situation both in and around the hospital.
- The hospital is currently updating all policies Parking equipment and the procedures for safe parking – all new procedures hoping to be in place by Summer 2018. More spaces are hopefully going to be available.
- The NHS Magazine reminds staff to park considerably in the local area as this often causes congestion.
- John Love asked Mike if they would reconsider Park and Ride scheme – the hospital is looking at incentives to help with parking and Mike informed the group that 80% of the staff lived within 3 miles of the hospital. He is open to any suggestions for practical solutions to the parking issues.
- Mike also spoke about their Drone and its surveillance camera. He offered to speak to any local group about security issues he may be able to help them with.

### Matters Arising

- Bill Gaunt clarified the points in the minutes from the previous meeting via email.
- Bill wanted to ensure his original point of view was included that ‘naming’ Councillors had not been done previously on the newsletter and naming Cllr Liz Grundy would cause a precedent and in future all Cllrs could arrange to get their names included in the text and by implication his concern was that the Newsletter would be reduced to being a propaganda sheet.
- It was suggested by Cllr Leech (Chair) that the article be attributed to the “Ward Alliance and The Emanuel Church.
- Several discussions took place after the last meeting and it has now been agreed that the article will read – By Liz and Dawn
- Bill has subsequently relinquished his position of Editor for the Newsletter and Lee has agreed to follow this up with both Bill and John Love.

### Action Lee

- John Love also questioned the minutes of the last meeting – On the TRO section of the minutes John said that he had more than ‘concerns’ over the situation – specifically the ineffectiveness of the officers who reported to our meeting regarding the TRO situation which has still not been sorted.  
*Once these two issues were dealt with the minutes were accepted.*

## **Ward Plan**

- Lee reported on the Ward Plan and all members looked at the current plan for 2017/18 as well as the research from the Website
- The group briefly discussed specific areas of the plan and it was agreed that Lee sends out a new plan with the mentioned issues attached and all members would respond to Lee ASAP with any ideas they may have to be included in the new plan for 2018/19
- Lee will bring the new plan to our next meeting in April

### **Action Lee**

Following on from the Ward Plan discussions we spoke about Ward Alliances in the borough.

- John Love spoke about membership to the WA and how we can increase the membership.
- We spoke about the age range on our Ward Alliance and about how we should have the views of young people.
- We spoke about how we can promote the WA and the work we do.
- We spoke about the application process and how new members are selected and the induction package which should follow this or even come before the application process and as to whether the WA members should be part of this process instead of just the three elected members as this would be more democratic.
- It was suggested that each member bring along a 'guest/proposed member' to a WA meeting
- Lee is going to check this suggestion out. – **Action Lee**
- We were informed that Guidance on how a WA should operate is currently being looked at within the council.

## **Tour de Yorkshire**

- 2.30pm Men's Race will start from Barugh Green Roundabout
- There will be a briefing at the Town Hall at 2pm
- The riders will come along Huddersfield Road down to the starting line

## **Air Pollution Pogmoor Road/Summer Lane**

- John Love reported that there had been surveys done prior to the Hospital Car Park (Top of Summer Lane) opening and one after this was complete and both were well within the required limits

## **Youth Provision**

- Cllr Cherryholme was not at the meeting so no further information was available

## **Love Where You Live**

- The recent snow put a halt to majority of the pre-organised events – some have been rearranged over the next couple of weeks.
- Luke Holmes reported that the Fleets clean up had been very successful and a few local residents turned up to help with the clean up 52 bags were

collected which along with the additional 'rubbish' filled two cages of the lorries from Twiggs

- Lee has been in touch with Berneslai Homes about some land off Rockingham Street, which Twiggs are very keen to develop a community-growing plot with local residents.

### **Ward Alliance Applications**

- Brettas Park – this application is now complete

### **Fourth Coming Events**

- 4<sup>th</sup> May - Tour De Yorkshire
- An event coordinated by Ad Astra will run in Wilthopre Park 12pm till 4pm
- June is Love Where You Live Month celebrating volunteers in Barnsley
- 14<sup>th</sup> July will be The Mayors Parade

### **Any Other Business**

- John Love invited members to the unveiling of a Blue Plaque at 82 Castlereigh Street Barnsley on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11am then back to Johns home for kosher refreshments.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 2018  
7PM IN THE EDITH PERRY ROOM AT BARNSELY HOSPITAL**

**Old Town Ward Alliance  
Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital**

**Present**

Cllr Grundy (Chair)

BMC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Reps – Bill Gaunt – John Love – Sheila Lowe – Rev Cameron Stirk –  
Dorothy Hayes – Michelle Cooper

**Apologies**

Cllr Dave Leech - Kirsty Summerfield – Fr Craig Tomlinson – Luke Holmes

Dorothy Hayes requested that she get a hard copy of the minutes each month.

Liz worked through the minutes page by page and the group Accepted the minutes as a true copy

- Bill asked about the Community Growing Plot in Honeywell and Lee informed him that there had been a lot of interest from local residents and he had been in touch with Berneslai Homes who own the plot of land and he was awaiting a reply from them.
- John reported that the unveiling of the Blue plaque discussed in the last meeting had to be postponed due to wintry conditions.

**Matters Arising**

- **Old Town News**
  - Lee reported back to the meeting about the current status of the Newsletter and asked how are we going to move forward with this project?
  - Michelle to write a small article about the Tour De Yorkshire event in our area.
  - Michelle will take a photo of some of the bulbs now in bloom that Ad Astra planted last year for the Newsletter
  - Bill will finish putting the paper to bed and arrange printing.
  - Bill and John will distribute the Newsletter and include a leaflet about membership to the Ward Alliance
    - **ACTIONS BY BILL JOHN MICHELLE AND LEE**
- **Invited Guests**
  - Lee reported back to the group that he had confirmation that this could happen. It was agreed that one person could visit each meeting.
  - This was discussed by the group who asked if we could have a maximum of two guests per meeting – Lee is going to get confirmation and report back to the next meeting.
- **Tour De Yorkshire**
  - Lee and Michelle reported about the plans for an event at Wilthorpe Park on 4<sup>th</sup> May – final details will follow once everything is confirmed.
- **Youth Provision**
  - There was no update from Cllr Cherryholme in regards to the progress of gathering quotes for a bid to do detached work at key points in the ward.
  - Michelle reported to the group that Ad Astra had been awarded North Area Council funding and as part of that funding a small amount of detached work would be done in the area as well as two afterschool clubs at St Pauls
  - Bill spoke about the areas that young people are congregating and Michelle clarified the areas that would be covered doing the detached work.

- **Love Where You Live**
  - June is Volunteers month
  - 14<sup>th</sup> July is the Mayors Parade and this years theme is Volunteering
  - Lee spoke about the plans for the Mayors Parade and asked the group to support the event by becoming part of the “Army of Volunteers” who will be dressing in specially designed T Shirts for the event.
- **Ward Alliance Applications**
  - There were no applications this month
  - Lee reported the funds available for this current year - £23,000.90
  - Lee gave an explanation of the funding streams and explained that the £6000 from the TRO had been included in these figures
  - All members had disgruntled views about the funding we missed out on and expressed their concerns.
  - 2018/19 needs to be a fresh start with positive outcomes and we need to move forward and hopefully get many more new groups to apply for funding.
- **Ward Plan**
  - Lee discussed the Ward Plan with everyone and we worked through the initial Aims – Objectives and outcomes.
  - We did not allocate all lead members for each area.
  - Michelle agreed to be lead member for the work around Our Ward becoming a Dementia Friendly Ward and will bring initial plans to the next meeting.
  - We will complete the Aims Objectives and Outcomes at the next meeting and allocate lead members
  - The Ward Plan is a declaration of how we intend to work with others to make the Ward a better place to live. For this to truly work, we need a team approach, and therefore we’re asking for a shared commitment from all members of the Ward Alliance to delivering the plan.
  - It was agreed that people need to read the plan carefully before the next meeting and note which of the aims and tasks they feel their skills and resources could help deliver.
  - In the spirit of commitment to the plan, those who do not attend the next meeting, but who are still interested in being on the Ward Alliance will have their names allocated to an area of the plan by default.
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  - **ACTION for Everyone – Look at the Ward Plan and come back to the next meeting with your ideas of which area you would like to take lead on.**

### **Forth-Coming Events**

- **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 – Litter Pick with Twiggs and Old Town Residents Ass.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> May – Tour De Yorkshire Family Day in Wilthorpe Park**
- **21<sup>st</sup> April – First Aid Training - Emanuel Church**

### **Any other business**

As this was the last meeting that Liz would be attending as a Councillor she expressed her thanks to the group for all the work that has been done by the Ward Alliance members during her time as Councillor for Old Town.

The members in attendance all wished Liz the best of wishes for her retirement and thanked her for all her hard work in the ward and her support for the work delivered on behalf of the Ward Alliance.

**Date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
In the Edith Perry Room at Barnsley Hospital.**

## Appendix Four:



### **St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA**

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

**By Invitation:** Simon Dobby – Head of Health, Safety and Emergency Planning.

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

**Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions were given from the members of the Ward Alliance for Simon Dobby.

**Simon Dobby:** - Simon introduced himself and explained his role. He told all members that if any help and support was needed then all they had to do was ask. We discussed places within the ward that can be used in the event of flooding. David Gammon had already compiled a spreadsheet that had numbers and addresses on of local businesses that can be used in the event of floods. Simon Dobby was given a copy of this for his records. Simon also stated that the Metrodome can be opened if more space is needed to shelter residents. Some of the ward alliance members reported areas, drains etc within the ward that can become flooded. Simon said he would feed back to highways and get them sorted. Simon also suggested setting up a dedicated phone line that Cllrs and residents could ring to report flooding. This was agreed to be a good idea by the Cllrs and members.

Simon Dobby was thanked for his attendance by the Ward Alliance members.

**Secretary to email a copy of flood resilience sheet with all contact numbers on to Cllr Sarah Tattersall and Ruth and David Gammon.**

#### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Jenny Platts reported that the Feeding Britain event held in London that was attended by Michelle and Rachel from the New Lodge Community Centre went very well and was well represented by Michelle and Rachel. They gave their feedback on the events they ran and spoke about other projects. Thank you's were given to Michelle and Rachel for attending.

**Sloppy slippers:** - Cllr Jenny Platts suggested that we could look at organising an event after April. All information can be emailed out to the relevant community groups once organised. The Ward Alliance members all agreed to this.

**Christmas events:** - It was reported that all the Christmas events were very well attended. Tony Lowe did express his concerns over Santa giving out toothbrushes and toothpaste as presents. The children were not happy with them. It was suggested that the presents from Santa go back to being selection boxes. This was agreed by all the Ward Alliance members.

Cllr Dave Leech thanked all the Ward Alliance members and the North Area team for all their support in making the Christmas events a success.

Ruth Gammon reported on the tombola stalls they ran during the Christmas events. All stalls were very well attended. Ruth and David had previously donated £100 to the Mayors Charity out of petty cash funds as agreed by the Ward Alliance. Ruth read out a thank you letter from the charity thanking the St. Helens Ward Alliance for their donation. Ruth reported there was £188 in petty cash.

Cllr Dave Leech reported on the Tour De Yorkshire. He said there would be two races on the 4<sup>th</sup> May (women's race in the AM and men's in the PM) Timings are still to be confirmed. There is to be a lap of the town hall before the race moves on to Old Town, Cawthorne and Elsecar. There is an event being held at the Metrodome today (18<sup>th</sup> January) to discuss further details.

Clean up's – Lee Swift reported that the Community shop had arranged a clean up on the 4<sup>th</sup> January which was well attended by children as well as adults. They also provided food for after the clean-up. There is another planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> February where all are welcome, and a Chinese buffet will be provided after.

**Funding Applications:** - Lee Swift brought along two funding bids that weren't on the agenda. The first was for £570 for the boundary repair at Standhill Wood. Cllr Sarah Tattersall reported that it was to block access at the edge of Standhill Wood to off road vehicles. The Ward Alliance all agreed and the full £570 was approved.

The second was for £557 for the printing of the "What's on St Helens" activity calendar. Again, this was agreed upon and the full £557 was approved.

Lee Swift also said that the final cut off point for this years funding budget was February so if any more bids came in then we would need to arrange a special meeting to hear the funding bids.

**Events: -**

St Helens Summer Gala. Cllr Sarah Tattersall suggested that we could create a working party to help plan the Gala. It was agreed that the Gala would be held on the Village Green. Before a date can be confirmed Cllr Sarah Tattersall is to speak with the ride, food and entertainment owners to see which dates they are available and report back so a date can be confirmed.

Spring clean: - this will take place between the 2-4<sup>th</sup> March and will be a Superhero theme. Lee Swift will contact schools to try and get the children involved. It was agreed that the St Helens Spring Clean would take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am on the Village Green. Lee will try and sort food out for afterwards.

**Ward Plan:** It was agreed that another meeting needed to be arranged to discuss the ward plan. Lee Swift to arrange.

**Treasurers Report:** Clyde Black reported an up to date balance of £10,990.77 as of the 18<sup>th</sup> January but would update the accounts to show the funding bids that Lee Swift brought to the meeting. Clyde was thanked for his report.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Forthcoming Projects/Bids:** - Nothing to report



**Any other business:** - The Ward Alliance was made aware that Madge Busby was unwell. It was agreed that a Get-Well card and flowers would be sent to Madge. Ruth and David Gammon volunteered to get the flowers and to deliver them. Thank yous were given to them both for their generosity. Get Well wishes were sent to Madge for a speedy recovery.

The meeting closed at 17.20pm.

**Date and time of next meeting: -**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.



**St. Helen's Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 4:00pm, New Lodge Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr Jenny Platts (Chair), Cllr Dave Leech, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Tony Lowe, Clyde Black, Ruth and David Gammon, Madge Busby, Kath Bostwick, John Hallows, Freda Stenton.

**Apologies:** Neil Wright

**Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions were given from the members of the Ward Alliance. Madge Busby thanked everyone for all their well wishes while she was ill.

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Dave Leech reported on the Tour De Yorkshire. He reported that this years Election count will take place on the same day as the Tour De Yorkshire so unfortunately there will be a lot of councillors unable to attend this event.

The rest of the minutes were approved.

**Funding Applications:** - Lee Swift brought along several funding bids and copies of these for the members.

- Secretaries expenses - £125 expenses were approved by the members.
- Hanging baskets: - This application is for £2,282.40 to provide 36 hanging baskets and brackets throughout the St Helens Ward. Cllr Leech gave a presentation on last years hanging baskets and said they were well worth the money. Madge Busby asked if the baskets could stay up longer so the residents could appreciate them longer. Lee Swift is to look into it. The application was approved for the full amount.

- Independence Domestic Abuse Services: - This application is for £400 to purchase safety equipment to help protect individuals in their own home. There were a few concerns regarding this application, not working with other organisations and this group not being linked with community safety programmes. Cllr Platts said they had been commissioned by the council which cleared up any confusion and the application was approved by the members.
- Training for the St Helens Ward – First Aid and Food Safety: - This application is for £2,080 to provide 2 lots of training for community group members from within the St Helens ward. Adult skills will be providing this training in the New Lodge Community Centre. The application was approved for the full amount.
- Environmental Working Budget: - This application is for £1,500 and it is to provide a working budget for the local Clean and Tidy team (Twiggs) to enable them to respond faster to local projects. To hire skips, equipment etc to keep the ward tidy. The application was approved for the full amount.
- Memorial Field Repair Work and Clean-up. This application is for £970 to repair the damaged gates leading onto the Memorial field to stop off road bikers gaining access and to provide an 8 tonne skip to allow Twiggs to clean up rubbish from the area. Cllr Dave Leech explained that the locks on both gates had been damaged and broken by individuals to gain access to the field for off road bikes to go on. He said he had changed the locks but had again been broken off. Members agreed to pay £637 to repair the gates in order to protect the memorial field. The members however did not agree to approve the £270 for the hire of the skip and clean up. There were concerns that Twiggs had submitted two funding bids within the same year which is not allowed within the St Helens Ward Alliance and Twiggs had already submitted a Working budget for these types of situations. It was agreed that £637 would be approved for the repair and forwarded to Russ Bolan but the £270 would be removed from the funding application.
- The last was an application to change the use of a Ward Alliance Grant. The request was to re-allocate £255 from the 3 Christmas events to the St Helens Ward Community Gala. The application was approved by the members.

Lee Swift brought along accounts, which including the above funding applications, showed a projected balance of £8,898.72 remaining by the end of March.

The meeting was then handed over to Lee Swift to discuss the Ward Plan for 2018.

At 17.30 Cllr Jenny Platts and Rebecca Leech gave their apologies as they had to leave for other commitments

The meeting closed at 6pm.

**Date and time of next meeting: -**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.