

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
7th September, 2015**

Agenda Item: 6

**Report of Central Council
Team.**

Ward Alliance Meetings

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the Central Council on the latest round of Ward Alliance meetings and the Ward Alliances' position at this time.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Central Council receives the Ward Alliance Notes from Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough Wards for information.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area/ Ward/Neighbourhood levels which are set out in the Cabinet Reports/Decisions as follows:- Cab21.11.2012/6; Cab16.1.2013/10.3; Cab13.2.2013/9; and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 The latest round of Ward Alliance meetings have been completed, with the five Ward Alliances progressing at a similar pace.

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

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

Central Ward Alliance Notes 03.06.2015: Appendix 1

Dodworth Ward Alliance Notes 23.06.2015: Appendix 2

Kingstone Ward Alliance Notes 13.07.2015: Appendix 3

Stairfoot Ward Alliance Notes 08.06.2015: Appendix 4

Worsbrough Ward Alliance Notes 11.06.2015: Appendix 5

- 4.3 The reporting into the Central Council, for information, of the Ward Alliances' meeting notes is in line with the approved Council protocols.

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APPENDIX 1

Central Ward Alliance

Wednesday 3rd June 2015

Notes of Meeting

Present: Cllr Margaret Bruff (CHAIR) Cllr Doug Birkinshaw, Neil Morris, Ian Newton, Doreen Cureton, Kathleen Micklethwaite, Carol Brady, Marcia Cunningham

Apologies: Cllr Martin Dyson, Eric Naylor, Paul Bedford

1. Introductions and Welcome

Councillor Margaret Bruff welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. New Member Introductory Session

An informal introductory session was held before the start of the formal meeting for new Ward Alliance Members. The functions of the Ward Alliance were explained, all members introduced themselves, and Sara Headley introduced herself and explained that the café was in the process of obtaining charitable status which should be completed by the middle of July. Her organisation will be working with a number of groups including young people who have been involved with the youth Justice System, they will be offered Barista training and other catering and customer service skills. Noel Cowdell another prospective member was unable to attend due to holiday.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

Ian Newton and Neil Morris both declared pecuniary interest in relation to Ward Alliance applications to be considered by the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from last Ward Alliance Meeting held on 22nd April 2015.

Neil Morris asked about the Barnsley Endowment Fund. Carol Brady confirmed that she had telephoned and spoken extensively to someone who had provided reassurance with regard to funds going to Barnsley based groups and organisations. Neil then stated that he would write to Alan Gardner for confirmation.

5. Ward Alliance Assessment Improvement Plan – Update

New Member introductory session is an action from the improvement plan

6. Review of Priorities and Action Planning for 2015/16

It was agreed by the group that the priorities for the ward would be discussed at the next meeting on 22nd July. Half of the next meeting will be set aside to do this. All agreed that the re-vamped priorities needed to be succinct, deliverable and achievable.

7. Love Where You Live Activities and Events

Marcia listed LWYL events happening across the ward:

Churchfields Clean Up day 6th June

Church of the Nazarene Big Lunch 7th June

All Sorts Youth club Litter Pick 29th June

Oakwell Litter Pick 4th July

Dearne Valley Park Event will be end of July

8. Central Ward art Installations

Cllr Margaret Bruff spoke about the artworks which had been recently installed in the Alhambra underpass (Cat) and on Sheffield Road (a loom), Cllr Bruff confirmed that another piece had been commissioned to commemorate the Canister Company , this will be installed soon. Cllr Margaret Bruff confirmed that the budget had now been spent, so new sponsorship would be required for any new pieces which could continue the celebration of the history of the borough beyond mining.

9. Ward Alliance Fund

A decision was made to request update information from groups funded by the Ward Alliance in 2014/15. Some groups may be asked to attend a future meeting to provide some verbal feedback . Marcia to contact all groups in receipt of funding to request this information and report back to the Ward Alliance.

Project s for 2015/16 to be reviewed in the light of the renewed Central Ward Alliance priorities to ensure funding is being awarded to meet priorities.

Promotion of the Ward Alliance fund was discussed but in the light of possible future budget cuts it was decided to leave this for the present time.

10. Ward Alliance Fund Applications

Sheffield Road Baptist Church: Decision to fund, Marcia to go back to group to re-look at costings as those shown appear extremely low,

Roses Social Care: decision made to defer this application pending further information, to be re-presented at the next meeting. Marcia to meet with Christine to discuss the application.

Gateway Church (SHINE) (Neil Morris left the meeting for the discussion)

Application approved with the proviso that crafts training be offered as a 'train the trainer' session to other groups, volunteers across Central Ward, including sessions with the children in order to practise skills.

Church of the Nazarene- ALL-SORTS Youth Club Equipment + Training (Ian Newton left the room for the discussion)

Application for equipment for the youth club approved- to be ordered by Central Team. Request for first aid and food hygiene training , this will be considered at next meeting in terms of organising training for the entire ward.

11. Celebration Event

The meeting noted that the Central Area Celebration Event on 25th June at The Metrodome .

12. Any Other Business

Date & time of next meeting 22 July 5:00 pm Church of the Nazarene.

APPENDIX 2

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE MEETING

Tuesday 23rd June @ 6pm

Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth

Minutes

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| 1. | <u>Present</u> Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair) Cllr Richard Riggs Cllr Jack Carr Jane Ripley (Notes) Marcia Cunningham (MC) Robert Green (RG) Shane Abson (SA) Steve Riley (SR) Malcolm Howarth (MH) Max Senior (MS) Lisa Kenny (LK) | Actions |
| 2. | <u>Apologies</u> No apologies received. | |
| 3. | <u>Declaration of Pecuniary and none pecuniary interest</u> Shane Abson | |
| 4. | <u>Notes of last meeting and any matters arising</u> Cllr Jack Carr queried the gate estimate and the ownership of the gate. It was confirmed that the farmer owned the gate but doesn't farm the area all farm land is now rented out. It was felt that if the gate did not belong to the Council it should not be replaced and that extra patrols by Kingdom should be requested. Dodworth Community Group has been given graffiti removal spray and as yet hasn't been tested. RG informed the group that new tags have started to appear within the Higham area and Steve Batty, Tasking Officer has been informed. Cllr Jack Carr informed the group that G&M fit camp had not sent in a report to the group. (MC) was to chase up and contact Ian Goddard and provide a report at the next meeting. | MC |
| 5 | <u>Dodworth Ward Community Plan: Pride in the Dodworth Ward</u> The group are to look at each of the community plan in turn at each meeting. The wording was agreed as correct as it encompassed what 'Pride in Dodworth ward' was all about. | |
| 6 | <u>Financial update on devolved Ward Budget & Ward Alliance Fund</u> | |

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| | <p>Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw explained the budgets and how they worked. Unlike other wards the alliance group has input into where the devolved budget monies should be spent. Other wards the Elected Members make all the decisions.</p> <p>Ward alliance budget £10k Devolved budget £20k</p> <p>Cllr Jack Carr requested more details on the current spend. (MC) to circulate details at next meeting</p> | MC |
| 7 | <p><u>Central Area Council Celebration Event – Thursday 25th June at 7pm</u></p> <p>20 awards in total from the 5 areas within the Central Area and votes will be taken for an overall winner. Steve Riley to compare. Gilroyd Young at heart, Dodworth Community Group, Junior Wardens and Penny Pie Park have all been nominated.</p> | |
| 8 | <p><u>Dodworth Village Gala 5th July</u></p> <p>Should be another successful Gala this year Cllr Jack Carr has been working with a number of different groups who will be attending this year a total of 18 stands. Horizon School will be attending bringing a variety of displays.</p> <p>Football Competitions and presentation followed by a buffet and disco at the Welfare.</p> <p>The Gala is an excellent venue to showcase all the good work in the Dodworth Ward – bubble football, fit camps etc</p> <p>RG asked about publicity and this brought up the issue of the lack of publicity for various events in the borough. Steve Riley volunteered to become publicity officer for the Dodworth Ward.</p> <p><u>Brass on the grass 12th July</u></p> <p>Bigger and better this year with bands doing 50 minutes stints.</p> | SR |
| 9 | <p><u>Updates from 2014-2015 funded projects</u></p> <p>Funding has become available for Youth engagement in 15/16 of £2k with the same promised next year. MC is to speak to Carol Brady to make sure Dodworth don't miss out on any funding.</p> <p>Steve Feast had withdrawn his application for funding for the Junior Football team as the mower had broken but Cllr Jack Carr had paid for it repairing.</p> <p>Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw wanted to encourage the Junior Football team to apply again so Cllr Jack Carr could be recompensed. Cllr Carr to supply receipt.</p> <p>Gilroyd Youth Recreation funding application agreed for £400. Dodworth Methodist Church funding application agreed for £3,000.</p> | MC |

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| 10 | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>New member application from Peter Mulrooney – application was approved.</p> <p>Dodworth Community group reported on their excellent volunteer hours of 79.5 for June. The group are working with Dearne FM to get some publicity for the group.</p> <p>Clean ups in the area focus on around the Dodworth Church, Green Road. If it can be suggested for the next litter pick, John Twigg could be contacted to tackle the overgrown areas. RG to visit the area on Thursday.</p> <p>RG informed the group that Judith Bannon has left Dodworth Library and thought it would be a nice idea to recognise all the good work she has done and been involved in. Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw is to draft a letter up thanking Joan for her service, jane to produce and post.</p> <p>RG informed the group that the library was 50 years old on the 14th July and the Community intended to hold an event to celebrate this on the 16th July and welcome people to attend the library between 9.30-7pm.</p> <p>It was with deep sadness that SureStart at Gilroyd is having to close due to financial cut backs. Cllr Jack Carr reiterated the point that we need to support them in anyway we can to ensure this important service carries on.</p> <p>SR confirmed that the issues with the bank account for the choir had been sorted and a meeting to start up the choir would take place in October. SR will be visiting schools within the area to promote the choir.</p> | <p>RG</p> <p>PB JR</p> |
| 11 | <p><u>Dates and times of future meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 6pm. Pollyfox Centre, Dodwoth</p> <p>Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 6pm Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth</p> | |

APPENDIX 3

Kingstone Ward Alliance **Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre** **13th July 2015 @ 4pm**

Present:

Councillor Green, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Williams, K Quinney, J Stephenson, V Mawby, F Shahi, Fiona O'Brien.

Attending: John Twigg (Twiggs Central Clean & Green), Michelle Hanley and Carol Birch (RVS)

Apologies:

S Shaw, M Sawdon

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

J Stephenson expressed an interest in the Exodus application and K Quinney expressed an interest in the YMCA application.

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 1st June 2015 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 1st June 2015 were agreed as accurate.

Matters Arising

Ward Alliance representatives, it was agreed that two new community representatives were needed applications have been sent out to a number of individuals when these are returned the three Councillors will score them and make a decision on them.

RVS Update

Michelle and Carol gave an update on how the Central Area Contract for older people is progressing. There are two new team members to replace the one that left meaning there will be two workers for each area, Michelle and Carol will be covering the Kingstone Ward.

Cllr Mitchell stated she had sent through six or seven referrals for the team. Michelle and Carol have had a report from Natalie and will be building on the work she has been doing in the area, having two workers will mean there will be more hours worked in the Kingstone Ward. The two workers are not familiar with the Ward so will need to build up their knowledge of the area.

There is still no progress with getting referrals from doctor's surgeries however Graham is chasing this up at the CCG meeting. Cllr Green is also working on this.

They are looking at holding information and advice sessions on mail, phone and internet scams in the area.

Actions: Fiona to add RVS to mailing list and circulate contact details to the Ward Alliance members.

The group asked that Natalie be thanked for the work she had done in the Ward prior to the team changes.

Twiggs Update

John Twigg gave an update on the work being undertaken in the Kingstone area- All targets are being met , there has been a drastic drop in instances of fly tipping, there is an increase in litter due to the loss of the community caretaker particularly around the Park Road area.

He highlighted hotspots as Warren Quarry Lane, Highstone Road, rear of Locke Park, Lancaster Street area, shops at Blenheim Road/St. Georges.

Action: Areas around shops to be reported to Kingdom Enforcement.

There is still some confusion as to what the Council is doing.

Cllr Green stated that Cope Street and the surrounding area is getting worse and requires enforcement.

Action: Fiona to report to Kingdom and to ask Paul Brannan if littering from cars can be followed up if the registration number is taken.

An issue with fly tipping and littering was raised around Flat 4 Ellington Court which is Private land **Action:** Councillors to look into.

It was queried whether Twiggs could meet with enforcement, **Action:** Fiona to look into.

Ward Alliance Applications

The following Ward Alliance applications were presented;
Kingstone Community News – Approved £600.00, Ward Alliance members to feed in content.

Grow & Learn - Approved £1,100.60

Junior Wardens (Worsbrough Common) – Approved £650.00

Exodus – Approved £1,000.00, suggested that equipment not be lent out to other groups as they may not have the capacity to run them all safely and equipment may get damaged.

Any Other Urgent Business

None

Date & Time of next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd September 2015 6pm at Worsbrough Common ICT Resource Centre

APPENDIX 4

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE MEETING NOTES

Monday 8th June 2015 10am St. Andrews Church Hall, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot - 04/2015

1. **Present:** Ann Hart (arrived later), Robert Stendall, Andrew Gillis, Fiona O'Brien Area Team, Cllr Karen Dyson, Cllr. Wayne Johnson,

2. **Apologies:** Cllr Brian Mathers, Roy Marsden, John Ramsden, Cynthia Cunningham, Sam Crossley

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary/None Pecuniary Interest:** Cllr Dyson for Gala WAF Application

4. **Notes from last meeting on:** Monday 11th May 2015

Approved

5. **Matters Arising:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. **Ward Alliance Workshop:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX 5

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE 11th June 2015

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Cllr Clarke (Chair)
Cllr Pourali
Cllr Carr
Michelle Toone (Community Development Officer)
Steve Taylor
Alison Andrews
Hannah Taylor
Sylvia Speight

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Jill Aranyi
Kevin Williams

3. **Declarations**

None received

4. **Notes of Last Meeting**

The notes of the previous meeting held on the 30th April 2015, were accepted as an accurate representation

5. **Matters arising**

The Alliance asked if Mark Miller had secured the additional funding that was needed to purchase the camera that the Alliance had agreed to partially fund. Michelle informed the Alliance that she had not received an update but would follow up and report back at the next meeting.

6. **Ward Alliance Self-assessment improvement process.**

Michelle outlined the improvement plan again and updated the Ward Alliance on what actions had already been taken to improve the meetings and the effectiveness of the group. These actions included a letter being sent to all members asking them to reaffirm their commitment to the Ward Alliance and the importance of attending meetings. The recruitment of new members was discussed and the Ward Alliance acknowledged that there were still areas of the Ward which were unrepresented such as Worsbrough Village and Bank End as well no representation from the BME community, LBGT forum or other minority groups. Cllr Roya Pourali asked the Ward Alliance if they would be happy for 2 members of the BME community who lived in Worsbrough to observe the next meeting. This would give them an opportunity to see what the Alliance does and they can decide if they would like to apply for

membership. All Ward Alliance members agreed that they were happy for this to happen. Cllr Pourali to arrange this through her connections to 360. It was agreed to extend this offer to anyone else interested in becoming an alliance member. Following on from the last meeting Michelle presented the alliance with a quiz. The questions were all in relation to the information packs that had been distributed at the last meeting. All members answered at least half of the questions correctly. The Ward Alliance had a brief discussion about the Ward Priorities and it was again agreed that the existing priorities were still relevant with the addition of a communications plan. The Ward Alliance agreed it would benefit from doing a new action plan from scratch to try and address these priorities. A brain storming session took place to identify and agree what steps the Ward Alliance could put in place to address Pride in Worsbrough and Creating Opportunities. This information will be used to populate a new plan. A further special meeting is to be scheduled to continue this session.

7. Central Contracts

Michelle distributed a timetable of the YMCA's planned summer sessions.

RVS have a new work who will be introduced at the next meeting.

The Ward Alliance was given a list of the Wards shortlisted nominees for the four categories at the Central Area Council Celebration Event.

Kingdom continues to issue FPN and the Ward has the 2nd highest number of FPN issued within the 5 Central Council Wards. The service is intelligence led so the more reports/ information that is sent into the team the better.

8. Environmental Update

Michelle distributed the timetable of planned Love Where You Live events that were taking place over the summer – 3 of these are Ward Alliance litter picking activities and all Ward Alliance members are expected to attend where possible.

A big clean-up operation on Haverland's Lane is scheduled to take place on the 23rd July. This is following a number of complaints to the council, fly tipping incidents and letters to the Chronicle. This day will be supported by a number of different agencies and will be run in Partnership with Kingstone Ward. Ward Alliance members are strongly encouraged to support the day. Volunteers can attend any time between 10am and 6pm on the day.

9. Ward Alliance Fund 2015-2016

The alliance still has £20,523.01 left to allocate.

10. Ward Alliance Community Representatives

Two new applications were received from Andrea Greaves and Nigel Greave. Both applications were considered by the Ward Alliance. During discussions it was highlighted that both parties had good skill sets and would be an asset to the Alliance. However, given that they both lived within the same household and volunteered for the same things and neither represented a group it was agreed to offer 1 place only. The Ward Alliance considered if this could be offered on a rotating basis. Michelle is to seek clarification on this matter. In the event that a rotating

place cannot be offered then the Alliance are happy for the Greaves to decide who they would like to take the place.

11. Any other business

Non

12. Date of the next meeting

30th July 2015 at 5.30pm