

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
9th November, 2015**

Agenda Item: 8

**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 22.07.2015 and 23.09.2015: Appendix 1
Dodworth Ward Alliance Notes 28.07.2015 and 08.09.2015: Appendix 2
Kingstone Ward Alliance Notes 02.09.2015: Appendix 3
Stairfoot Ward Alliance Notes 10.08.2015 and 12.10.2015: Appendix 4
Worsbrough Ward Alliance Notes 30.07.2015 and 20.08.2015: 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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**Date:
28th October 2015**

APPENDIX 1

Notes from Central Ward Alliance Meeting

22nd July 2015

In Attendance: Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cllr Doug Birkinshaw, Cllr Martin Dyson, Ian Newton, Doreen Cureton, Kathleen Micklethwaite, Paul Bedford, Eric Naylor, Noel Cowdell, Marcia Cunningham

Apologies: Neil Morris, Sara Headley

- 1) There were no declarations of pecuniary and none pecuniary interest.
- 2) The notes of previous meeting were agreed
- 3) Cllr Martin Dyson decided to step down from the role of Chair of Ward Alliance. Cllr Doug Birkinshaw has taken over with immediate effect.
- 4) A discussion took place to review the Central Ward Priorities , members were asked to consider draft amended priorities. These were agreed, a revised ward plan to be sent out to all ward alliance members following the meeting for any final amendments.
- 5) Love Where you Live events in Central Ward were discussed. This included Churchfields Picnic in the Park, Oakwell Litterpick, All Sorts Youth Club Litterpick: Future events were noted and members encouraged to attend; Dearne Valley Park Clear up Day, Spring St Park fun Day, and the garden party at the carers garden.
- 6) Ward Alliance allocation and spend were noted.
- 7) Ward Alliance Applications were considered as follows: Barnsley Pride 6th September. The application for £750 was refused on the grounds that the Ward Alliance has funded an element of this event for a number of years, and as it was located in the town centre for the benefit of the whole borough, considered this to be no longer appropriate. The Application for £1000 contribution towards the purchase of new equipment for Exodus, was also refused as the children's activities mentioned in the application were not located in the central Ward area. An application for funding from Age Concern was approved up to £500 on the basis that an equal contribution would be sought from each central area ward.
- 8) Training for volunteers was discussed, Marcia was to source and cost some training which could be run centrally with places for volunteers from groups across the ward.
- 9) Marcia provided copies of photographs of the Celebration Event for both Eric and Kathleen who do not have access to IT.
- 10) There was no other business raised
- 11) Date of next meeting was agreed 23rd September starting at 5:30 Church of the Nazarene.

Notes From Central Ward Alliance Meeting

23 September 2015

In Attendance: Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cllr Doug Birkinshaw (Chair), Cllr Martin Dyson, Cllr Donna Green (Introductory part of meeting only) Ian Newton, Kathleen Micklethwaite, Paul Bedford, Eric Naylor, Neil Morris, Noel Cowdell, Fr Stephen Race (introductory part of meeting only)

Apologies: Doreen Cureton, Sara Headley

Observers: Andrew Bogg, Jo-Ann Fellows

1. Cllr Donna Green (Chair of Central Area Council) introduced herself to the meeting and spoke about the Central Area Council, she encouraged Ward Alliance members to attend the meetings as observers in order to understand more about how it works. Cllr Green also spoke about Ward Alliance funding and stated that allocations need to be spent .
2. Fr Stephen Race from St Marys Parish spoke to the group about the considerable building works required for his church and ongoing discussions around whether to leave the building blackened or to clean it up . In addition, Fr Stephen spoke of the challenges of a Central Parish including sheltering a shifting number of homeless people in the church porch, working in partnership with Sara in order to provide food. Fr Stephen also mentioned the church grounds and possible scope for a gardening group to be set up , also he is keen to explore the possibilities around some community arts work to include music aimed at local people who would not usually attend such events possibly combined with food.
3. Eric reported on the recent Oakwell Residents meeting as he had to leave early. Eric stated that the meeting was dominated by parking and the long standing Grove Street School planned demolition and new build plans. Eric reported that rats had also become an issue on Grove Street.
4. Main Agenda: Introductions from Andrew Bogg and Jo-Ann Fellows both observing the meeting. Andrew is a local resident and Co-chair of LGBT Forum . Jo is a local resident
5. There were no declarations of pecuniary and none pecuniary interest
6. Notes of last meeting agreed
7. The improvement plan actions for central Ward were briefly discussed and it was agreed that Marcia would draft and send out to all members of the Ward Alliance for agreement and possible amendment.
8. Ian mentioned a 'Darker Nights Project' which would aim to occupy young people in order to avoid ASB around Mischief Night and beyond. The meeting agreed this would be a positive approach and that he should apply for funding.
9. Two Ward Alliance applications for funding were approved
10. Training courses for volunteers on First Aid and Food Hygiene were discussed and it was agreed to proceed with the courses offered by BMBC Adult Learning. All members of the Ward Alliance were asked to identify any volunteers who required this training. In addition, Ian mentioned DBS checks , which were offered for £12 through The Core. It was agreed that any volunteers wishing to go on the training will also be offered DBS checks.
11. Andrew mentioned the Reclaim the Night on 5th December starting at 6pm
12. Next Meeting will be 28th October 5:30pm Church of the Nazarene.

APPENDIX 2

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE MEETING

Tuesday 28th July @ 6pm

Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth

Minutes

1.	<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair) Cllr Richard Riggs Cllr Jack Carr Jane Ripley (Notes) Marcia Cunningham (MC) Robert Green (RG) Malcolm Howarth (MH) Lisa Kenny (LK) Peter Mulrooney (PM) Carole Birch (RVS) Michelle Connelly (RVS) John Twigg (Twiggs) Simon Dobby (BMBC)</p>	Actions
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Max Senior, Darren Dickinson, Shane Abson and Steve Riley</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declaration of Pecuniary and none pecuniary interest</u></p> <p>Robert Green and Lisa Kenny</p>	
4.	<p><u>Notes of last meeting and any matters arising</u></p> <p>DD sent a request via email to revisit the gates off Higham Common Lane. The road was confirmed as adopted by BMBC. MC was to contact Highways to find out the position to get new gates installed.</p> <p>GM fit camp report has been received and the group are still operating at the school and the classes are going ahead as arranged. Cllr Carr would like to see the group offering their classes at Galas or a demonstration of some kind.</p> <p>Dodworth Gala was a huge success and the weather managed to stay fine up until 6.</p> <p>Brass on the Grass was another success story and well attended.</p> <p>Cllr Birkinshaw asked if an application had been received from the Junior Football Club. Cllr Carr confirmed it had.</p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting was accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>SureStart at Gilroyd was still at risk and was currently looking at other accommodation to run from. Both Pollyfox and Collins Close had been considered to enable the service to remain local.</p>	MC

	<p>A meeting has been arranged to discuss the position further and to find out when these premises would be available.</p>	
5	<p><u>Ward Update From Twiggs</u></p> <p>Excellent work continues from Twiggs who are pleased to announce a reduction in littering and fly tipping. The team have received positive feedback from all the groups they have worked with and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Problem areas highlighted were the path that runs from Water Royd Drive toward Town. Pedestrians are unable to pass safely resulting cars having to swerve to avoid them.</p> <p>Overgrown footpath on Higham Common Road.</p> <p>Cllr Birkinshaw confirmed that Dodworth Road had been set as high Priority.</p>	
6	<p><u>Introduction from RVS</u></p> <p>Michelle introduced a new member of the team who would be covering the Dodworth ward, Carole Birch. There had been a few changes in the group when Jill Watson left but the Dodworth Area now have two person covering the area for 20 hours per week.</p> <p>Work in Dodworth is progressing well and RVS are in the process of setting some scam awareness course up.</p> <p>Cllr Carr asked if they had received any referrals from any Doctors Surgeries. Not at present. RVS currently had 16 clients within the Dodworth area. Carole confirmed that they had visited Cllr Carrs referral yesterday.</p>	
7	<p><u>Resilience Overview</u></p> <p>Simon Dobby talked to the group about BMBC Community Emergency Plan Template and their plans to work with Local Communities.</p> <p>BMBC want to work with Ward Alliance because of their vast local knowledge and the completion of this template will assist should there be any type of emergency which covers flooding, electrical failure, heatwave etc.</p> <p>Although they are unable to provide financial or equipment, local knowledge would assist them when dealing with these types of emergencies.</p> <p>Simon went through the template and explained each section in turn and suggested the group meet to discuss in more detail.</p> <p>Flooding has been an issue in the area and snow and ice. Dodworth currently has no snow wardens but the community does pull together to help neighbours.</p> <p>A serious issue was raised around the blocked dyke and its need for clearing. Request to the Drainage Team have gone unanswered. MC to chase up.</p> <p>Simon is to confirm that the dyke is on the list of priorities for clearance and</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>SD</p>

	<p>will raise the issue with Derek Bell the Senior Drainage Engineer.</p> <p>PM thought the task would not be too an arduous task as Dodworth had a limited number of potential emergencies.</p> <p>MC is to arrange a dedicated meeting to discuss the plan in more detail.</p> <p>Simon Dobbys contact details 01226 772289 should anyone require assistance.</p>	MC
8	<p><u>Community Plan: Strengthening the Community</u></p> <p>Everyone was in agreement the wording was adequate.</p>	
9	<p><u>Financial Update, Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund</u></p> <p>Cllr Birkinshaw explained how both budgets worked for the benefit of new members of the group.</p> <p>No devolved budget next year and wasn't sure if the remainder of the unspent budget would be transferred over.</p> <p>The Central Area allocation of £500k is under review and all dependent of the budget.</p>	
10	<p><u>Verbal Update from 2014-2015 funded projects</u></p> <p>Bubble football is now stored in Gilroyd for use by all groups within the Dodworth Ward. An alternative storage facility is been sought. Cllr Carr wants to encourage other groups to make use of the bubble football, especially for Galas.</p> <p>Indoor bowling has started at Gilroyd Community Centre, Chronicle is doing an article to encourage new members. Skittle club has also been formed. SR is trying to aim the bowling and skittle clubs at people with some form of disability but currently the centre has no facilities to accommodate disabled persons. An invite was to be extended to Greenacre school and Cllr Riggs has offered to make contact with the school through a known associate.</p> <p>The choir which was set up with Ward Alliance funding in April 15, a choir-ed taste, is also up and running and proving very successful.</p> <p>Horizon arts and crafts club which was awarded Ward Alliance funding in February 15 has 30 members and is working with all age groups on needlework and other arts and crafts. The sessions are well attended.</p> <p>Dodworth Miners Welfare have had 4 very successful events this year. Bowling, Junior football, Dodworth Gala and Brass on the Grass. Current profit stands at £7,480.71.</p>	RR

11	<p><u>Penny Pie Park Gala 2015</u></p> <p>This years Gala will be held on Sunday the 6th September 11-3pm. The main attraction will be the Royton animal Welfare Dog Show and will be judged by Elected Members Cllr Jack Carr and Cllr Richard Riggs.</p> <p>JR asked if anyone would like to suggest any agencies or charities that would like to stand at the Gala to let her know before the 25th August. They will have to supply their own tables and Gazebo.</p>	
12	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Age Uks advisory service has made an application to the WA for funding towards more accessible premises within the Town Centre. £500 has already been awarded from the Central ward and the remainder is sort through the other Ward Alliances. An application for £400 has been submitted.</p> <p>Cllr Carr and LK were concerned that it seemed unfair that we are funding something that could be used by anyone in the Borough of Barnsley.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would approve the application if the other wards did likewise.</p>	
13	<p><u>Dates and times of future meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 8th September 2015 6pm at Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth</p>	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE MEETING

Tuesday 8th September @ 6pm

Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth

Minutes

	<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair) Cllr Richard Riggs Cllr Jack Carr Jane Ripley (Notes) Marcia Cunningham (MC) Robert Green (RG) Malcolm Howarth (MH) Lisa Kenny (LK) Max Senior (MS) Cllr Donna Green Darren Dickinson (DD)</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>Cllr Donna Green introduced herself to the meeting. She will be visiting all the Ward Alliances in the Central area to first thank the groups for all their hard work and achievements and is interested to learn what is going well and what isn't?</p> <p>RG thanked the Ward Alliance for all the funding and helped received in setting up the Dodworth Memorial Group.</p> <p>The group in general praised all the work carried out by John Twigg and his team who have carried out excellent work throughout the Dodworth area.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Peter Mulrooney, Shane Abson and Steve Riley</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Declaration of Pecuniary and none pecuniary interest</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Notes of last meeting and any matters arising</u></p> <p>DD confirmed that Highways were unwilling to replace the missing gate because it was positioned on private land. DD was happy to report that there has been a reduction in dog fouling along the path and Kingdom have been seen in the area on several occasions, one visit as early as 7am on a Sunday morning. There has been a reports of off road bikes using the track which was reported into the Crime and Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Members of the group were encouraged to report any issues directly to Regulatory Services and LK was going to look into making direct contact with Kingdom, Cllr Birkinshaw agreed a contact would be very useful.</p> <p>Ratten Row was becoming an issue with dog fouling and was to be flagged up with Kingdom as a hot spot.</p>	<p>LK</p> <p>RG</p>

	<p>Penny Pie Park Gala was a huge success thanks to excellent weather. The group made a total of £469.28 from the day which will go toward creating the sensory path planned for the newly formed flexi path.</p> <p>The account has been re-opened after a letter of authorisation was received from Mr Weldrake who signed over all the monies to the Ward alliance Group. There is currently £2,000 in the account which will go toward the upkeep of the monument. The account is with the Nationwide BS and requires three signatories RG, JR and Cllr Birkinshaw volunteered to act as signatures for the fund.</p> <p>SureStart is currently looking at alternate premises to carry out sessions and store equipment and as yet have not decided as most of the venues were too small. Gilroyd seems to be the most appropriate and a further visit has been arranged.</p> <p>RG asked if the blocked dykes had been cleared. Cllr Birkinshaw confirmed that new grids and a clean and clear had been ordered for the dyke on Keresforth Road. RG was concerned about the dyke at Low Street which had a missing grid. MC was to flag up with Drainage.</p> <p>Dodworth Methodist Church works are now 95% complete and are just awaiting the installation of the towel dispensers, toilet roll holders and new radiators. PM asked if a monitoring form needs to be completed and Cllr Birkinshaw confirmed this would be required.</p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting were then accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>Cllr B.</p> <p>MC</p> <p>PM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Dodworth Ward Community Plan: Quality Of Life</u></p> <p>The group were in agreement to the wording which leaves scope to deal with any given situation. PM confirmed that it covered a wide range and would allow the WA to work with and support most groups in the area.</p> <p>MH only concerns are on the point ‘Reducing Crime and antisocial behaviour’ which would most definitely see an increase in crime/antisocial behaviour because of the reduction of PCSOs. JR commented on an incident that occurred in Penny Pie Park that was reported via the Crime and Safety Partnership. The operation of the camera was in question and JR thought it would be an excellent idea if signs could be erected advising persons that the area was covered by CCTV – 6 signs are to be ordered and erected by Brian Totty in Gilroyd, Higham and Penny Pie Park areas. This will be paid for via the devolved ward budget. LK reminded the group that permission would have to be sort from Street lighting if any signs were to be mounted on lamp posts.</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Financial update on Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund</u></p> <p>Devolved Ward Budget - £14,283.56 Ward Alliance Budget - £6,928.24</p>	

7.	<p><u>Resilience Meeting</u></p> <p>It was decided by the group that a sub group should be set up to discuss the above to work through a plan for the Dodworth area. MS, Cllr Carr, RG and Cllr Birkinshaw volunteered to serve on the Sub Group.</p> <p>The meeting will take place on the 14th October at 2.30pm.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Christmas Events, tree Lights etc</u></p> <p>Twiggs are currently pricing up for the purchase and erection of 4 christmas trees within the ward. Each community group has agreed that they will ensure the lights will be on the trees for 1st December and some groups have arranged events around this date.</p> <p>Connecting the lights up costs around £230 and Cllr Birkinshaw is to enquire if groups can connect the trees up themselves.</p> <p>The street festival in Dodworth will be back on the 15th December with street activities.</p>	Cllr B
9.	<p><u>Group, Project Updates</u></p> <p>Dodworth Community Group confirmed that they had 52hrs volunteer time in for August and a total of 303 hrs since they started in April 2015.</p> <p>Cllr Carr confirmed that they were still looking for a co-ordinator to organise the bubble football. He also confirmed that there was no machine to blow up the orbs. Match funding meant that the ward alliance funded the equipment and another party purchased the equipment to inflate the orbs. It was suggested that the DWB purchase the machine at a cost of £300 so that bubble football can be made available to all community groups.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Cllr Joe Hayward is Barnsley Councils Armed Forces Rep and is organising a commemorative event remembering the Pals that fell 100 years ago at the Somme. He is asking for an amount of £300 from each Ward Alliance to contribute towards the event. This was approved by the group.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6th October 2015 @ 6pm - Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth</p>	

APPENDIX 3

Kingstone Ward Alliance
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
2nd September 2015 @ 6pm

Present:

Councillor Green, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Williams, K Quinney, V Mawby, Sue Shaw, Fiona O'Brien.

Attending: David Cross

Apologies:

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Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No declarations

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 13th July 2015 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 13th July 2015 were agreed as accurate.

Matters Arising

None.

Updates

Litter Pick Art Project

David cross gave an update on the Litter Pick Art Project funded through the Ward Alliance. Another issue was the inclement weather when the outreach sessions were conducted.

There were some issues initially engaging young people due to this being one off events rather than sustained activities and David having no base to deliver from. Due to this two sessions were run rather than the planned three. However the actual sessions were very successful particularly the second one at Cranbrook Street Park where the young people were really engaged and gave very positive feedback. Overall the idea of using litter to create art really worked well.

David also mentioned his work on the Bush Public House which has had some really positive feedback and publicity.

The Fitzwilliam public house near Gateway Plaza would benefit from a similar mural.

Action: Cllr Green to look into who owns this.

David also pointed out that the public toilets n Locke Park are a target for graffiti and there is evidence that once professional graffiti has been done it deters people spraying graffiti in that area – The Bush is a prime example of this.

Action: Cllr Green to meet David this Sunday with FOLP to discuss a mural on the toilets.

David also expressed an interest in setting up a youth club to deliver fortnightly sessions at the Worsbrough Common Community Centre for an initial period of three months. This was met with enthusiasm from the group. **Action:** Fiona to meet with David to support him with a WAF application.

Young People Working Group 14th July 2015

Attending: Cllr Williams, James Stephenson, Vera Mawby, Fiona O'Brien

Need to bear in mind issues such as insurance, running costs and DBS checks.

Need to look at how we link into the work of Hope House Church, St Georges, St. Lukes and Exodus.

It was felt it would be useful to have a young person from Exodus (Chloe) and a representative of the Youth Council if there is one local to the Kingstone Ward attending the meetings. It was hoped young people could pitch an ideas to the group for the Ward Alliance to then support the implementation.

Need to incorporate litter picks into any of the youth activities undertaken to raise awareness of the environment with young people.

Also need to link into Horizons IKIC initiative, it was thought Cllr Green has links with this.

Need to look at what is available for under 18's in the Ward.

Following the meeting there have been difficulties in getting a rep from the Youth Council, Clare Archer is on leave again so will follow it up again when she gets back.

Given the current Area Council proposal to look at additional funding to cover the loss of Core Assets it may be a better idea to progress this group once a decision has been made.

Health & Wellbeing Working Group 4th August

Attending: Kelly Quinney, Sue Shaw, Fiona O'Brien

The group spent some time looking at the Kingstone Ward Community Plan to finalise the Health & Wellbeing priorities.

It was felt the proposed priorities were all relevant apart from the one 'address emotional and mental health barriers' as this seemed too narrow, it is proposed this is changed to 'ensure all health activities are inclusive and open to all'.

It was felt a good start would be to link in with the YMCA's allotment project to maybe set up a healthy eating/cooking class for children and parents using produce grown on the allotment, Fiona to contact Andrea with suggestion.

The Healthy bones group was mentioned – is this something that could be rolled out to another area within the Kingstone Ward.

Also suggested that current youth groups are targeted to work with us to deliver healthy eating or exercise based sessions to be incorporated into their current sessions- some funding for tutors/equipment may be needed.

Locke Park funruns are extremely popular, could we look at working with them to do a fun run for families/disabled as a one off to encourage more people to join in the regular runs?

Next meeting to be arranged for w/c 7th September

Ward Alliance Applications

Peace Residents Play- Issues were raised around the current state of the Park and it was agreed Fiona would visit the group to see if we could address the state of the park before any new play equipment was looked at.

Any Other Urgent Business

Future meetings - Agreed that Wednesday was a good day for everyone however some felt 6pm was too late after being at work all day so would like to try 4.30pm in future.

Date & Time of next Meeting

14th October 2015 4.30pm

APPENDIX 4

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

**Monday 10th August 2015 10am St. Andrews Church Hall, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot – 07/2015**

1. Present: Fiona O'Brien (Area Team) Cllr Wayne Johnson (CHAIR for today's meeting) Cllr Karen Dyson, Cllr Brian Mathers, John Ramsden, Robert Stendall, Roy Marsden, Cynthia Cunningham, Ann Hart, Sam Crossley, Andrew Gillis.

2. Apologies: None received

3. Declarations of Pecuniary/None Pecuniary Interest: None declared

4. Re-visit:

- Purpose & vision of Stairfoot Ward Alliance
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Ward Alliance Fund Clarification

Fiona informed the meeting that following a meeting about "Where the Ward Alliance is going" and fund clarification it was felt that Stairfoot Ward Alliance needs to be more focussed on social action – needs to be looking at commissioning works.

The purpose is to involve local people in getting involved in local issues – volunteering, doing things themselves – e.g. football clubs etc., should be clearing up after their matches.

It was recognised that "new blood" was needed and that it is mostly the retired who have the time to give – and the same ones all the time too and that they are getting older - we need to be encouraging younger people too.

Cllr Dyson said that elected members are the "community champions" and need to engage with groups in their areas.

Cllr Dyson also asked Fiona for information from VAB (Voluntary Action Barnsley) as to how many volunteers from Stairfoot Ward are listed at VAB.

We need a list of volunteers in our Ward which includes people who work who will volunteer for "one offs" too.

5. Stairfoot Priorities & Action Plan:

Re-visiting Stairfoot Ward Community Plan and our Action Plan created much discussion and comment -

Cllr Johnson as today's Chair took us through the actions of the Stairfoot Ward Action Plan one by one and it was recognised that updates were needed and that certain changes needed to be made to the way things were worded, Fiona noted these and will update accordingly before our next meeting as these actions will form the support for the Stairfoot Ward Community Plan.

- Suggestions for a Young Persons Group – Fiona to work with Sam on taking this forward.
- The question was raised as to whether residents identify with the Stairfoot Ward as a whole or just the area in which they actually live?
- Regarding Ward Alliance trying to go out there and commission pieces of work according to Community Plan - What can we actually achieve given our limitations? e.g. RVS – we can't refer people in, even the G.P's haven't taken this up.
- People tell us that they still feel that their council tax pays for everything and that it hasn't gone down even though they aren't getting the same level of service!
- Enforcement still needs to "seen" to be in action – Enforcement officers need to be seen walking around our estates - not just in cars!
- **FUND RAISING** for projects – has the Ward Alliance got capacity to apply for lottery funding? Would it have to be a sub-group, a company limited by guarantee / charity status to pursue?

- UPDATES re TWIGGS – we know that they are in the Stairfoot Ward every Friday and have set work for 4 hours and re-active work for the remainder - contact through Fiona – Ann had noted that the long grass at the bottom of the railings in Thornton Terrace/Birk Avenue had been cleared by them recently following her request.
It was noted that 3 litter picks had been done on the TPT (Trans Pennine Trail)
Cllr Dyson asked to note that 2 others were required in our area – top of the Swanee and down by the Roundabout.

6. Ward Alliance Fund:

AGE UK Information point for Older People - AGREED

EXODUS – INFLATABLE GAMES FOR GALAS – AGREED in principle but Fiona to re-print application to reflect the areas covered.

At this point Cllr. Mathers reminded us all that we needed to conclude the meeting as we had run out of time. We moved to the date of the next meetings and AOB not having had time for items 7 and 8 or even 10 and 11 (the Notes of the last meeting or Matters Arising)

9. Date & time of next meeting:

Environment meeting Monday 14th September 4pm at St. Andrews Church Hall

Ward Alliance meeting Monday 12th October 10am at St. Andrews Church Hall

AOB:

To arrange site visits to projects as and when required

Tidy up Plantation at Ardsley Park before the Gala on 23rd August

To note that Mitchell & Darfield Bowling Clubs' services of electric and water have been lost due to the closure and demolition of the Working Mens' Club there and position needs to be clarified re their funding application.

Request update on FINANCES as none have been received since week ending 10th April 2015

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

**Monday 12th October 2015 10am St. Andrews Church Hall, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot – 08/2015**

1. Present: Fiona O'Brien (Area Team), Cllr. Wayne Johnson (Chairing today's meeting), Andrew Gillis, Ann Hart, Cynthia Cunningham, Sam Crossley, Brett Hague, Gemma Massey, Robert Stendall, Roy Marsden, John Ramsden

2. Apologies: Cllr. Brian Mathers

In the absence of Cllr. Brian Mathers and Cllr Karen Dyson, Fiona O'Brien invited Cllr. Johnson to chair the meeting asking us to note that we weren't quorate in their absence and any decisions would need to be agreed by them.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary/None Pecuniary Interest: None declared

4. Notes from last meeting: 10th August 2015

5. Matters Arising:

Stairfoot Ward Volunteers –

Fiona informed the meeting that she is still trying to gather the information regarding the number of volunteers in the Stairfoot Ward.

VAB's information re volunteers requires updating and feeding back to Central Area Council.

Suggestions for a Young Persons Group –

Sam had brought along 2 younger volunteers from Kendray – Brett Hague and Gemma Massey who were willing to work with him on this and they were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

6. Stairfoot Ward's Priorities & Action Plan: Fiona had updated the previous Plan and following further discussion it was agreed that further work needs to be done to make it "user friendly" and Fiona is to re-look at the format.

She was also asked to note that in the Pride in Stairfoot Ward section that it should read the Canal or Stairfoot Basin not River Dove.

Fiona informed the meeting that there is to be consultation arranged re the Lesley Road Play Area's re-furbishment and is an ideal opportunity to attract volunteers.

Gemma suggested that the consultation be advertised at Hunningley Lane School as well as quite a few of the pupils there are from that area.

Questions raised again re volunteering and as to which Groups' volunteers are there to work with others?

It was felt that people whilst identifying with their own area could be reluctant to volunteer in another area – stigma etc., attached to other areas could prevent this and of course people only have so much time to give.

Mention was made for the need for each of our areas to have their own Focus Groups outside the Ward Alliance meetings that encompasses ideas/concerns/ways forward and reports back at the bi-monthly meetings.

Andrew suggested that this could be done through the TARA meetings.

Cynthia said that since we'd lost Community House we had no "hub" anymore.

At this point, as he had to leave early, John raised a question for Fiona re TWIGGS – asking her to note that they need an instruction to do the Hedge at the end of Roehampton Rise again.

This then raised questions re Public Rights of Way and responsibilities.

Discussions around the Quality of Life section and looking for ideas to fund activities that could introduce isolated older persons to activities such as Luncheon clubs, organised pub lunches etc., brought about the suggestion from Brett of funding the hire of the Rotary Club's mini bus for such a venture as it's the cost of transport that can be a drawback to some.

7. Ward Alliance Fund:

EXODUS – Inflatable Games for Galas **AGREED**

8. Next Steps: Approving any changes following Fiona’s work on the format of the Priorities & Action Plan

9. Any Future Agenda Items/Issues for Discussion :

Environment Group Reports.

Funding from April next year and a protocol for spending the remaining money.

Treasurer’s post is vacant.

Invite Sara Ford Public Rights of Way Officer to a future meeting.

10. Any Other Business:

Charity “door knockers” and their persistence – Ann & Cynthia **will take to next Crime & Safety meeting – may be able to get an address to make complaints to about this.**

“Garden letters” that Berneslai Homes send out following Walkabouts - can they include the information that it **has** come from observations made on the Walkabout - as some residents think it’s their neighbour(s) who have complained – Ann & Cynthia **will take to next TARA meeting to pass on to Berneslai Homes.**

Barnsley College – Students now have to do Key Skills for a year prior to GCSE course –

Cllr. Johnson said that he would try and get the information re the protocol for changing to this.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Ward Alliance meeting: Monday 7th December 10am St. Andrews Church Hall, Kendray

Environment meeting: Please note the new time for this meeting -

Monday 9th November **10am** St. Andrews Church Hall, Kendray

APPENDIX 5

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE 30th July 2015

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Cllrs Jill Carr & John Clarke (Chair)

Steve Taylor

Hannah Taylor

Sylvia Speight

Alison Andrews

Kevin Williams (Secretary)

Fiona O'Brien

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Gill O'raney

3. **Declarations**

None received

4. **Notes of Last Meeting**

The notes of the previous meeting were not available

5. **Matters arising**

None

6. **Central Contracts**

Y.M.C.A. All activities are posted on the website.

CORE ASSETS. The contract has been withdrawn. The local authority youth service has been asked to cover the services that they have been providing over the summer while the area team look at alternative provision.

RVS. No update

TWIGG. Reported that everything was going well and that fly tipping and littering was going down. Gil Carr asked that the hedges on Holly Gate be cut back.

Kingdom. We need to know where they are working and have a breakdown on how many fines they have issued. Kingdom need information of where they are needed.

It was agreed that the relevant numbers for people to phone to report dog fouling and littering need to be put up in the community notice boards and possibly on lamp posts near problem sights.

Celebration Event. This was thought of as a brilliant night and should be held annually.

Simon Dobby reported that they were trying to put together a more local resilience flood plan and that they were going to produce a template for when for when emergencies such as severe weather, flu outbreak, flooding occurred. They hoped to

set up a group who could be called upon to deal with these types of situations. Simon was asked for a copy of the template for us to look at at our next meeting.

7. Environmental Update

Haverlands Lane. 7 hours of work was put in with over 14 volunteer taking part, but since the clean up more fly tipping has taken place. Work needs to be done on prevention and on finding and prosecution of offenders. It was pointed out that if we cannot do this that we cannot keep asking people to clear up after others.

8. Flood Resilience Plan

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9. Ward Action plans. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to solely look at these.

10. Ward Alliance Fund

Age UK Barnsley. It was agreed to support this application if the other Ward Alliance also did so, but on the proviso that we received information on the breakdown of who used the services and from which wards.

11. Any Other Business

It was pointed out at the last meeting that the applications for membership was dealt with wrongly but the decision would still stand, It was also pointed out that one of the conditions of being a member that decisions agreed by the alliance should be accepted and not contested outside the alliance.

Date of the next meeting is the 20th August 2015 to look at the Ward action Plans

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE 20th August 2015

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Cllrs Gill Carr & John Clarke (Chair)

Steve Taylor

Hannah Taylor

Sylvia Speight

Kevin Williams (Secretary)

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Jill Aranyi

Alison Andrews

Cllr Roya Pourali

3. **Declarations**

None received

4. **Notes of Last Meeting**

The notes of the previous meetings held on 11th June & 30th July were agreed as true and accurate records.

5. **Matters arising**

None

6. **Ward Alliance Fund Application**

An application was submitted by the Exodus project requesting support to purchase outdoor inflatable play equipment. If supported the equipment would be available for use within the Ward at Galas and fun days free of charge. The Ward Alliance agreed to fund 1/5th of the cost providing the other 4 Ward Alliances also contributed.

7. **Ward Action Plan**

Members discussed and agreed a number of actions/ projects they would support and take forward in order to address Ward Priorities. Please see Ward Action Plan for further details

8. **Date & Time of next meeting**

1st October 2015 5.30 at Worsbrough Library.