

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

Agenda Item 7

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and review of the priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne North and South 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) 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 The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held on the 14th October 2015. It was a very positive meeting and progress is being made on implementing the self-improvement and assessment plans.
- 4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance was held on the 29th of September 2015. Twiggs attended the meeting and a discussion was held regarding how the service will fit into the Ward Alliance action plan.

Appendix One: Dearne South Ward Alliance Meeting notes

Appendix Two: Dearne North Ward Alliance Meeting notes

The reporting into the Dearne 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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Appendices One: Dearne South Community Board Meeting

Prospect Road Community Centre,

14th October 2015, 5pm

1. **Present:** Cllr Sixsmith (Chair), Terry, Graham Jarvis, Alan George, Andy Cole, Cllr May Noble, Cllr Brook, Charlotte (Observing), Ann Toy, Lisa Lyon

Heather Bottomley observed at previous meeting and has decided not to submit a ward membership form.

Action: Ann to contact Angie Kelly to find a suitable time to attend. Cllr Sixsmith is keen to keep Angie on the ward alliance and keep this as an open invite as she is an asset to the group.

2. **Apologies:** none

3. **Minutes and matters arising**

Ralph reminded the group that the meetings will be rotated between 5pm and 11am to allow people to attend.

Lisa reported back on discussions with Derek Bell regarding flood plans. Properties previously flooded have had mitigation works completed and Yorkshire Water cleared the silt from the tank that contributed to the major floods. Cllr Brooks didn't think that the properties on Lowfield Road had been visited or had remedial work completed.

Action: Lisa to check this with Derek Bell.

Members of the board reported the following block drains and gullies: Meadowgate, Furlong road (BODY building flooded), Dearne Road, Mexborough road

Action: Lisa to report these to the help line. Cllr Brook also asked for information on gully cleaning routines across the area.

Action: Lisa to request information.

The group asked for an update on the container which had been previously discussed with Derek Bell. Lisa reported that Derek did not have a container available; the group still think there is a need and discussed Carnegie /BODY building as a location. Although it was recognised that this wasn't necessarily central, it was the only viable location suggested to date. Graham said this is something we could look at.

Action: Lisa to discuss further with Graham

Lisa also said that Derek Bell had no one on the Snow Wardens /Good Neighbour scheme list for this area.

Action: Lisa to promote this scheme through social media.

Action: correction to minutes – the property discussed at the last meeting is 50 Highgate not 60.

4. **Improvement / self-assessment plan**

Ann took the meeting through the updates on the self-assessment.

Action: group to feed through any additional inclusions

5. **Action Plan and priority setting**

Ann went through the Area Plan and priorities fed back at the last meeting.

Action: group to contact Ann with any additional comments.

Action: Ralph suggested using Ward Alliance funding to purchase a printer for the Dearne team office. Ann to discuss with Claire Dawson

6. Budget update / treasurers report

No applications have been submitted since the last meeting. Ann provided an update on the Ward Alliance budget. To date £2800 has been allocated and £7200 remaining.

Alan George gave an update on the Dearne South working fund. £2098.39 is remaining in the fund. Room hire for these meetings is coming out of this funding. The group discussed rotating the meeting room around the area to support more venues. May suggested remaining at prospect road until the Carnegie building café / community hub is complete and then revisit this discussion. Ann circulated the assessment toolkit and talked the group through how to use it when assessing the Ward Alliance applications.

Action: May asked the group to think about potential projects and encourage groups to submit applications against the action plan priorities

Action: Lisa to support the Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group to submit an application for a bin store / tools and bigger pieces of equipment for clean-up days etc. The idea would be to work alongside Twiggs to support the group.

Action: Ralph mentioned the BMBC equipment and agreed to chase this up for Graham and look into storing equipment at the side of the Playhouse (Howard gaskin the contact)

7. Any other business

Scouts and guides application has been withdrawn.

Action: St Andrews Square – Ralph to complete the paperwork for the Christmas event as Ann is on leave and it needs completing within the next fortnight.

Action: Ralph to complete application for raffle

Kiln still not being used. Ann to chase this.

Next meeting: 18th November 15, Prospect House, 11 o'clock

Appendix two:

Notes from the Dearne North Alliance Meeting 29th September 2015 - 10am Goldthorpe Library

1. Present:

Cllr Worton (Chair), Cllr Gollick, Derek Bramham (Chair of Big Local), Pauline Phillips (Thurnscoe Park), David Perry, Charlotte Williams, Alison Sykes, Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team), and John Twigg (for agenda item 4)

2. Apologies:

Cllr Gardiner, Andrew Hainey, Sandra Pennington & Teresa Sim

3. Notes of previous meeting / matters arising

No matters arising.

4. Introductions & presentations

Twiggs – The commissioned clean & tidy service for the Dearne.

John Twigg presented the group with the work plan highlighting hotspot areas and the work he had been tasked with so far, with the help of the Area Team an Environmental Steering Group has been set up to plan the work, with local residents/activities/community group members being part of this steering group. These members will then feed back to the Alliance with issues – John also informed the Alliance that he is still waiting for the information about the services that Neighbourhood Pride & Neighbourhood Services are currently maintaining in the area, will feed back to the Steering Group when its relayed to him.

Goldthorpe Scout & Girl Guides

Mark Davies was welcomed to the group and gave an update of the situation on the Guides/Scouts, after detailed discussions around the building & their activities inside & out he felt it necessary to withdraw the application of £6000 for him and the leaders of the group to get their heads together and strengthen the application and look at the priorities of what they need, he thanked everyone for their time and understanding of what the Ward Alliance is all about and added he will be back in touch shortly.

Breakdown of activities: Potential for 28 Cubs & 33 Scouts at the moment numbers are around 60% capacity with ages from 3 -11 years, weekly subs of £3.00 however they do help with costs of uniforms and in case of any families struggling to re-cycle the clothing.

Action: Mark to meet with the Area Team to finalise some projects that may help the group to fulfil some of the project work. – Marie will email to set up the meeting with her & Claire.

5. Funding applications

Marie advised the Alliance of their funds remaining with a balance of **£7600.00** so far their expenditure has been spent against quality of life for **£2400.00**.

Name of Project/Organisation	Group Contact Person	Value of Grant requested	Grant Awarded	Priority
The Ship FC	Amanda Gear	£780.00	£780.00	Quality of Life / Youth Provision
Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club	Mark Newton	£1,620.00	£1,620.00	Quality of Life / Youth Provision

Checklist toolkit forms were handed out before the meeting to ensure questions and discussions about the applications could be made & checked before the overall decision.

Scout application for £6000 (split 50/50 with Dearne South) was withdrawn as new Chairman Mark Davis wanted to take a better look into their structure on the group, their assets, and what they needed first.

Thurnscoe Park Group requested £3500.00 Pauline declared an interest and left the room for this item. The application was for updating the bins in the park and to purchase a watering machine that not only would look after the plants/shrubs/herbs in the park but would be able to be lent out to other community groups if they wanted help with watering hanging baskets or other greenery that a tap wasn't nearby. **unanimously agreed**

Dearne Memorial Group £666.00 applied for monies against restoration work on the miners memorial bench & also ink cartridges to help the group print off literature and before & after photos. **Unanimously agreed**

Church Street Social Club £232.00 – housing complex (Bingo machine) short discussion about whether they felt this application hit the priorities but with running through the tools checklist it was **unanimously agreed**

Balance after agreeing the above applications is **£3170.00** to be spent before 31st March 2016.

Marie gave an update on the social action & volunteering time against some of the previous projects paid through both Ward Alliance & Devolved Ward Budget including: Dial,

Fit Reds, Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club, The Hill Healthy Schools, Dearne Allotment Group, and finally Dearne Memorial Group. The group added this is of value to know for future submissions.

6. Action plan – everyone looked through the action plan and agreed the plan set out was not only acceptable but achievable as a working document.

Action: Cllr Worton signed the action plan off as 'good to go'

7. AOB –

Marie highlighted that information from the Alliance was required for the Annual Review and asked members of the Alliance to put something together on behalf of their group and email before mid-November.

Dates for meetings/events of community groups

- Working Together Workshop Monday 12th October 4pm – 7pm
- Big Local Meeting 1st October 5pm Thurnscoe Library
- Dearne Environmental Steering Group meeting Tuesday 6th 10am

8. Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 24th November 2015 at Goldthorpe Library 10am

Cllr Jen Worton thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.