

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
20th January, 2014**

Agenda Item: 3

**Report of Central Council
Team.**

Ward Alliance Meetings and Priorities

1. Purpose of Report

1 This report updates the Central Council on the fourth round of the 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, Kingstone, Worsbrough, Dodworth and Stairfoot 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 fourth formal round of Ward Alliances meetings have been completed, with a number of additional workshops to progress the Ward Plans being held by each to the Ward Alliances. It is worth noting that each Ward Alliance has identified their initial Ward Priorities and are in a position to receive applications and allocate their Ward Alliance Fund. Ward Alliance notes are attached to this report, for information, in the following Appendices:-

Central Ward Alliance: Appendix One

Kingstone Ward Alliance: Appendix Two

Worsbrough Ward Alliance: Appendix Three

Dodworth Ward Alliance: Appendix Four

Stairfoot Ward Alliance: Notes to follow as meeting deferred to Monday 13th January

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

4.2 Ward Alliance position

Ward Alliance Position	Central	Dodworth	Kingstone	Stairfoot	Worsbrough
Number of Community Reps	7	5	9	6	8
Secretary Appointed		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Terms of Reference Agreed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ward Priorities Agreed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ward Plan to Consultation					Yes
Ward Plan Agreed					
Number of WAF Applications Received	1				
Number of WAF Applications Approved	1				

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APPENDIX ONE

Central Ward Alliance: Notes of Meeting

12th December, 2013 at Barnsley Town Hall

Present: Councillors M. Bruff, M. Dyson, I Newton, N Morris, E Naylor, K Micklethwait, M. Kenworthy, M Toone (Central Council Team). E Equeall (Resource Team)

Apologies: Councillor D Birkinshaw. D Cureton.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

I Newton declared an interest in the Ward Alliance Fund Application for Gateway Pals.

Notes of Meeting held on 18th September, 2013

The notes from the meeting held on 18th September 2013, which had previously been circulated were discussed and agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Agreed

That the notes of the meeting held on the 18th September 2013 were a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Members of the Ward Alliance raised a question around Appendix B, point 5 of the proposed Terms of Reference. "Publicly supporting decisions made by the Ward Alliance, even when your own view may have been different during Ward Alliance meeting discussions". A discussion took place agreeing that this was not about stating you were in favour of the decision, but about supporting the decision as part of the democratic process.

Agreed

That Appendix B, point 5 would remain as part of the Terms and Reference.

Terms of Reference

The proposed Terms of Reference were reviewed.

Agreed

That the proposed Terms of reference would be adopted by the Central Ward Alliance.

Community Organisers

Elaine Equeall gave a brief presentations on Community Organisers, and explained that training is available for anyone interested in the role, but she would need to know as soon as possible of anyone who is interested as there are limited places available. Elaine explained that Expression of Interest Form were available through herself or the Area Council Team.

The role of the Community Organiser is; *"To provide support to the community, by working with local community organisations, residents, and other agencies that provide services to the area, to ensure that everyone can have the opportunity to influence, improve and love where they live"*.

Elaine opened up the subject for discussion.

The majority of members thought this was a good idea in principle, but that it would be difficult to identify individuals in certain localities.

Agreed

Elaine Equal to forward electronic copies of the Community Organisers and Expression of Interest Forms to the Area Council Team for circulation.

Ward Plan

The draft Ward Plan was reviewed by Central Area Council in preparation for consultation. An initial discussion took place around the Central Ward Vision, and members agreed the following as a draft wording that would need further work at the next meeting.

"For the peoples of Central Ward in coming together to build an inclusive thriving community, where people of all ages and backgrounds can work together, taking responsibility to improve current standards through volunteering and decision making, and celebrate their heritage and culture, keeping it alive for future generations".

Members were happy with the contents of the plan, but it was suggested that the wording should be made less formal before taking to consultation.

Agreed

That Martin Kenworthy would change the wording without loosing any quality of the plan, and circulate to members before the next meeting.

Ward Alliance Fund

The following application was made to the Ward Alliance Fund.

Group: Shine Children's Group. **Project:** Gateway Pals **Funding:** £2280

Neil Morris declared an interest as a trustee of Gateway Church

Decision

That Central Ward Alliance support the project for the full amount

Date Time and Venue for Future Meetings

It was agreed that future meetings would take place at 5:00pm on the first Wednesday of every month at The Church of Nazarene, with the next meeting taking place at 5:00pm on Wednesday 5th February.

APPENDIX TWO

Kingstone Ward Alliance:
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
25th November, 2013

Present:

Councillors T Sheard (Chair) K. Mitchell and D. Green.
F. Shahi, K. Quinney, M. Tombs, D. Tumman, S. Shaw, P. Gee, M Sawdon and V Mawby

In Attendance:

M. Kenworthy (Central Council Area Team).

Apologies: G Fletcher

Welcome and Introduction

Cllr Sheard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Martin Sawdon offered his apologies as he had to leave the meeting early, and asked if agenda item 11, future meeting dates, could be brought forward for discussion as he found it difficult to attend at the existing times and dates.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests.

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 14th October, 2013 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 14th October, 2013 were accurate.

Future Meeting Dates, Times and Venue

A discussion took place around the time, date, frequency and venue for future meetings.

AGREED THAT

Meetings would be more frequent with series of workshops and focus groups in between the more formal Ward Alliance meetings. Future meeting days would change to a Tuesday with the next meeting being the last Monday meeting. This would take place on Monday 16th December at the ICT Centre..

Ward Alliance Priorities

Cllr Sheard explained that now the draft priorities had been agreed, they needed formatting into a ward plan so they could be taken to the community for consultation. Discussions took place around two priorities, Isolation for Older People and Activities / Facilities for Younger People.

Isolation for Older People seemed to fit into two categories.

Supporting older people in their homes and encouraging / enabling them to access provision outside their home.

Conversations focused on; how to identify those in need, how to make contact, who could support and existing provision.

Ideas were recorded on a flip chart to be fed into the plan at a later date

Facilities for Younger People.

Conversations focused on; how to identify what young people want / need, existing provision and how this is promoted / communicated, gaps in provision, and who can support.

Again ideas were recorded on a flip chart to be fed into the plan at a later date.

Cllr Sheard requested Martin Kenworthy look in to funding for a young persons consultation event

AGREED THAT

Further workshops / focus groups would be arranged to progress the plan.

Martin Kenworthy to look in to funding for a young persons consultation event

Alliance Members Actions

To be deferred to the next meeting

Terms of Reference

To be deferred to the next meeting

Future Agenda Items

Martin Kenworthy advised the meeting that Elaine Equeall from Communities and Area Governance would like to attend a meeting in the new year, to present information on "Community Organisers"

AGREED THAT

Martin Kenworthy would provide a brief outline on "Community Organisers" to the alliance before a decision is made.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Venue

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th December at the ICT Centre.

Kingstone Ward Alliance Workshop:
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
16th December, 2013

Present:

Councillors T Sheard (Chair) and D. Green.
F. Shahi, M. Tombs, D. Tumman, S. Shaw and V Mawby

In Attendance:

M. Kenworthy (Central Council Area Team).

Apologies: Cllr Mitchell, P. Gee, M. Sawdon and K. Quinney.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests.

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 25th November, 2013 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 25th November, 2013 were accurate.

Feedback from Working Groups

Moira Tomb fed back that herself and Faz Shahi met with VAB. The key points from the meeting are:

- Age of participation is rising – which means young people have to be engaged in education, training, employment or volunteering up to age 18.
- There is a small % of this age group not currently in the system – enforcement is therefore an issue
- NEETs a problem, there are simply no jobs, also issue of zero hour contracts
- There are not enough low skilled jobs in Barnsley.
- Sheffield is delivering talent match, this pays employers wages for young people who have barriers to employment. There are 30 plus talent matches couches in place
- There are barriers to YP starting their own businesses, for example insurance on vehicles
- Over 30s not as competent with computers as younger generation
- Eddie Street has emailed all ward alliances with information
- What support can Ward Alliance offer

Cllr Sheard fed back that scrutiny is looking into the issues raised under this agenda item and suggested that now this evidence has been fed back it could be discussed again at a future meeting.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Faz and Moira for the gathering of information.

Terms of Reference

Agreed.

AGREED THAT

Martin Kenworthy to inform secretary to circulate the final Terms of Reference to all Ward Alliance Members.

Public Health

Cllr Sheard explained that he would like to consider the ward profiles from public health today in some detail.

Ward profiles have been produced by Public Health for the Area council and also at ward level. Kingtones was circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Green went through the highlights of the report and made the point that it is always the case that the areas that have the worst health outcomes are also the ones that have highest rates of poverty.

Key issues such as smoking (prevention – target age range 11 years old and stopping smoking), violence, fuel poverty was discussed and ideas regarding interventions suggested.

Martin Kenworthy confirmed that the funds for PH can be carried over.

The following actions were agreed:

Cllr Sheard request breakdown of deaths from smoking male / female from PH Vera Mawby/ Debbie Tumman Request information from primary schools as to interventions/ lessons re smoking

Cllr Green request information re theatre groups for smoking prevention (primary)

Cllr Green to look at interventions for pregnant woman

Cllr Green provide feedback from meeting re Armer Homes to Ward Alliance

Martin Kenworthy to send confirmation email re carry over of Public health funds

Cllr Green / Moira Tomb / Faz Shahi to look into delivering another fuel poverty event

The point of linking fun things up with public health messages was felt to be important, for example a film screening with food / information to residents in areas of need.

Martin Kenworthy updated the meeting of some on the interventions taking place at Hope House and suggested there may be opportunities for link ups.

Moira Tomb felt that the recent Excess Winter deaths event was a missed opportunity to meet with community groups.

Cllr Sheard thanked the members of the meeting for their time and contributions and wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Venue

The next meeting will take place at 4pm Tuesday 4th February 2014, venue to be confirmed.

APPENDIX THREE

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

1. Attendance. 3 councillors,3 employees of Barnsley MBC and 6 members of the community
2. Apologies received by Clare and Suzanne
3. The notes of the previous meeting held on the 15/10/13 were accepted as a true representation.
4. Matters arising. None.
5. Elaine Equeall (community Organiser), presented papers explaining the role and job description for “community organisers” who would be appointed from the community to support the work of the community alliance. Elaine explained the role and that there was free training available. She would need to know those wishing to take up the training by the end of March. After discussion around volunteering it was agreed to concentrating on recruiting young people. Michelle and Martin agreed to put information on the net and to contact youth Services about contacts at Barnsley academy and for D of E. Elaine would approach VAB on our behalf to advertise for volunteers. We would look at designing a poster and approaching individuals and groups in our community. I was agreed that we could use some finances to promote this venture. We would approach the Barnsley Chronicle to see if they would run a feature about this.
6. Terms of reference/governance. Martin to circulate this.
7. Ward Plan. Consultation has taken place and the proposed priorities have been accepted. It was agreed to meet on the 14/01/14 to have a workshop to look at how we implement these priorities. It was agreed that we all consider this and talk to people within our community to come up with ideas to bring to this meeting.
8. Stop Smoking Campaign. Silvia explained what the NHs is doing in Worsbrough and how we could further support this campaign. It was agreed that this would work towards one of our priorities and to look at this with other ideas at our workshop meeting.

APPENDIX FOUR

Dodworth Ward Alliance: 9th December, 2013:
St Johns School: Notes of Meeting:

Present: Councillors P. Birkinshaw, B. Perrin
I. Goddard. M. Kenworthy, M. Toone (Central Council Area Team).

Apologies: Councillor J. Carr. M. Howarth, S. Race, J Ripley, D. Dickinson

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests.

Notes of Last Meeting Held on 16th October 2013

The notes from the meeting held on 18th September 2013, which had previously been circulated were discussed and agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Agreed

That the notes of the meeting held on the 18th September 2013 were a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Cllr Perrin asked if there had been any update on the flood issues discussed at the meeting with Derek Bell

Agreed

Martin Kenworthy to follow up with Derek Bell

Nomination for Secretary

Nomination received for Ian Goddard

Agreed

To take forward to the next meeting for election.

Nominations for Treasurer

Cllr P. Birkinshaw asked for nominations for the appointment of Treasurer. A brief discussion took place where it was noted the need for a treasurer at the present time was not urgent owing to the Alliance not yet having a bank account.

Agreed

The election of treasurer was deferred until the alliance was ready to set up a bank account.

Ward Plans/ Priorities

It was agreed that due to the number of apologies received a further meeting should be arranged in January to progress the Ward Plan

Ward Alliance Fund

There was nothing at this time, but there were a number of applications in the pipeline that would be presented at the next meeting.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

It was agreed that, as many people could not attend at 1:30pm due to work commitments, the next meeting would take place at 6:00pm on Monday 27th January 2014.