

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### North Area Ward Alliance Notes

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to the received by the Area Council.

#### 3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). Cabinet agreed that Area Councils would formally approve the community representatives on the Ward Alliances. This report is submitted on that basis.

#### 4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held between 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Two
Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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21<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

## Appendix One

### **Darton East Ward Alliance 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall – 6.00pm**

Present:	Councillor Roy Miller John Peachy Councillor Lesley Duerden Sandra De-Donno	Darton East Ward Councillor North Area Team Darton East Ward Councillor Mapplewell & Staincross
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Village Hall

Councillor Harry Spence Jonathan Senior Pauline Brooks	Darton East Ward Councillor Groundworks Barnsley Methodist Church
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<b>1. Apologies:</b>	David Oates Julian Senior	Mapplewell Business Man Groundworks Barnsley
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#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

These were declared as a true record by Councillor Duerden and seconded by Councillor Spence.

**3. Matters Arising** - Nothing to report

**4. Declaration of Interest** - None

#### **5. Area Ward Plan – Updates on Actions Taken**

- Cllr Miller - The road at the far end of Kingsway where it meets Sackup Lane will be resurfaced this year. Officers are presently assessing Edgehill Road with a view for development and Broadway will be resurfaced next year.
- Cllr Miller - Trees will be planted in front of the football pitch at Woolley Colliery
- The council are in the process of cutting hedges back from pavements
- Cllr Duerden - The enforcement Officers have been issuing fines in the Post Office Car-Park.
- Cllr Miller – After a meeting with members from the North Gawber Development Site they have agreed to widening and constructing a footpath on Swallowhill Road, paying toward the restructure of tennis courts in Mapplewell Park, putting bollards in the Village and paying for cycle racks.
- Litter teams are now on 8 week cycles but will pick up fly tipping if they see any in between this period. Public must ensure that anyone paid to take rubbish away for them must have a 'Carriers License' because if not and the rubbish is dumped the responsibility will be back on them.
- Cllr Spence will work alongside Greenspace to maintain the boundary stones.

#### **6. Application for Funding**

<b>Project Title</b>	Mapplewell Bowling Club
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<b>Summary</b>	The timber boards surrounding the bowling green are deteriorating year on year. At the start of each season they have to be repainted. This is very labour intensive and involves members working on their hands and knees to get the work done. The group want to clad the timber boards with uPVC sheets which would take the impact of bowls and negate the need for the annual painting. It is not a cheap solution and the group have not got the money to undertake this work.
<b>Local Priority</b>	Connect, be active and give.
<b>Project Priority</b>	Ears and Voice of the Community
<b>Funding Required:</b>	£609.53
<b>Action</b>	<b>Deferred – misinterpreted at last meeting</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group
<b>Summary</b>	To provide 2000 bedding plants for Mapplewell Park, Ibberson Memorial Gardens and Mapplewell War Memorial. This would greatly improve the appearance of the areas and improve the local environment.
	The plants would be planted by volunteers from Greenspace who will encourage other local groups to help and support with the planting. This will help and encourage volunteers to 'adopt' their local area – to help maintain the quality of their public space.
<b>Local Priority</b>	Working with the Community to improve the look of the Ward
<b>Project Priority</b>	Making Greenspaces more inviting and encouraging more local residents to visit the area.
<b>Funding Required</b>	£700.00
<b>Action</b>	<b>Accepted</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group
<b>Summary</b>	Removal and replacement of damaged and worn out bench with a modern metal bench which is fit for purpose. The bench is situated near the bottom of Wellgate which leads to a range of Community bungalows. The bench is used regularly by the elderly residents as a rest place before the final walk up the hill to their homes as well as by both parents and children who attend Wellgate school. The current bench is rusty and splintered, presenting a danger to users and it's poor appearance contributes little to the area.
<b>Local Priority</b>	Ensuring that older members of the Community can still shop and take part within Local Village Life.
<b>Project Priority</b>	Be Active – Health walks scheme – to encourage physical activity and use of the natural environment.
<b>Funding Required</b>	£720.00
<b>Action</b>	<b>Accepted</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group
<b>Summary</b>	To provide movable signs informing the local area that "Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group" are carrying out litter picks and looking after their streets and greenspaces. They will also display contact details so interested people will be able to get involved with the activities and take part in looking after their environment and improving our area. In addition the signs will improve the safety of group members during litter picks along main roads by providing a visual warning to road users.
<b>Local Priority</b>	Encouraging volunteers to 'adopt' their local area – to help maintain the quality of their public spaces.
<b>Project Priority</b>	Working with the Community to improve the look of the Ward.
<b>Funding Required</b>	£205.90
<b>Action</b>	<b>Accepted</b>

## 7. Finances

John Peachy tabled a finance sheet (attached)

The left-over money from the Well-being fund (£4,876.00) will be rolled over into 2015/16

Cllr Miller informed the meeting that the memorial for Private Matthew Thornton who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011 is now finished. It will be positioned outside the 'Lift Centre' and the service will be led by the Vicar of Darton

**8. Any other Business**

- Councillor Miller completed a Ward Alliance Self-Assessment Questionnaire 2014 with input from all Committee members.
- John showed the meeting the Darton East Ward Community Plan 2013-2015 which will be placed in next edition of Arrow.
- The meeting is one member short of being Quorate. Cllr Spence said Alan Barrow who is a member of the Over 55's Group and the Luncheon Club is interested in joining the Committee this would then solve the issue.

**9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

6.00pm – 16<sup>th</sup> April – Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**16<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall – 6.00pm**

Present:	Councillor Roy Miller Lee Swift Sandra De-Donno	Darton East Ward Councillor North Area Team Mapplewell & Staincross
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Village Hall	Councillor Harry Spence Jonathan Senior Julian Senior Pauline Brooks David Oates	Darton East Ward Councillor Groundworks Barnsley Groundworks Barnsley Methodist Church Mapplewell Business Man
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**10. Apologies:** Councillor Lesley Duerden Darton East Ward Councillor

**11. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

These were declared as a true record by Pauline Brooks and seconded by Councillor Miller.

**12. Matters Arising –**

5. Application for Funding Mapplewell Bowling Club. This application was re-addressed as previously it was thought that the club wanted to clad the building however a decision was still awaited from Russ Bowland as to whether the club can use uPVC to clad the boarder. The Committee agreed to this application upon the approval of Mr. Bowland.
10. In the last minutes it was mentioned that the meetings were not quorate but Alan Barrows may be attending the meetings as a new member after much thought it is felt that due to Alan's state of health at the moment this may not be appropriate however a member of Greenspace may be joining and the Committee are just awaiting a completed application form.

**13. Declaration of Interest – None**

**14. Area Ward Plan – Updates on Actions Taken**

- Cllr Miller – New Road to Skelton Avenue will have a new footpath.
- Cllr Miller – New footpath in Fountains Square as more people are walking down to train station from Woolley Grange.

## 15. Application for Funding

<b>Project Title</b>	Environmental Improvements – Screening @ Carr Green Lane
<b>Summary</b>	Planting Evergreen trees to mask industrial unit.
<b>Local Priority</b>	Environment
<b>Project Priority</b>	Improving the look of the area and providing greenery
<b>Funding Required:</b>	<b>274.95 – Devolved Budget</b>
<b>Action</b>	<b>Passed – by all members</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Dog & Litter Bins
<b>Summary</b>	To provide 2 dog/litter bins in areas with massive amounts of rubbish in shrubbery including dog bags. The price includes once a week emptying of the bins. The bins will help to sustain and keep clean and tidy the environment and hopefully stop members of the public throwing dog bags and other rubbish into the hedges.
<b>Local Priority</b>	Environmental Improvements
<b>Project Priority</b>	Make the area cleaner, safer and healthier for children to play and make it a more pleasing place to live.
<b>Funding Required</b>	<b>£3,456.00 – Devolved Budget</b>
<b>Action</b>	<b>Passed – by all members</b>

## 16. Finances

Lee Swift tabled a finance sheet (attached)

## 17. Any other Business

- David Oates offered his services to the Committee as Communications Officer and volunteered to take the lead role on Press Releases, Photography etc. to send to the press and put on Facebook etc. This was gratefully received by all Committee Members as this would lift the profile of the Ward Alliance and let Darton East Community know what the Alliance is doing for their ward.
- Cllr Miller raised the issue of 'Party in the Park' and said that since our last meeting we would have to be careful about what date we picked as there was so many other events happening in the area that we did not want to clash with.

Sandra suggested to use the Village Hall for the Celebration Day and to hold it on the Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September so that it coincides with the Anniversary Opening of the Village Hall. The Committee thought this was a good idea and offered to help out with the event by offering to sort the marketing and publicity out and grounds maintenance for the day.

## 18. Date and Time of Next Meeting

6.00pm – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

## **Appendix Two**

### **Notes of Darton West Ward Alliance**

**9 March 2015 6 pm**

#### **Darton Centre**

**Attendees: Cllr Linda Burgess, Richard Haigh, Dominic McCall, Lesley Warden**

**In attendance: John Peachey. Lee Swift**

**1 Apologies: Cllrs Sharon Howard, Alice Cave and Mary Elliott, Jayne Kaye, Carol Gamwell**

**The meeting was not quorate but it was agreed to work through the agenda and leave any formal decisions for the next meeting.**

#### **2 Notes of meeting on 9 February**

The notes were agreed as a true record

#### **3 Review and updates on Ward Action Plan 2014-15**

**Environment** – three areas of graffiti have been dealt with and one remains at Barugh Green, spring bulbs are now flowering, future provision of hanging baskets was discussed.

**Litter and dog fouling**- an offer to litter pick had been made to Redbrook TARA, involving Barnsley College students on litter picking at Barugh Green was discussed.

**Crime and Safety** – there was discussion of options for improved communication between Police, SNT, PACT, CSG and WA

#### **ACTIONS:**

Lesley and Richard to visit local parks to consider options for sponsorship and volunteer groups

Linda to report graffiti at Barugh Green

#### **4 Proposed priorities for Ward action Plan 2015/16 and consultation process**

There was discussion about the consultation events on 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. Dates and times for WA members involvement at each venue were agreed.

#### **ACTION:**

Lee Swift to prepare priority sheets and post it notes for each venue.

#### **5 WAF update**

The following were agreed in principle to be confirmed at next formal meeting:

Awards event £1,500, WA publication £1500, Kexbrough History booklet £500

## **6 Communications**

The WA publication had now been printed and was being delivered to residents. Thanks were given to all involved in this initial publication to promote the work of the WA and enable others to get involved.

The North Area Council publication was circulated.

## **7 Development and use of the Neighbourhood Network**

This was deferred for discussion as part of the 2015/16 action plan

## **8 Community awards event**

In the absence of an update the following actions were agreed.

### **ACTIONS:**

Lee Swift/ John Peachey to check that event organisers were ready

Lee Swift/John Peachey to contact all nominations to clarify numbers attending with numbers to be returned by Friday.

Linda to email Neighbourhood Network to invite attendees.

Linda to write citations

Mary Elliott to clarify attendees from Darton College

## **9 Tour de Yorkshire**

Further discussion of action in Darton West Ward to be held at consultation events

## **10 Next meeting date to be agreed at consultation events**



## Appendix Three

### Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Edith Perry Room 7pm start

#### Present

Cllr Phil Davies (Chair) Cllr Anita Cherryholme – Cllr Liz Grundy  
BMBC Reps – John Peachey – Lee Swift  
Community Reps – Annabelle Watson – Sheila Lowe – Bill Gaunt – Kirsty  
Summerfield – Zbigniew Zaremba Jane Barry – Michelle Cooper

#### Apologies

John Love – Malcolm Wood Richard Knight Dorothy Hayes

The NAC Healthy Eating Project workers Carrie Fennel and Sharon Drake gave a short presentation about the work they have covered so far in the area.

#### Sub Group Meeting – Community

Cllr Davies gave a brief report of the discussions that took part in the Sub Group which met prior to the main meeting.

- **Young People's Services** – It was reported that there was currently no work being delivered from the BMBC Youth Service due to the cut backs and as this was becoming a targeted youth provision it was unclear that we would be getting any provision in the area. Ad Astra are delivering significant work in the area and are heavily involved in several community projects. Emanuel are delivering work with children and young people in our area also. There is the IKIC Award in the area in Horizon and Ad Astra have just trained 25 young people in Summer Lane Primary to become Buddies using this Award.
- **Elderly Residents** – we would like to look at breaking down the isolation for our elderly residents – The Winter Packs were delivered and we are going to look at the data collected in that project (**Action Cllr Cherryholme**) and we are going to contact Age Concern to see if they have any data for OAP's in the area then we can do a mapping exercise and look at ways to break the divide and hopefully create some intergenerational work.
- **Community Centres** – we need to find all the centres in our area that can be accessed and ensure we have a record of all the groups that are using them – part of our mapping programme

**THE NEXT SUB MEETING WILL BE THE HEALTH SUB GROUP MEETING AT 6PM  
ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2015**

**The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true copy.**

**Matters Arising –**

- **Business Audit** – this is ongoing with Cllr Davies John Love and Bill Gaunt. Cllr Davies and Cllr Grundy have visited over 50 local businesses and enhancing the data base from these contacts. All these business have been invited to the Healthy Business event on 17<sup>th</sup> March at Honeywell Sports Village
- **Fly Posting** – John Peachey reported that leaflets can be put out 2 weeks before an event but must be taken down no more than 2 days after the event.
- **Graffiti** – Cllr Davies has sent information into Horizon CC and Darton CC
- **Food Hygiene Training** – There are now several names on the list for the training we need to confirm date and times etc. with the volunteers.
- **OTWA Consultation Forms** – We are still awaiting feedback from BMBC – [Action Lee Swift](#)
- **106 Monies** – Cllr Grundy has had a response to her original enquiry but is making further investigations.
- **OTWA Evaluation** – Still awaiting feedback
- **The Elements School** – A lengthy discussion took place about the school and the impact it may /may not have on our area – we will update on this in future meetings.
- **Young Peoples Health Project** – Cllr Davies reported that he had checked out the queries with Andrew Frosdick and everything was now clear for the project to be given the go ahead.
- **Newtown Allotments and Garden Association** – Cllr Grundy has met with members of the group and they are currently putting an application together to be submitted
- **Banners** – Cllr Cherryholme informed the group that these had been ordered and should be delivered shortly

**Love Where You Live Update**

- The Spring Clean Event starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Wilthorpe Park. Yorkshire Building Society and Barnsley Building Society will be doing some of the work on Monday and Tesco have donated lunch for all volunteers.
- 16<sup>th</sup> March BMBC Service providers will be in attendance around the ward cleaning several areas.
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Swift Street Wood Clean Up
- PARA are looking into areas that need cleaning in their area.

- If any other cleans Up need Publicity or help please let Cllr Davies know ASAP
- 21<sup>st</sup> March is National Clean-up Day.
- Lee to let Stuart know of all activities in all our areas.
- Hanging Baskets ready in June – these are to be delivered to HSS then we need to arrange pick up and put up of these baskets.

**Action Cllr Davies**

### **Ward Alliance Funding Applications**

- Next Meeting we will put a mentor with all the projects we have funded to do the evaluations on the projects

**Action Michelle Cooper**

- Evaluation form required – **Action Lee Swift**

### **Grow Bot Update**

- Wilthorpe Park Saturday Club is continuing
- The Magazine is now done and ready to be delivered
- Thanks were given to Lee Swift for all his work on the booklet
- Once everyone gets their copy can they send feedback to Cllr Davies – positive criticism welcomed as this can only improve the product.
- Initial feedback from the group was very positive.

### **Any Other Business**

- **Wilthorpe Park** – have asked if we can put a letter of support to their bid for WREN monies for improvement in the park –
  - **Action Michelle Cooper**
- **Tour de Yorkshire** – We need more information for our next meeting – we do know that the route will go through a lot of our Ward – It was agreed that we should hold a Picnic in the Park (Wilthorpe Park) and look at creating an event to celebrate the event. **Art Work** created from old bikes and placed along the route could be done – **Action Cllr Grundy**
- **Community Champions** – we discussed the prospect of celebrating our Community Champions – We will advertise for them in our next Grow Bot Mag but for this season the group can bring along to the next meeting 2 nominations to be put forward for a Community Champion.

**ACTION EVERY MEMBER**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2015**

The meeting closed with us thanking John Peachey for all his hard work in supporting the Old Town Ward Alliance. John is retiring this month and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

**Old Town Ward Alliance Minutes**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**  
**Edith Perry Room – Barnsley Hospital**

**Present**

Cllr Liz Grundy (Chair) Cllr Anita Cherryholme

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Reps. Sheila Lowe – Annabelle Watson John Love Bill Gaunt

Malcolm Wood Michelle Cooper

**Apologies**

Cllr Phil Davies – Dorothy Hayes - Kirsty Summerfield - Jane Barry – Zbigniew Zaremba

**Report from the Health Sub Group**

In attendance Cllr Grundy Michelle Cooper Lee Swift – Items discussed was activities for Older People in our community – through the NAC funding RSV will soon be doing work throughout our area so we will hopefully get some feedback from that group. For young people Ad Astra will be starting their Health and Fitness for children and young people on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April and provide weekly activities for next 12 months.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- John Love asked about the 106 monies in our area – he had done some research and these monies are granted at the discretion of the council. It has always been assumed that they were spent for the benefit of the specific area – but this is not the case. We can however apply for 106 monies to spent in a specific area.

**Matters Arising**

- **Older People** – Cllr Cherryholme reported that she has no record of the older people in our area from her previous work with them. We can get information through Berneslai Homes but people living in private owned accommodation may be more difficult to find and possibly more vulnerable. Cllr Grundy is going to contact Age Concern to seek information and Annabelle Watson will find information from Wade St Chapel. **Action Cllr Grundy / Annabelle Watson**
- **Consultation** – Bill Gaunt asked Lee to seek some clarification on the report from our consultation. **Action Lee Swift**
- **Food Hygiene Training** – date to be confirmed

**Love Where you Live Update**

- Lee reported that this event had been highly successful throughout the area. He had visited several groups who were working from 21<sup>st</sup> March and took some great photographic evidence.
- The Building Society volunteers worked in Wilthorpe Park and collected more than 50 bags of rubbish during the day.
- Swift Street Wood did a great deal of clean-up work this month and have agreed to do a clean-up at the end of each month.
- Cllr Cherryholme travelled around the ward to several reported hotspots that residents had complained about and she got Neighbourhood Pride involved in the clean-up.
- Malcolm Wood discussed the rear of ASDA and how bad that area was – Lee proposed we approach ASDA and see if a deal could be worked out with them offering an incentive to get volunteers along with some of their staff to clean the area. MacDonald’s could be approached at the same time. **Action Cllr Grundy Cllr Cherryholme Lee Swift Malcolm Wood**
- Barnsley College Football field near The Fleets was also discussed and Cllr Cherryholme agreed to speak to Colin Booth **Action Cllr Cherryholme**
- Cllr Grundy has been travelling around the area with the Tasking Officers looking at reported hot spots and taking photographs – Letters will be going out to some of our residents from BMBC
- Sheila Lowe asked about the Green house at Summer Lane Primary School this has become rather decrepit – Michelle Cooper will talk to the Head teacher after Easter. **Action Michelle Cooper**
- Hanging baskets will be ready in June

There was no Local Planning Applications up for discussion at tonight’s meeting.

### **Community Champions**

- Michelle reported that we had two nominations for our first round of Community Champions. These were for Bob Sharpe.
- We discussed whether we should award these certificates to individuals or groups - it was agreed that we would award only individuals.
- Lee and Cllr Cherryholme are going to design the Certificate and we will arrange at our next meeting when we are going to present the award. **Action Lee /Cllr Cherryholme**
- It was agreed that if anyone else would like to nominate anyone for a Community Champion award they can do so at our next meeting and we will advertise the Awards in our next Growbot Magazine.

## WAF Applications

- **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Grundy declare an interest in the Creative Recovery application
- **Newtown Allotment and Gardens Association** – this bid was discussed at length – This application was granted with an added clause that the group re address the Match Funding part of the bid and they gave assurance that they would maintain the fencing/gate area. The group were awarded £3340.00  
**Action Michelle Cooper**
- **Creative Recovery** – this bid was discussed at length and several questions needed clarification – The match funding needed adjusting. The application did not demonstrate any sustainability. There was a question over the small donation being asked for each week from the members – the group didn't want anyone to be excluded because of a membership fee. Lee wanted to clarify with Rosie about aspects of this application. Lee agreed to go through the form with the main contact from the group.  
**Action Lee Swift**
- **Mentors for each grant given** – Michelle will send a request for information to all successful applicants asking for an update about their grant and report back to the June meeting. **Action Michelle Cooper/Lee Swift**

## Grow Bot Up date

- All magazines have been delivered
- Editorial for the next Magazine to be sent to either Lee or Michelle
- The Ward Alliance group needs to work together to gather information and advertisers for the next magazine.
- If we can find 1 big sponsor for future Magazines - £500 this would help towards the costs and then selling small advertising space could cover all costs of future prints.
- This idea to be discussed in the next business meeting – Action **John Love and Bill Gaunt**

## Tour de Yorkshire

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015
- Friends of Wilthorpe Park are happy to lead on this project but they do require support from other local groups.
- Insurance/PA Equipment/ Gazebos/Marquee – **Bill Gaunt**
- Kids activity Gazebo – **Ad Astra**
- Bikes painted for along the route – **Ad Astra**

- 9.30 set up – **If anyone is available throughout the day please let either Lee Swift /Cllr Grundy know**
- Booked for the day – Tricky Trudie Face Painter and a Wandering Minstrel and a Pop Up Picnic will be advertised.
- Information Leaflet – **Action Lee Swift**

#### **Any other business**

- The North Area Council have commissioned a project for environmental work. The successful organisation will be on hand to advise community groups around environmental projects, and help bring them to reality by providing support.
- Ward Alliance members are asked to think about local environmental projects and pass them on to Michelle or Lee – Action - **All**

**Date of the next meeting will be:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm – Edith Perry Room**

**The Skills and Economy Sub Group starting at 6pm will precede this meeting.**

**Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting  
Minutes – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Edith Perry Room – Barnsley Hospital**

**Present**

Cllr Phil Davies – Cllr Liz Grundy

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Members – John Love – Annabell Watson – Bill Gaunt – Sheila Lowe  
– Malcolm Wood – Kirsty Summerfield – Michelle Cooper

**Apologies**

Cllr Anita Cherryholme – Zibigniew Zaremba – Dorothy Hayes – Jane Barry

**Sub Group Report – Skills and Economy**

In attendance – Cllr Davies – John Love Bill Gaunt and Paul.....

Our Priorities for this group are: -

1. Access to Skills ,Training and Advice to help local people
2. Supporting Local Businesses
3. Good Quality Shops and Businesses
  - We are currently offering Food Hygiene Training to community groups and local businesses – this will take place 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
  - Other possible training routes discussed were First Aid Training – Health and Safety – Horticultural Skills.
  - We now have a fairly comprehensive list of local businesses in our areas – currently standing at 132 but the group is aware that there are probably many other small local businesses in our area.
  - One question raised tonight was – How do local businesses get on the Yor Tender list. Cllr Davies is going to find out more information about this and work with Paul..... and this information could be offered out to other local businesses.

**The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true copy.**

**Matters Arising**

- **Old Town Consultation Forms** – Lee reported that he is still awaiting more clarification from Stuart.
- **Food Hygiene Training** – This will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Honeywell Sports Village 9.30am until 3pm – we currently have 2 places available.
- **Tour De Yorkshire** – it was reported that this was a fantastic event with over 200 people attending through the event – lots of families a great success.



- **Special Thanks for help on the Tour De Yorkshire Event**– to John Love Bill Gaunt Richard Lawton and Bob Sharpe. Lee Swift – Friends of Wilthorpe Park and Ad Astra.
- **Older People** - After a lengthy discussion - It is has been found to be very difficult getting any information about older people living in our area. RVS have just been allocated NAC funding to work in out area and they have a very good success rate in being able to contact vulnerable older people.
- **Older people** – 3 members of the group will liaise with VAB and RVS to see if they can gather any information for our next meeting.
  - **Action Cllr Grundy Cllr Davies Annabelle Watson**

### **Love Where You Live Update**

- **Hanging Baskets** – These will be ready shortly and put in place around the area.
  - **Action Cllr Davies /Cllr Grundy**
- **Asda** – There has been some positive feedback and action from Asda who have been in contact with MacDonald’s and some areas are now being cleaned up.
- **Barnsley College Fields** – deferred until next meeting.
- **Friends of Wilthorpe Park** - this has become a very successful group with at least 15 members volunteering time each Saturday morning – there has been very positive comments on how the areas within the park are now looking. There will be a ‘Bike Park’ built in June and Bikeability will be supporting this by running ‘riding a bike’ Safely session for children.
- **LWYL Launch 2015** – Lee informed the group about this year’s launch and the LWYL Team were hoping for lots of events throughout June. If anyone knows of any events please let Lee know by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- **LWYL Launch** – It was discussed that this is very short notice for such an event and during the launch week – First week in June children and young people will be back at school, which would make it more difficult to get them involved.

### **Local Planning Applications**

- No applications have been brought to the board this month

### **Community Champions**

- **Bob Sharpe** – was nominated for an award and will be presented at the June Old Town Gala.

## WAF Applications

- **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Grundy Annabell Watson and Sheila Lowe declared an interest in applications being brought to the group tonight and prior to their particular application being discussed they stepped from the room.
- **Pogmoor Residents Association** – A lengthy discussion was had to address several issues. The group agreed in principle to the application form but like some clarification on certain aspects – these were passed onto Annabell to let us know for the next meeting in June.
  - **Action Annabelle**
- **Newtown Allotment Group.** – The group had submitted a clearer match funding sheet and it was agreed that if they - The Allotments group could also have an open day during the upcoming months that would certainly increase their match funding to more than is required for their bid.
  - **Action Michelle**
- **Creative Recovery** – A more detailed explanation on the match funding had been supplied and the bid was accepted - £2000 will be awarded to this bid.
- **Pogmoor Residents** - After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to ask for clarification on a few items and we will readdress the bid at our next meeting.
  - **Action Annabell**
- **Mentors** – this will be on the June Meeting
  - **Action Michelle /Lee**

## Grow Bot - Update

- We require a main Sponsor and several smaller advertisers for the next edition. Looking at £500 for the main sponsor and smaller adverts at approximately £10
  - **Action John Love /Bill Gaunt**
- If anyone would like to contribute to the contents please get it to Lee by the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- The booklet will go to the printers in June 2015

## Forth Coming events

- **Willowbank Interest Group** – as part of the consultation process they are having a Walk to establish a Walk around the area – Meeting at John Loves 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015
- It would be very handy if local groups/organisations could feed information into the Ward Alliance then we could distribute information and possibly stop any duplication of events/ same day events

### **Any Other Business**

- It was noted that there had been several complaints about events at The Grey Horse in Old Town – this has been handed over to the authorities that deal with such complaints.
- Special Thanks were given to Richard Lawton who has helped set up the Badminton Club on a Tuesday night at Honeywell Sports Village.
- The Bike Park will open in June

## Appendix Four

### St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Board Meeting 02 April 2015 at 5:30pm

**Present:** Cllr. Sarah Tattersall (Chair); Cllr. Dave Leach; Cllr. Jenny Platts. Clyde Black; Madge Busby; Ruth and David Gammon; John Hallows; Freda Stenton. Lee Swift.

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were considered and approved.

**Presentation by SWYFT:** A short presentation was given by Carrie and Sharron from Healthy Eating outlining activities and events. Two information sheets were handed out.

Events will be available to the general public, for example family cooking. Jenny P said funding could be considered for the Certificate in Food Hygiene course which costs £10 per head.

Healthy Eating should be invited to attend our Gala on 18<sup>th</sup> July and we will add them to our mailing list.

The next course in St. Helen's will be at the Roundhouse and we will be advised of dates.

#### **Funding Applications:**

*Junior Tykes FC* - Terry Spence attended and made a presentation in support of this application. The application was thereafter approved for the requested amount of £2097 and we agreed to increase this to £2500 as a modest contribution towards other related expenses. Funding was given in relation to planning permission approved from local council. It should be noted that many voluntary hours are provided by the club in keeping the playing fields in good order.

*Caterpillar Club* - Following a telephone conversation with our secretary the club was able to provide the additional information requested and it was established the club now has its own Public Liability insurance. Thus formal approval was given for funding in the sum of £435.

**Funding Feedback:** Not all funding recipients had submitted reports to the Ward Alliance and the secretary is to follow up. It was agreed that in future when formally confirming the award of funding a paragraph should be included emphasizing the need for feedback.

It was also agreed that the secretary would prepare for our next meeting a summary of the reports so far received, with full copies available if requested.

**Ward Plan:** Lee Swift confirmed from assessing residents' consultation questionnaires that the priorities are the same as the ones identified for our 2014/2015 Plan and so the Alliance decided that the priorities remain the same for this year. It was agreed funding to others could be made available to help us where there are gaps in the plan that we could promote, which we as individuals cannot provide.

**Forthcoming Events:**

*Gala* - Our annual Gala will this year be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at our regular venue.

Planning is already well in hand through a sub-committee comprising Madge B, Lee S and Sarah T. Questionnaires will be handed out on the day and in particular will identify successful funding applicants (but not the amount of the award).

*Awards Night* - preparations are presently with the Area Team and a sub-committee is to be formed for this event. All members need to think of residents who we can put forward for an award on the night.

We are to hold a workshop in respect of both the awards night and the ward working plan. The secretary will email suggested dates to members. If numbers permit we can use 8 Peveril Crescent to save using the TARA office.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer distributed a financial statement to all attending members. The total remaining balance of funds can be carried forward to 2015/2016.

**Secretary's Report:**

The secretary invited Jenny P to report on the well supported litter pick on Laithes Lane when around sixty black sacks were filled.

Clyde B was unable to attend but we wish to record that he conducted his own solo litter pick removing broken bottles and suchlike behind BetFred's.

**Any Other Business:**

*Robert Newman School reading support* - there will be a meeting with Madge B at 10am Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at the TARA office.

*Snow Warden* - a very grateful warden has now collected his new wheelbarrow and expressed his thanks to the Councillors for their support.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be 14 May 2015 at the TARA office at 5:30pm. Freda S sends her apologies as she will not be available.

The meeting closed at 6:55pm.