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<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday 14 October 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- 3 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.14.10.2022/3) (*Pages 3 - 6*)  
Darfield – held on 15 September 2022  
Wombwell – held 3 October
- 5 Bernesali Homes - Cost of living and resident support - Tracey Powers, Tenant First Service Manager (Sac.14.10.2022/5) (*Pages 7 - 14*)

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

Councillors Markham (Chair), Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Higginbottom, Lamb, Osborne, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe, Sumner and White

Area Council Support Officers:

Diane Lee, South Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager  
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**Darfield Ward Alliance Minutes**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 4pm  
**Darfield Community Centre**

In attendance – Cllr Markham (Chair), Cllr Osborne, Mike Fenna, Colin Ward, Lorna Wilkinson, Clare Archer CDO

Apologies – Brian Moore, Cllr Smith

Minutes of previous meeting – passed as a true record

Budget Update – Clare talked through the budget sheet with members. A discussion took place about committed spend and remaining funds. A full up to date budget will be given at each meeting. A decision will be made at the next meeting regarding if the volunteer celebration event can be funded from this years budget

Updates from last meeting;

Summer Gala Feedback – All members agreed it was a good, well attended event, regardless of the weather. A few learning points for future events were noted in terms of private stall holders. It was also noted that the bowling club had given feedback about refreshments.

Darfield Ring – Twiggs are planting the ring following the bank holiday on the Tuesday morning weather permitting, members are welcome to attend.

Ward Alliance Applications

- Barnsley Leaders Basketball – passed
- Jubilee Benches – Clare presented a proposal for two benches based on recent costings. A lot of discussion took place around the cost and how appropriate jubilee benches would be, also considering the Queens passing. Some members felt that given the high cost of fixtures and fittings the proposal was no longer viable for the ward alliance to fund. The Chair put it to a vote, majority was against supporting this moving forward. Clare agreed to look into the Better Barnsley Bonds Fund and also the AGE UK Take a Seat Campaign.
- EXODUS – requested more information, Clare is visiting the club this Thursday and will talk them through this.
- Volunteer Training Programme – passed

Resident Support Fair Cost of living event 21<sup>st</sup> September 22 – Clare invited members to come along. Lorna agreed to run a craft table. Cllr Osborne agreed to flyer Darfield all Saints school to encourage people to attend. Cllr Markham will attend.

Any Other Business - Oral Health (referred to email from public health), the ward alliance did not feel this was appropriate for them to fund, they asked for it be discussed at area council

Station Road Recreation area – Clare updated members on correspondence with a local resident regarding funding for this area. Clare has contacted SYFAB, Parks and also the officer responsible for 106 monies.

Date and time of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in month (Bimonthly 17<sup>th</sup> November 22

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- 1. Present: Cllr Frost, Daniel Higgins, Theresa Arnold, Karen Whiting, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)**

**Apologies: Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Higginbottom, Caroline Reeves (Berneslai Homes), Sabeena Chavan, Chelsey Rigby, Jamie Wardle**

**Cllr Frost opened the meeting. As 3 of the apologies had been unexpected at the last minute any decisions made at the meeting would be circulated to all members for approval.**

- 2. Notes last meeting matters arising** – AB informed the group that no movement had been made by the Army Cadets regarding Adopting the Station project. She had recently paid a visit to the Wombwell Scout group, and they seemed very interested. Contact details of the Scouts and Cathrine Ashworth (Community Rail officer) had been exchanged. There were no more matters arising
- 3. Presentation from Rachel Barraclough (Family Centre Manager – Early start & family services)** Unfortunately not in attendance. AB to contact Rachel to reschedule.
- 4. High St Christmas event -Date of 3<sup>rd</sup> December confirmed.** The Salvation Army band, entertainer, DJ, and face painting provider had already been booked. Discussion took place regarding contacting local performing arts groups to attend. AB to contact them to check availability. A choir to accompany the band was also discussed, group members were asked to ask around and get back to AB with contact details. AB informed the meeting that she had lanterns from last year so she would approach brownies/scouts to see if they wanted to take part in a lantern procession.
- 5. Christmas lights/trees** – High St Business group feedback from their recent meeting. Theresa informed the meeting that the group had obtained a gambling licence and were doing a sponsor a Christmas light appeal. Sponsorship forms were in a few High St businesses. As the treasurer of the group wasn't in attendance, she wasn't able to inform the meeting of funds raised so far apart from the £250 raised through Jubilee ticket sales minus £40 for the gambling licence.

The business group have been considering purchasing a large Christmas tree motif like the ones outside the Glassworks in the town centre and putting it on the High St. AB approached BMBC Street lighting for guidance re specifications and installation and

costings, they directed her onto Town Centre team who informed her that the Town Centre illuminations were installed by Bradford City Council. As time is running out and funds wouldn't stretch to this it was agreed to go with the traditional tree this year and look at this option for next year. It was acknowledge that sponsors would like to see something physical for their money this year so Theresa is going to look at purchasing a few larger lamp post motifs with the funds.

**Mini Christmas trees-** a few areas are doing them again this year and the South Area team have had several enquiries from Wombwell residents. As the Ward Alliance had purchased the lamp post brackets last year and the trees would be fully funded through sponsorship it was agreed to go ahead with the scheme. Only 16 trees would be put up for sponsorship. Action AB to promote the scheme.

**6. Ward Alliance budget £12037 -**

**7. Funding application – Barnsley Basketball club £500 approved by members present, circulated to members not present and approved.**

**8. Feedback from Healthy Holiday programme** – 5 events were held during the summer school holidays. The activities were fully funded by Wombwell Ward Alliance through their healthy holiday budget and delivered by the Community Development officer and volunteers from Friends of Wombwell park, Wombwell Community Luncheon club, Wombwell Dam Community Angling club and Wombwell TARA. 232 children and 154 attended. £500 was also received from Good Food Barnsley to go towards providing picnic lunches for the attendees.

**9. Ideas for future projects** – This will be discussed at our next meeting when more members are in attendance. AB informed the group that Wombwell will be hosting a Residents Support Roadshow in response to the cost-of-living crisis where various agencies will be in attendance to offer support and guidance. AB has approached local primary schools to ask if they can accommodate an event.

**10. A.O.B** – AB informed meeting of Basic first Aid course taking place in Wombwell 7<sup>th</sup> November fully funding from WA training budget. Local groups have been offered places for their volunteers. Invite was extended to WA community reps.

Theresa raised a couple of issues re the High St, the Chair asked her to speak directly to Cllr Higginbottom for assistance.

In Sabeena's absence AB was to inform the group that Wombwell park have put into the Barnsley in Bloom and are awaiting the results.

**11. Date & time of next meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 5.30pm @ Cemetery Community Hub**





# MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

## What is More Money in Your Pocket (MMIYP)

More Money in Your Pocket (MMIYP) has been created to help assist the residents of Barnsley through the cost-of-living crisis that we are currently experiencing. Due to the increase of fuel food and other necessities this has pushed even more residents of Barnsley over or closer to the poverty line. On the site you will find useful links & advice for support with food, energy, health & wellbeing, events & more.

[More Money In Your Pocket website](#)



# Objectives – What Do We Want This Campaign To Achieve?

Our aim is to give all tenants the knowledge and confidence to financially manage themselves and to be able to get the support needed through online services and to sustain this long term, with MMIYP providing all the tools for our tenants with the steps to money management/ sustainability.



HELP OUR TENANTS  
MANAGE THEIR  
FINANCES BETTER TO  
BECOME SELF  
SUFFICIENT IN MONEY  
MANAGEMENT



MAKE TENANTS AWARE  
THAT SUPPORT FROM  
MMIYP & TENANTS  
FIRST SERVICE IS  
AVAILABLE



TO PROVIDE TENANTS  
WITH TRANSPARENT  
GUIDANCE ON MONEY  
MATTERS AND MORE



SUPPORT WITH MENTAL  
HEALTH, AND HOUSING  
ADVICE



GET TENANTS  
INVOLVED IN THE  
COMMUNITY EVENTS,  
AND HEALTHY EATING  
PROGRAMMES

# What We Are Doing To Support MMIYP

Tenants First Service are helping promote MMIYP firstly we have introduced Tenant Support Champions who are specialists in key areas covering:

- Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP)
- Energy
- Water
- Food
- Cost Of Living
- Benefits

Our Tenants First Champions are committed to helping tenants with the rising cost of living. With the launch off the Champions toolkit.

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They've a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience and can support and advise our customers with their finances. We've six designated champions who lead and specialise in a particular subject matter, making sure the team are well equipped and informed to provide the best possible services.

Full Information: [Tenant Support Champions](#)

The Champions Toolkit page was also created to help the staff within Berneslai Homes stay up to date with the ever changing support around the cost of living crisis should any questions arise from tenants they need support on for a quick go to answer. As the designated Champions may not be able to answer the question for them at the given time.

Find all the information and support you need to help with the rising cost of living.

Visit [barnsley.gov.uk/more-money-in-your-pocket](https://barnsley.gov.uk/more-money-in-your-pocket) or scan the QR code



 MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET



Worried about the cost of living crisis? Our Tenants First team can help.



Tenants First Champions Toolkit

## More ways we are supporting MMIYP

Tenant Support Officers are also across the borough holding Money Advice Drop-in sessions along with the MMIYP at the new Warm & Welcoming Spaces Introduced by Barnsley Council to help residents with the cost of heating to attend these places to stay warm and get support and advice from a range of services these start from November.

These are to support those who prefer face to face support rather than over the phone or online we also have our Tenants First Achieve (ESF) advisors attending with us to help support tenants who are looking for work/ skills or training.

Page 11 We still do offer home visits to our tenants. We are trailing our venues and areas could change full details here: [Money Advice Drop In](#). We will be sending out rolling updates online via Twitter & Facebook updates on these.

Berneslai Homes has also launched its Financial Inclusion Strategy for 2022 – 24 this outlines how we will support our tenants through the cost of living crisis and sets out our key priorities as a social landlord and it will complement the ongoing work within the borough.

Full Information: [Financial Inclusion Strategy](#)



# Upcoming Events with More Money in Your Pocket & Berneslai Homes



BERNESLAI HOMES ARE CONTINUING WITH MMIYP MONEY ADVICE DROP IN SESSIONS, ALONG WITH THE WELCOMING SPACES



JOINING THE ATHERSLEY TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GROUP MEETINGS (TARA)



CUSTOMER PANEL COST OF LIVING 26/10/22



THE COUNCIL HAVE MORE EVENTS UPCOMING; THIS WILL BE UPDATED VIA THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS.

Getting help with the rising cost of living

JOINING FORCES  
A SAFER BARNESLEY



Thank you

Any Questions?

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