

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 25 July 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 6th June, 2016 (Dac.25.07.2016/2) (Pages 3 - 6)

Items for Information

- 3 Presentation from Phoenix Futures (Sac.25.07.2016/3)

Performance

- 4 Performance Report (Dac.25.07.2016/4) (Pages 7 - 26)
- 5 Dearne Area Council updated financial position (Dac.25.07.2016/5) (Pages 27 - 30)

Items for Decision

- 6 Clean and Tidy Commission (Dac.25.07.2016/6) (Pages 31 - 32)

Dearne Approach

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 9th May, 2016 (Dac.25.07.2016/7) (Pages 33 - 36)

Ward Alliances

- 8 Notes from the following Ward Alliances (Dac.25.07.2016/8) (Pages 37 - 46)

Dearne South – held on 13th June, 2016
Dearne North – held on 9th June, 2016
- 9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.25.07.2016/9) (Pages 47 - 48)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson, Philips and Sixsmith MBE

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager
Joe Micheli, Lead Locality Officer

Peter Mirfin, Council Governance Officer

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Friday, 15 July 2016



MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 6 June 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson, Philips and Sixsmith MBE.

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 4th April, 2016 (Dac.06.06.2016/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 4th April, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 Performance Report (Dac.06.06.2016/3)

The Area Council Manager introduced a report providing an update on the delivery of the Area Council's commissions, Service Level Agreements and services paid for through the Dearne Development Fund. Officers from the Safer Communities Service attended the meeting and presented detailed information on the private sector housing enforcement activity that had been undertaken during January to March 2016, including action taken in respect of fly tipping, noise complaints, anti-social behaviour, rat infestations, requests for service, advice and referrals and in identifying and supporting vulnerable households etc.

Members welcomed the work being carried out and in particular recognised the impact of working with families and individuals, getting to know communities and getting access to homes that previously have not had the benefit of any kind of support, which enabled valuable early intervention where necessary.

The comfortable achievement of performance targets, as set out in Part A of the report, was noted and it was suggested that the level of the targets for future commissions should be given careful consideration to ensure the correct level of challenge.

It was stated that the three Dearne Area Council contracts and the service level agreement with Barnsley MBC Safer Communities Service continue to perform satisfactorily with no significant issues identified. With regard to Skills and Learning for Work it was noted that, even though the contract had now ended, volunteers continued to provide assistance at the Salvation Army, providing a legacy from the commission. There was overall satisfaction that Kingdom was performing well in

respect of the Environmental Enforcement contract, despite the late submission of monitoring information. It was noted that a recent dog fouling operation had resulted in 14 fixed penalty notices being issued in the Dearne area.

It was reported that the nine Dearne Development Fund projects had got off to a very positive start. The Dearne Valley Bulldogs had been successful in their bid for £85,000 of funding from Sports England and they will now receive £15,000 from Area Council funds to enable them to progress their project. The work being carried out by TADS, who had received funding through the Development Fund, in order to give young people access to complimentary therapists to enhance their emotional wellbeing and leave them with better coping strategies, was noted. It was suggested that Jenny Britain from Phoenix Futures be invited to the next Area Council meeting.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the progress being made on the three Dearne Area Council commissions and service level agreement with Barnsley MBC, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the progress of the Dearne Development Fund applications, as set out in Part C of Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.

4 Dearne Area Council updated financial position (Dac.06.06.2016/4)

The Area Council Manager presented a report providing an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spending and outlined the unallocated amounts. At the end of the 2015/16 financial year the Area Council had spent £262,257 of its £255,438 allocation, leaving a deficit of £6,819. This figure was offset against £27,483, the year end income from fixed penalty notices, leaving £20,664 to carry forward into the 2016/17 budget.

The Area Council has an allocation of £200,000 to spend in 2016/17 and to date has spent and earmarked £122,846 on previously agreed projects/services. This, plus the income of £1,525 from parking fixed penalty notices leaves an unspent allocation of £99,343 to spend for the financial year 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the updated financial position for the Dearne Area Council and the unallocated amount remaining for 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted, be noted.

5 Housing Enforcement Service Level Agreement (Dac.06.06.2016/5)

The Area Council Manager presented a report outlining the role of the Housing Enforcement and Investigations Officer and containing a proposal for funding the post until March 2017. This would extend the post in line with the Private Sector Housing Officer post, which was also funded to March 2017, and would maintain current service provision.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the funding of the Enforcement and Investigations Officer post until March 2017, as detailed in the report now submitted,

and to the allocation of approximately £12,000 out of the commissioning budget to continue the level of housing and enforcement provision that already exists within the Dearne area.

6 Clean and Tidy Service (Dac.06.06.2016/6)

The Area Council Manager presented a report setting out options for the future provision of a clean and tidy service for the Dearne area.

Following a formal procurement exercise the service was committed for a one year period in September 2015. The Area Council was provided with three options to take the service forward beyond September 2016: A) do nothing; B) put the contract out for three quotes for a period of six months; and C) undertake a full tender process for a period of one year.

RESOLVED that approval be given to seek three quotes for a contract for a period of six months for a clean and tidy service for the Dearne area (Option B), as set out in the report now submitted.

7 Notes from the Ward Alliances (Dac.06.06.2016/7)

The meeting received the minutes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting held on 13th April, 2016 and the Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting held on 19th April, 2016.

With reference to the Dearne South Ward Alliance it was suggested that a discussion on the operation of the Alliance be held at the next Alliance meeting.

With regard to the Dearne North Ward Alliance it was noted that there was a need for representation from residents of Goldthorpe on the Alliance and noted that the Area Council Manager would follow-up the interest shown in this position.

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

8 Report on the Use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.06.06.2016/8)

The Area Manager presented a report confirming that both the Dearne North and Dearne South Wards had spent all of their Devolved Ward Budget allocation for 2015/16 and that there would be no Devolved Ward Budget for 2016/17.

For Dearne North, the 2015/16 Ward Alliance underspent by £69 and therefore would have a starting budget for 2016/17 of £10,069.

For Dearne South, the 2015/16 Ward Alliance underspent by £1,160 and therefore the starting budget for 2016/17 would be £11,160.

RESOLVED that the report on the Devolved Ward Budgets and the Ward Alliance Funds be received.

9 Allan Sneddon, Tasking Officer

RESOLVED that Allan Sneddon, Tasking Officer, be requested to attend the next Area Council meeting to discuss current service provision.

Chair

BARNESLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 13th July 2016

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Performance of Commissioned Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with an update on the delivery of the Dearne Area Councils commissions and services paid for through the Dearne Development Fund.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Dearne members note the progress of the two Dearne Area Council commissions and service level agreement with BMBC as set out in appendix one.

2.2 That Dearne members note the progress of the Dearne Development Fund applicants as set out in part c of appendix one

3.0 Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

3.1 **Part A** of the Dearne Council Performance report provides Dearne Area Council members with an overview of how all the Dearne Area Council commissions, Service Level Agreement (SLA) and services funded through the Dearne development fund are assisting in meeting future council priorities. Part A also details how the Dearne Area Council commissions are performing against the set indicators.

Contracted service providers:

- Kingdom Security – Environmental Enforcement
- Twiggs- Clean and Tidy

Service Level agreement:

- BMBC-Safer Communities Service –Providing a Private Sector Housing Management and Enforcement service

Dearne Development Fund

- Dearne allotment
- Goldthorpe Development Group
- DIAL- drop in advice
- Salvation Army
- Dearne Electronic Community Village- Workability
- Dearne Valley Bulldogs

- Dearne hOurbank
- Therapies for anxiety and depression
- CAB

3.2 **Part B** provides Dearne Area Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services and SLA. The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from commissioned services following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings. In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

3.3 **Part C** provides the Dearne Area Council with a progress update of the services/groups awarded finances through the Dearne Development Fund.

3.4 **Performance Report –Issues**

The 2 Dearne Area Council contracts and the Service Level Agreement with BMBC’s Safer Communities Service continue to perform satisfactorily with no significant issues identified.

The 10 Dearne Development Fund Projects have also got off to a very positive start. One of the original projects “Silver Surfers” has now ended. RAG ratings have not been provided for these services and not all of the services will have provided monitoring information at this point. Some providers submit their information quarterly and the report returns are not in sync with the deadline for area council papers.

4.0 **Appendices**

Appendix One: Performance report

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Dearne Area Council Manager		

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL Performance Report

April-June 2016



Introduction

Dearne Area Council Priorities



Table 1 below shows the Providers that have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract end date
Environment	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom security	£31,000	April 2017 option to Extend
Environment	Private sector housing enforcement	BMBC	16/17 £12,000	Funded until March 2017
Environment	Clean and Tidy	Twiggs	£112,450 18months	Funded until March 2017

PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

The Dearne Area Council commissions also contribute to the Councils overall priorities of thriving vibrant economy, stronger resilient communities and citizens achieving their potential. The achievement of the outcomes which includes the figures from the Dearne Development fund are listed in table's below:

*the targets and recording of volunteers through the Dearne Development Fund are based on volunteers working on a weekly basis.

Thriving and Vibrant Economy

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No. of FTE jobs created and recruited to	4	6
No. of PT/sessional jobs created and recruited to	7	8
No. of apprentice and placement created and recruited to	1	1
No. of group/service match funded	-	5
Local spend (average across all contracts)	88%	95%

Stronger resilient communities

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No. of adult volunteers engaged	59	103
No. of young people engaged in volunteering	9	21
No. of new volunteers	5	7
No of community groups supported (Twiggs)	4	22
No. residents educated (online)	20	22
No. of local business involvement	6	4

Citizens achieving their potential

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No. residents achieving qualification	20	22
No. residents educated (littering)	10	21
No. of residents receiving advice and support	50	55
No. of residents receiving health and wellbeing advice/referrals	8	71
No. of young people pre mental health service intervention	17	18

At present, two contracts and one Service Level Agreement (SLA) with BMBC have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting. The following tables therefore reflect the overview of performance of **three contracts**. These contracts are based on the Dearne Area Council priorities. These contracts are:

Environment: Enforcement- Kingdom

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved Q2
Patrol Hours completed	433	508
No of litter and dog fouling operations	2	2
No of litter and dog fouling FPNs issued	-	67
No of parking PCNs issued	-	6
Payment rate for dog fouling and litter FPNs	-	74%
Income this quarter	-	2,350
Local spend	85%	100%

Environment: Housing Enforcement -BMBC

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved Q2
Initial contacts made	100	270
Vulnerable households identified	10	30
Number of requests for action to landlords	8	19
People sign posted to other services	8	6
CPN written warnings issued	0	14
Households supported with waste/recycling	20	74
Local spend	90%	100%

Environment: Clean and Tidy -Twiggs

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved Q2
Twiggs social action events	1	2
Community groups supported	4	22
Resident education sessions	10	21
School education sessions	1	2
Residents taking responsibility for areas	2	2
Local business engagement	6	4
Local spend	90%	90%

PART B - SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR EACH SERVICE

Environmental Enforcement- Kingdom Security

Quarter 1 report received on the 8th July 2016



	RAG
Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
Milestones achieved	
Outcome indicator targets met	
Social value targets met	
Satisfactory spend and financial information	
Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

Although targets are not set for the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued, it can be reported that during the period April – June 2016, there were 80 FPN's of these, 74 were for littering/ dog fouling and 6 were for parking.

FPN's				
DEARNE	FPN Littering	FPN Dog Fouling	PCN Parking	total
APR - JUNE 2016	67	7	6	80
DEARNE	Contracted Hours	Hours patrolled in area	Dearne North Goldthorpe/Thurnscoe	Dearne South - Bolton on dearne
APR - JUNE 2016	510	510	255	255

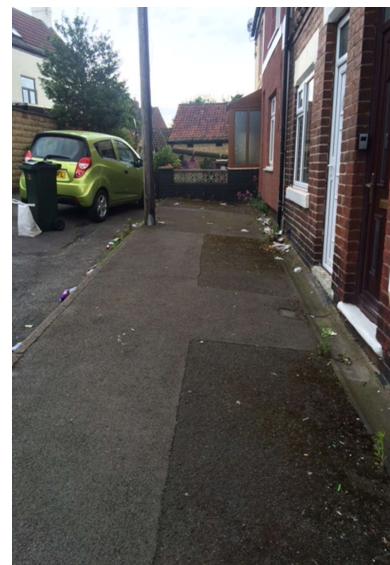
Two Fly Tipping offences were reported over this quarter by Kingdom officers whilst out and about on patrol. These have been reported to environmental services and together we have gathered evidence for the ongoing investigation which continues. The partnership develops as we are co-terminus, which clearly assists. We have a number of successful prosecutions thus far.

'Litter Picking' days for juveniles within the community who have committed the offence is a little haphazard at the moment and Kingdom are looking to a new relationship with the volunteer Clean up teams (Twiggs) to assist with generating days for the restorative restoration scheme to be included. The Revenue Raised thus far for this quarter (April-June) is £2,350.

Action days

Numerous complaints have been received regarding Dearne Academy students using the nearby chip shop and depositing their waste mainly on Orchard Street. Also the surrounding area suffers with littering. Other areas suffer the same with students discarding of their waste. Also, schools suffer with parking outside the immediate areas causing residents problems and continual risk to safety issue.

An Action day was set up by the GEO's from Barnsley Council and the Police regarding all issues for both Dearne North and Dearne South. Kingdom were subsequently invited and combined some of the hotspots within the action days. On the 19th, 20th and 23rd of May 11 FPN's (3 Juveniles) and 3 parking PCN's were issued during this operation. Some useful information was gleaned and further investigation and directed patrols continue.









Lockwood and Lowfields Dog Fouling.

Numerous complaints have been received regarding Dog fouling on both areas of Dearne South Ward. Kingdom have made these areas Hotspots for regular patrols and on an Ad Hoc basis patrol in numbers. Leaflet drops in the first instance highlights the consequences of allowing dogs to foul but also that officers are on patrol in the area. These deterrents appear to work but for short periods and the problems seem to start up again.

Two separate operational days involving half of the Borough officers in plain clothes and uniform patrolling the streets commenced. 5 FPN's for Dog Fouling so far have been issued during this operation. Some useful information has been supplied by local residents for further investigation and directed patrols which continues.

Environment- Private Sector Housing (SLA)

Enforcement – BMBC Quarter 1 report submitted 6th July 2016

Growing the Economy		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
Environment	Milestones achieved	
	Outcome indicator targets met	
	Social value targets met	
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	
Improving Health		

A comprehensive monitoring report for April- June 2016 was submitted by the Safer Communities Service on the 6th July 2016. However the contract meeting was cancelled and had to be rescheduled for the following day. During the contract meeting this issue was discussed and future meetings have been arranged well in advance to avoid any future clashes.

The main objective of this SLA is to contribute towards creating and sustaining safe and pleasant communities within private sector housing in the Dearne Area Council area. They do this by proactively case managing issues that have a detrimental effect on others in the locality and by identifying and protecting our most vulnerable tenants and residents.

Two people are employed through this contract and they work with families and individuals, getting to know the communities and getting access to homes that previously have not had the benefit of any kind of support. They are identifying problems and issues and using effective risk assessment to decide on the most appropriate responses.

During the months April- June, 2016 the service dealt with **270** complaints, queries and requests for service, advice and referrals which was an increase on the previous quarter. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice letter; others went to more formal action. 30 vulnerable households were identified and supported 6 of these were referred on for other interventions.

There are currently 5 ongoing anti-social behaviour cases being investigated, from loud music and noise to drugs and Child Sexual Exploitation. General letters have been posted on the streets affected. The service are liaising with the complainants/victims and ensuring they are receiving the right support and any necessary referrals.

There currently are 4 fly tipping cases being investigated, which involves interviewing the perpetrator under caution. Where items of waste have been fly tipped and no evidence has been found, these are reported to Waste Management by e-mail along with photographs of the waste for them to be removed.

97 Waste on Premises reports were received and investigated during April to June. Occupiers spoken to asking them to remove the waste within 14 days or in some cases informal letters were sent requesting removal of the said waste. In some cases 12 CPN Written Warnings were issued on the tenant, or if the landlord if the property was empty, instructing them to remove the waste within 14 days. 8 of these complied. 4 failed to comply which resulted in a Community Protection Notice being issued.

Added value

The service continue to co facilitate the landlords and lettings agents meeting and are instrumental in the railway embankment project. They are also very responsive to resident concerns and have assisted in community clean ups.



Case study

A Complaint was received from local resident regarding noise and dog faeces in the garden next door to her property and also concerns regarding the welfare of the animals in question, no adequate shelter, no adequate food and water.

The garden had accumulations of dog faeces in and that there were also, bath, toilet, and in the front garden bags of waste. There was a shed at the top of the garden provided for the dogs. A calling card was posted through the door but the complainant said that there was “no one living” in the property at the time.

RSPCA was contacted with concerns and they were told that we were dealing with the waste and dog faeces in the garden. The occupier said that her partner’s son had left the dogs with her whilst he arranged for proper shelter to be built at his new house, the dogs had been with her for a number of months.

She said that the RSPCA had discussed removing the dogs but she had to inform the owner what was going to happen and that she had tried to contact him but his number was unobtainable. Her partner was supportive in the decision to remove dogs.







The occupier rang the day after to say that the RSPCA had agreed to take the dogs. She rang again 2 days later to say that the dogs had been removed by the RSPCA. The RSPCA had told her that if her partner’s son came with any more dogs then they would remove them instantly. He had contacted her over the weekend to ask about them and she had told him that they were currently with the RSPCA.

She has cleared the visible dog faeces away and is going to clean up the rest of the garden and ongoing help and support is being offered to the occupier with regard to this.

Environment – Twiggs Quarter 2 report submitted 5th June 2016

**Growing
the
Economy**

Environment

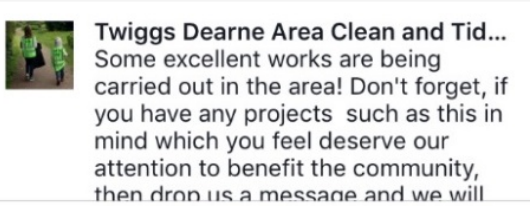
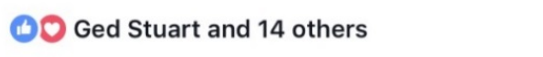
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Social value targets met	
Satisfactory spend and financial information	
Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

**The monitoring report submitted is for the period 1st of March 2016- 31st May 2016*

Four people are now employed through this contract 1 x full time 2x part time and an apprentice. Since September Twiggs have engaged with eighteen businesses in the Dearne Area. They have worked alongside twenty two established groups on clean up campaigns and led on three social action projects. They have collected 302 bags of waste and reported

six fly tipping incidents to the enforcement team. Twiggs have delivered two impacts of littering sessions at Gooseacre and The Hill School.

As well as the intelligence coming in from the community Twiggs have proactively identified a further thirty four areas and have engaged in sixty eight litter picks. The service continues to generate some fantastic feedback and have established a very active Facebook page for the Dearne area contract. Future activity has been planned with Dearne Valley College and the Dearne family centre. Also people requiring work experience placements have also contacted the service.



PART C- Dearne Development Fund

Below is a list of services and groups paid out of the 15/16 Dearne Area Council Finances.

Note: The silver surfer scheme has now come to an end

Provider/group	Priority	Impact	Cost
Dearne Allotment Group	Improving health/Improving the environment	To provide a coordinator in order to continue with the development of the community allotment	£7,500
Goldthorpe Development Group- Community Alliance Project	Improving Health (older people) Young people	To provide events and health awareness days in order to reduce loneliness and isolation of older people. Events also to engage with younger people.	£9,080
DIAL- drop in advice project	Information and support	Independent advice service supporting disadvantaged people that are faced with financial exclusion	£6,050
Salvation Army- Seasons hope project	Improving health/quality of life/ information and support	Supporting families in crisis across the Dearne area by providing support by way of information packs. The project will also provide cook and eat sessions.	£3,154
Dearne Electronic Community Village- silver surfers	Information and support/ skills and learning for work	Engaging with local resident 55+ in order to promote social inclusion by delivering ICT sessions. This service worked with 22 learners.	£6,122
Dearne Electronic Community Village- workability	Information and support/ skills and learning for work	The tutor will organise, plan and deliver workshop sessions in ICT and Employability skills, working in partnership alongside the DWP and a CRT outreach worker based at DECV and also DVC for functional skills	£14, 924
Dearne Valley bulldogs	Improving health/ young people	To provide Integrated changing rooms and showers facilities. The hope is that new facilities will relieve the pressure on the club in regards to safeguarding policies and logistical challenges.	£15,000

DIAL-hOurbank	Information and support	The hOurbank will facilitate the exchange of skills and time and is run on an 'hour for an hour' principle. This scheme will build on the pilot that was previously run in the Dearne.	Asked for £15,000 panel contribute £7,000
Therapies for depression anxiety and stress	Improving health/ young people	The project will be based at the Dearne ALC. TADS will work with 30 young people 11 – 18 to engage in 6 full therapy sessions, 30 minute therapy session and further 20 minutes to complete wellbeing exercises and learn coping techniques	Asked for £12,250 panel gave £8,813
CAB	Improving Health	Dearne area financial inclusion outreach project	£9,974

First round of applicants 15/16

The panel consisting of elected members, the area council manager community development officer and residents from both Dearne North and South met in November 2015 to consider applicants. 10 groups and services applied through this process and 5 were successful.

Dearne Allotment Group

One sessional worker is employed two days per week on this project. They have regular volunteers from the day centre and are starting to build up a good bank of volunteers from all backgrounds. Over the past few weeks schools in the area have also become involved in the project and on average between 16-28 children attend every week. During this quarter the project has seen an increase in volunteers accessing the site. 12 adults with learning disabilities and their carers attend every Wednesday.

The project has made better links with many of the Dearne partners such as the Salvation Army and Be well Barnsley. The group have also organised volunteers to work at the end of the allotment selling produce to local residents. This activity is raising around £30 per week making the project more sustainable.



Goldthorpe Development Group (GDG) reducing loneliness and isolation

	January	Feb	March	April	May	June
People employed through contract	0	0	0	0	0	0
People attending event	78	98	90	98	110	88
Number of events	1	1	1	1	1	1
Providers attending events	1	1	1	1	0	1
Volunteers	9	12	14	14	12	10
New volunteers	0	1	1	2	1	0
Referrals on to other services	0	0	6	0	0	3
Case studies	1	1	2	0	1	1

Goldthorpe Development group have had 3 more health events since the last report. During the period April-June 2016, 296 people accessed the events, making that 562 people in total across the whole grant period.

Be well Barnsley have attended two of the events and 50 people in total had blood pressures taken with 9 people having a direct referral to their GPs. 36 volunteers have worked on this project during April- June. Providers attending future events include dementia services, AgeUk and the fire service.

Margret- 74

“I attend all of these get togethers otherwise I would not come out of the house. I have met new people and know of loads of things that are available now. Suzanne came and took my

blood pressure at the last event. I need to go back to my GP because my blood pressure was slightly high. I am not too worried about that because I was dancing all afternoon, but I will go and get it checked out just in case. “

DIAL drop in

During the last quarter the project delivered 12 sessions at Goldthorpe Library to 55 residents. The project is currently included in the Staff Wellbeing Assessment Framework and during the next quarter the Dial Advice Team Leader will be undertaking an assessment to identify the stress triggers and points relating to the project and make recommendations to mitigate these. This is due to the high demand on the service and our commitment to being a **Mindful Employer**.

In order to measure progress against the project outcomes the service measure benefit/income gain for each individual resident. They use a projected figure in this report as some benefit claim outcomes can take more than 6 months. Dial re-visit every individual to ascertain the actual outcome after 6 months. Projected benefit income for residents for this period = £105,748 (31 residents)

They also record baseline data with every resident to ascertain their level of a) anxiety and b) confidence and re-visit these a) at the end of the face-to-face session and b) after 3 months. 72 residents have reported to date reduced anxiety and 76 residents have reported increased confidence/optimism

Case Study

Dianne is a 60 year old lady who went to Goldthorpe outreach. Her 59 year old husband had passed away the year before and Dianne was getting Bereavement Allowance. Unfortunately this only gets paid for 1 year and it was due to run out. Dianne and her husband had never claimed benefits before as he was self-employed for most of his life. She was very anxious and worried as she did not know what to do when this income stopped. She did have a small pension that she inherited from her husband and a small pension of her own. These only totalled £40 a week and she wasn't aware that she thought this was the only income she would get. She had already made a claim for Housing Benefit and Council Tax support and was awaiting the outcome.

A few weeks later Dianne came to outreach again. Her Housing Benefit had been awarded but she had to pay a top-up of £70 a week as she was living in a property that had more bedrooms than she needed. She was quite distressed as she thought she would have to move out of the property, as she couldn't afford the top-up, but she needed to stay in the area as she was getting help and support from her two brothers, who live in the same village. She was happy to learn that she could ask the local authority to get help with the top-up from Discretionary Housing Payment.

Dianne was advised to make a claim for Employment Support Allowance. She was told how to claim, what she needed to do and advised that she would get a reduced amount due to having some income already. The adviser also discussed her health issues. She stated that she was struggling to cope with life without her husband as she has mental health issues and had always relied on his support to cope with daily life. Since he passed away her mental health issues had got worse and she was seeing a councillor. She was advised to ring and make a claim for Personal Independence Payment. The adviser also helped her to fill in

a Discretionary Housing Payment form for help with the top-up on her rent. She was awarded ESA, PIP and Discretionary Housing Payments, she is now less worried about her finances.

Salvation Army- seasons hope project

90 free healthy meals are cooked each week, engaging with 40 families each week and the food is supplied by the community, allotment fareshare . Four regular volunteers work on this project on a weekly basis. Through this scheme families now have the opportunity to try different fruit and vegetables which in turn increases their confidence in cooking at home. The scheme has also increased confidence in cooking for each other and educating the participants about saving gas and electricity. One of the main outcomes of this programme has been building up individuals social skills as many of the individual's had become lonely and isolated.

Alison has made links with Tesco food, the Salvation Army pick up at Wath and Stairfoot any surplus stock and distribute Thursday and Friday evenings enabling more engagement with the community. Dial Barnsley are also holding a fuel poverty day in the autumn in partnership with the salvation Army to give families more knowledge and skills around healthy foods.

Second round of applicants15/16

The panel consisting of elected members, the area council manager community development officer and residents from both Dearne North and South met in January 2016 to consider applicants. 11 additional groups and services applied through this process and 4 were successful. £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet the Dearne Area priorities and the 9 applications came to a total of £77,646 from 15/16 finances.

Dearne Electronic Community Village- workability

The project started on the 9th May 2016. They have had a busy first 2 months and expect it to carry on being busy. Rory enrolled **35 learners** already. All learners have enrolled onto the OCR ICT (Entry 3) qualification and also the Learn My Way online course (UK Online). Rory is dedicating time with learners 1 to 1 for CV / Job search / Universal Job match / Online Application activities. He is currently working with 2 volunteers one day per week with occasional help from college (Dearne valley) placements. So far two people have gained employment one as a support worker and one as a driver.

All learners are unemployed or on ESA. Rory has seen a rise in the number of learners attending with learning difficulties and many who have been taken off ESA onto Jobseekers Allowance, some fighting appeals. Many of these are long term unemployed. He's also seen a rise with this project in the number of learners with alcohol or drug problems, also on jobseekers allowance. I'm also helping individuals with Pip forms / Redundancy Forms. Basically anything that involves a computer!

Rory has set up all the links with the jobcentre for referral's (80% of referrals are from the Job Centre), others are from Coalfields Regeneration Trust, working closely with Richard Jones, and also the Salvation Army in Goldthorpe with whom a referral system and a support option has been developed.



Dearne Valley Bulldogs

They Bulldogs have now received official confirmation of their 75K funds from Sport England. Therefore they have now received the 15k match funding from the Area Council so that they can progress with their project.

DIAL hOurbank

hOurbank is continuing to make a significant impact in the Dearne area, with membership growing month on month. The Monthly activities and weekly coffee mornings are a meeting place and opportunity for members to meet new friends, request time exchanges and to tap in to skills which otherwise would be out of their reach.

To-date there are four members of Young hOurbank. These young people are meeting regularly and are building a clearer picture of what they would like to achieve as part of the Time bank. Each one would like it to be an opportunity to make friends, but to also help in the community, help each other with homework, study skills and to add something new to their Curriculum Vitae. The young people have recently participated in training delivered by Barnsley Digital Champions on Staying Safe on the Web and feedback was excellent.

Jamie, Young hOurbank member said;
"I really enjoyed the training and I learned such a lot about staying safe and social media"



To-date 39 members have taken part in community activities which have been suggested and requested by the membership. These include Coffee Mornings, Bingo evenings, Games nights and Walk Leader Training. As a member led organisation, activities are requested by the wider membership through the Steering Group and wherever possible, these requests are fulfilled.

Members are now participating in regular community health walks, one-to-one time exchanges and Monthly events. Social isolation and in particular not getting out in the evening is a real issue for some members and therefore a request for a regular social event in a safe environment, amongst friends and knowing it will be easy to get home afterwards was a major gap to fill. The Bingo and Games evenings are now growing in popularity month on month and all members love feeling a part of the wider community.

There are currently three Steering Group members and every effort is being made to increase this within the very near future. Plans are in place to promote the role of Steering Group members through the membership, Facebook posts and through local contacts. All members understand the need for training which would assist them in this vital role and identification of suitable training is a priority. Training Needs Analysis is to be undertaken with the current Steering Group and training accessed through local partners VAB and VAS.

Case Study

Joyce is a new member and was introduced by existing member Julie. Having always been an independent lady and as a former Health Visitor, she was always familiar with helping others rather than for asking for assistance herself. Failing eyesight and arthritis means she is no longer able to keep on top of the garden or walk her dog and this makes Joyce very unhappy and isolated from her community.

Joining hOurbank is a way for her to access some help and connect her with local people with a few spare hours a week who can walk her dog and help in the garden.

“It’s wonderful, I never knew there was such a project, and for it to be on my doorstep is just great”

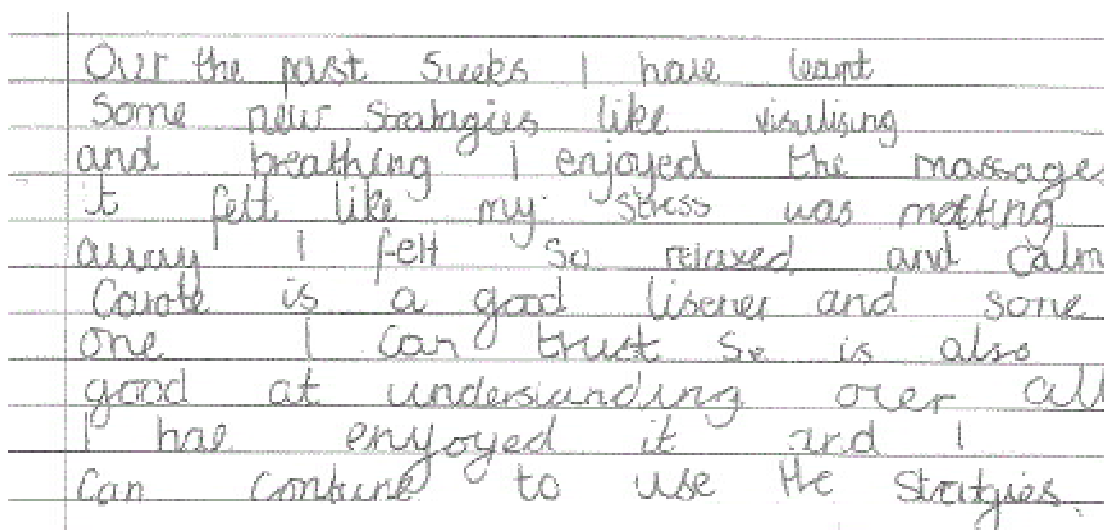
Joyce has some beautiful fruit trees in her garden and in return for help, she is donating the fruit to the planned Seasonal Cooking sessions later in the year and she is happy to spend some time on the phone talking to another member who is isolated and lonely.



TADS

Schools and pupils have been absolutely thrilled with the project with all eighteen referrals coming from the schools. It has been embraced by all and staff and parents have noticed a positive change in children using the project. The two Primary schools so far have opted for the 1:1 sessions which reduced the number of children they see but provides a thorough therapeutic intervention. Eighteen children have received support from the service with six of the children receiving intensive one to one support.

The service completes a questionnaire at the beginning of intervention with children and then after the 5 week sessions, every questionnaire has shown a great improvement in their emotional wellbeing. They have all reported that they are using the techniques learned and also using the relaxation app that we recommend. Parents have enjoyed coming together in the group sessions once a week and have found it valuable to learn what their children have been doing.



Over the past weeks I have learnt some new strategies like visualising and breathing I enjoyed the massages. It felt like my stress was melting away. I felt so relaxed and calm. Corote is a good listener and someone I can trust. She is also good at understanding over all. I have enjoyed it and I can continue to use the strategies.

First round of applications 16/17

The Dearne Development fund panel consisting of Area Manager, elected members and residents met at 2pm on the 4th of July to consider applications. CAB were successful in receiving Area Council Funds but are yet to start the project. One other applicant Barnsley Football Club community project withdrew their applicants because they were awarded external funding to deliver a Dearne project. This project commences 26th Of July in both Dearne North and South Wards.

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 25th July 2016

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Financial Position

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend, and outlines the unallocated amount remaining for 2015/16 and 2016/17

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Dearne Area Council members note the updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2015/2016. Details are contained in Appendix One.

3.0 Financial update

3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 6th of June 2016 Members agreed to fund the clean and tidy service at a cost of £37,450. Members also agreed to fund the private sector housing officer post until the end of March 2017 at a cost of £12,000. £50,000 has been allocated to the Dearne Development Fund and so far the panel have allocated £9,974 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

3.2 Including monies carried forward the Dearne Area Council have an allocation of £220,664.00 to spend on meeting the Dearne Area Council priorities in the 16/17 financial year. To date the Area Council have spent and earmarked £172,296.00 on previously agreed projects/services.

3.3 During this quarter the income of £2,350 from fixed penalty notices has been added to the remaining amount leaving an unspent allocation of **£52,243** to spend in the 16/17 financial year.

4.0 See appendix one for full break down

Appendices

Appendix One: Financial Update

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Dearne Area Council Manager

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Date:
25th July 2016

Appendix one: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2014/2015		2015/2016	2016/2017
	£ 200,000.00		£ 200,000.00	£200,000.00
			+£ 55,438.00	+£20,664.00
			£ 255,438.00	£220,664.00
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 27,181.00		-£ 18,465.00	-£ 31,000.00
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 8,000.00		-£ 5,000.00	-£5,000.00
Community Newsletter			-£1,846.00	-£1,846.00
Training for Employment	-£ 74,381.00		-£ 37,000.00	
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£ 35,000.00		-£62,300.00	- £12,000
Dearne Clean & Tidy			-£ 75,000.00	- £37,450
Dearne Development Fund			-£ 62,646.00	-£15,000.00
Dearne Development Fund - Phase 2				-£50,000.00
Possible monies to put into the Ward Alliance's				-£20,000.00
Total spend	£ 144,562.00		£262,257.00	£172,296.00
Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438.00		-£6,819.00	+£48,368.00
FPN income received			+£27,483.00	+£2,350.00
Parking FPN income received				+£1,525.00
Final Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438.00		+£ 20,664.00	+£ 52,243.00

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

**Report of Dearne Area Council
Manager**

The Dearne Area Council Clean and Tidy Service

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members on the progress regarding extending the clean and tidy service until the end of March 2017.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Dearne Area Council give delegated authority to the Executive Director, Communities to complete a waiver to the relevant contract procedure rules to extend the clean and tidy service until 31st March 2017 at a cost of £43,629.

3.0 Service update

- 3.1 A formal procurement exercise was undertaken in 2015 in order to have a clean and tidy service delivering in the Dearne Area from September 2015. The service was granted for a one year period at a cost of £75,000
- 3.2 The clean and tidy service currently operating in the Dearne Area is continuing to progress well. The focus of this service is not to solely clean up littered and overgrown areas but also to educate about the impact of littering and to work with residents and groups in getting them to take on some responsibility for their local area.
- 3.3 Options were submitted to the Area Council on the 1st of June 2016, with Members agreeing to go out to three quotes in order to extend this service at a cost of £37,450. The stated amount would extend the service until the 1st of March 2017.
- 3.4 Recent tenders for similar services with higher values contracts have received poor interest and this contract is of a shorter period and lower value with the added implication of a potential TUPE transfer if it was considered to be applicable to this service. The present tender package is unlikely to be attractive to potential interested tenderers. Therefore it is advised that in order to extend the service this should be done by writing and submitting a report to waive relevant contract procedure rules.

3.5 The current contract will end on the 31st of August 2016 therefore if brought in line with financial years the extension would be for 7 months at a cost of £43,629.

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27th July 2016

DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

**Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe:
9th May 2016**

Core Members Present: Derek Bramham (Chair), Wendy Lowder, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Noble, Jenny Batley, Gemma Cobby, , Jenni Britain, Joe Micheli, Tom Smith, Claire Dawson, Alison Sykes, Peter Antcliff, (BMBC Asset Management), Stephen Abson

Core Members Apologies: Cllr Gardiner; Kate Roberts (Community Shop) Alister Shaw; Janet Ellor, Alison Vint, Carl Hickman, Helen Jaggar, Sarah Cartwright, April Fisher, Mark Fisher, John Hays, Cllr Gollick, Jenny Batley, Alan Chapman

<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions:- A round of introductions took place Apologies: - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p>2.0 Notes of Meeting held 7th March 2016 were accepted as a true record Matters Arising –</p>  <p>Dearne Approach SG Meeting 14 March 20:</p> <p>Page 1 Signage Cllr Noble gave a further update explaining that they had met with Paul Tiggardine and a colleague from BMBC Highways to look at signage issues with respect to loading / disabled parking / and a request for a sign to the Post Office and Market. Conversations are still ongoing Cllr Noble will update when progress is made</p> <p>Page 2 Meanwhile use The report prepared by Peter on 'Pop-Up' meanwhile uses of vacant units was tabled at the meeting. This set out some of the opportunities and issues that would need to be considered; for example what might the impact be if in competition with an existing local business. Peter asked the group if they had thought any more of the paper that was sent round. The group wanted the paper recirculating</p>  <p>Meanwhile Use.docx</p> <p>Local Businesses Gemma is still supporting local businesses. The group called “Goldthorpe town centre” created a flag and logo for local shops on the high street with the help of marketing hub. They also created a facebook and twitter page to help promote local businesses and build up their marketing skills.</p>	<p>C. Dawson</p>

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Bewell Barnsley

Suzanne provided the area team with a newsletter article. The health group will come together at a later date. The Area Council have to look at how they are going to spend their remaining allocation prior to any other intervention.

3.0 Discussion Item – year end updates:

Housing – Circulated by Sarah Cartwright

Prior to the meeting Sarah circulated a housing action plan update and had updated her monitoring information. Claire went through the action plan update briefly. Stephen CRT provided an update of the proposed development of the two properties either side of the Dearne playhouse on wellington street. Plans for the proposed development of the 6 houses either side of the playhouse has had to be revised and are now looking at the possibility of reducing the number of properties being built.



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Draft Summary of
Key Objectives and T.

Jobs Education skills and training – Tom Smith

Tom and Kate from community shop circulated the monitoring template prior to the meeting. Tom discussed the latest figures and developments which related to Q3. He intends to fetch the volunteers back together that were part of the workshop. This will provide him with a valuable research and input into the plan.



Q3 Monitoring
Report for the JEST t

Environment theme - Anthony Cambell

Dereck and Claire to meet and discuss this theme and lead.

Health- Carl Hickman/Claire Dawson

This theme is the least developed in the area although there is a lot of work happening locally. In light of the CRT links to health Claire will arrange a meeting with Gemma Cobby.

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G. Cobby

4.0 Meetings, themes and membership review

The group felt the themes were right for the area as these were linked into other priorities and of most concern to the area. The meetings were frequent enough

and membership seemed to be right at the moment. The group felt that two of the themes would be discussed at each meeting and the forward plan showed which meeting would deal with which theme. The themes would then be discussed at each meeting in some detail and those that did not have an interest in the theme need not attend. Gemma asked if Young people could be somehow embedded into the overarching plan, the group responded that young people are already included in the topics as each of them affects young people. They have tried to included them in recent events such as ‘ train learn and earn in the Dearne’



Revised
Over-Arching Dearne



Draft Forward Plan
of DA Meetings 2016-

C. Dawson

5.0 Updates, Positive News, Partnership Support Requests
Community Organisations / Groups

Big Local Thurnscoe – Derek Bramham (BLT Chair)

- **Thurnscoe Spring Show** – was a great success and they hope to make this an annual event
- **Beach party** – preparations are underway for the event on the Saturday 6th of August 11-4pm
- **The next BLT newsletter is due out in July if anyone would like something put in please contact :** (alison.vint@vabarnsley.org.uk)
- BLT have planted up the approaches to the village and will be working on the raised beds on Houghton Road on the 6th of June
- Incredible edible launch Monday 6th of June 4pm at Thurnscoe library
- Under 16s fishing competition taking place from 30th July registration at 11am.

Goldthorpe and Bolton Big Local – Claire gave brief update

- **Meetings** – Take place on the first Tuesday of each month, at 17.30pm at the Dearne ALC.
- **Housing Project** - is progressing well there are 4 apprentices already working on the project and BCB have agreed to fund an extra 2 apprentices and this is being matched by the Big Local from their training budget giving a total of 8 apprentices. It also featured in an article in the Guardian; which attracted 350 comments and has generated some positive local business interest; they were asked to do a presentation on the project for a Big Local Seminar in London.
- **CCTV** – cameras have been bought and will be located once the final details have been worked out.

Salvation Army- Alison Sykes

Alison received funding from the Dearne Development Fund and fare share have made a massive difference to the area. The job club is now run by 4 volunteers and is progressing really well. CD suggested linking in with Rory. Chris one of the

A.Sykes

landlords donated £100 worth of fruit trees so they have been planted in the garden

Dearne Playhouse - Cllr Noble

- Still waiting for the lease been signed off.

Goldthorpe Development Group – Cllr Noble

- **Monthly OAP Tea Dances** – These are going well and in accordance with the health theme Suzanne Storey will be attending the next one; and
- **Sunday Market** – still going well and planning the xmas market
- **Flower beds-** planting all of the flower beds on Leslie road and Corporative Street
- **Bounce into summer-** planning is underway and the event will be held on the 17th of August

Coalfield Regeneration Trust (CRT) – Gemma Cobby tel: 07977 512985

e-mail: gemma.cobby@coalfields-regen.org.uk

- **Micro-grants** – have gone really well and a full report will be finalised by the end of July.
- **Health-** Steve updated the group with regards CRT intentions on meeting the priority of health in the area. Things are going really fast but CRT will keep the group informed
- **Businesses-** as mentioned above great links with local businesses.

Area Council – Cllr Noble C Dawson

- Noted that all commissioned services are progressing well and the next round of the Dearne Development Fund was getting ready to be distributed

Phoenix Futures- Jennie Brittain

- The enterprise building has been rebranded to : The Factory- a place for change
- Many groups and services have now taken residence, including BMBC, NUM, Bewell Barnsley, happy kid’s nursery and continuing support for people working on their recovery.
- Rooms still for hire contact : Jenni.Brittain@phoenix-futures.org.uk

6.0 Any Other Business:
None

7.0 Date of Next Meeting - be on the 11th of July 2016 the themes for discussion will be housing and environment. Salvation Army Hall

8.0 Date of Future Meetings– To be held at 4pm in the Salvation Army Hall

11 July 2016	12 September 2016	7 November 2016
9 Jan 2017	13 March 2017	15 May 2017

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report appries 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 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 (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 13th of June. Four Ward alliance applications were considered and approved. Conditions were put in place for one of the applications. The flood storage is now in place and all groups gave an update.

4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance was held on the 9th June 2016. Four applications were considered and three were approved. The ward alliance had a discussion regarding the partners need to ensure that the dipping pond scheme can be taken forward in time for the summer.

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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25th July 2016

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Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	13th June 2016 – 10am
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Charlotte Johnson (acting Chair) Alan George (treasurer), Vicki Cumming (note taker), Alison Sykes, Suzanne Storey, Cllr May Noble, Graham Jarvis, Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team)	Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Terry Walton & Angie Kelly,

	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions (Apologies – as above)</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising that are not on the agenda</p> <p>Marie updated the situation on the container at Bolton on Dearne, after contact from Cllr Sixsmith the Area team made arrangements for payment by hand. Lidsters then confirmed delivery been the week after. Pleased to inform you it's now in place, the members had a short discussion regarding organising of the contents i.e. flood store, winter warm products, environmental equipment etc can now be sourced. The Area Team & Alan George agreed to be key holders as he lived directly across and can keep stock of what is taken out and put back etc. Alan asked if they wanted him to purchase a padlock paid through the working fund – all agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Noble stated that she had never made any agreements with Prospect Road with free rent for any group/organisation. Prospect Road have to be sustainable to keep the building costs running hence charging anyone who uses the room £11.00 per hour. The members agreed to hold the future meetings at Goldthorpe library until any other rooms could be sourced FOC.</p> <p>3. Financial update</p> <p>Alan George gave the breakdown of the finances to the members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working fund current balance £2845.88 2. Balance from Ward Alliance £11160.00 <p>Marie explained about the 50/50 split update on financial information that's been fed back from the Dearne Area Council this week, from April 2016 the funding criteria for the Dearne North Ward Alliance is as follows from the £10,000 allocated to each Ward - 50% of this funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities, whilst the other 50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, bins, gates etc.</p> <p>This basically means that when an application comes in if they are struggling to get match funding with volunteers then you can place it against the 50% non-match.</p>		

<u>Funding applications</u>		
<p>1. Dearne FC (Comrades) Tidy up of training area £650.00 – Marie spoke to Twigg to clarify exactly what reason they were unable to help the group with their problem, resulting in they didn't have the right equipment for such a large piece of land, Marie arranged a site visit with Gary to look at what needed to be done, photos were handed out with an explanation of the reason why the ground looked the way it did. Gary will take full responsibility with the volunteers from the group once the ground is cut and more manageable. Decision – (accepted) with the condition that further sustainability with this group needs to be sourced in the future.</p> <p>2. Swim sessions –170 family sessions £250.00 (costing £500 split 50/50 with DN) many of the members agreed that inclusion of all families in the area including working ones on the breadline would be advantageous, the WA members agreed that the Area Team sort out the ticket distribution keeping records from referrals to avoid duplication to some families. Decision (accepted)</p> <p>3. 8th Barnsley (Goldthorpe) Guides extra community uniform total cost of application requested was £805.00, after a short discussion it was agreed to contribute to the neckers £160.00 Cllr Noble stated that as the location on the Scouts building is in Dearne North could this be something that could be split – all agreed on splitting the cost if accepted with Dearne North Decision (part accepted £81.00 from DS)</p> <p>4. Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group: use of equipment for environmental across the Dearne South £3200.00 – the original application was adjusted and the lawnmower request was taken off (Vicky, Graham & Charlotte declare an interest and left the room whilst the remaining members discussed the application). It was agreed to fund the equipment as they all felt this was a brilliant and enthusiastic group that deserved support both financially and physically. Decision (accepted)</p>	<p>Letter to be sent with confirmation to Gary explaining conditions of approval.</p> <p>Posters/fliers will be created & sent out to relevant organisations</p> <p>Email to be sent out to Dearne North members asking for split</p>	<p>Marie</p> <p>Ann Toy – Dearne Area Team</p> <p>Marie</p>
<p>Balance remaining in the Ward Alliance funding = £6979.00</p>		
<p>4. Groups & any additional updates not on agenda</p>		
<p><u>Salvation Army</u></p>		
<p>Job club is running with plenty of volunteers with over 15 people attending regular to seek local employment. Alison has been to see Rory at DECV in which she felt was a fantastic meeting with lots of ideas and initiatives that Alison can now run herself with the help of the volunteers but may need help with funding of equipment if the numbers attending keep been this high.</p> <p>Alison is now a fully pledged qualified walk leader, so if anyone on the area wants some walkers training up, please speak to her. She has completed her first walk along down to the brick ponds, Bolton on Dearne with great success</p> <p>The food bank is still heavily used in the Dearne by over 100 families, fare share have been a big help as well as Asda, Tesco and some local businesses. The Dearne Allotment Group will be supplying surplus produce that's fresh, with Alison agreeing to pick them up for easier access. Alison also is in the process of setting up a Saturday morning food-bank for the working families who are on the breadline; this will encourage people in the area to use the salvation army on evenings and weekends.</p> <p>The cook & eat sessions will be held on 16th June for 6 weeks in total working with Be Well team, Dearne Allotment Group (who funded the project) to help families attending the Salvation Army and facing food/fuel poverty help learn how to cook on a budget using a microwave to help with energy efficiency. Alison is also keen to work on personal, oral & food hygiene. This initiative works within the remit of the Action Plan on quality of life. Everyone agreed this was a fantastic programme and would look to try and continue this in the future.</p> <p>Alison informed the members that an open day is planned with MP John Healy attending to showcase the new kitchen that they are having installed to help improve the café/cooking side. Lots of volunteers will be on board helping with the renovations over the next few weeks, so please pop in and help if you can.</p>		

Alison wanted to say a big thank you to the ward alliance for the help that she gets from them and it's a pleasure been a part of it.

Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group

Graham gave an update of all the events that the group have had with over 20-30 local residents helping out at each one, he wanted to say a big thankyou to Goldthorpe Development Group for leading a good example in the community and helped BODVAG reach their milestones every time, it's nice to see communities working together and that it was also lovely to see how the different generations all come together and get on with the street cleans, parks, paths, ginnels.

Be Well

Suzanne updated all the health initiatives in the area; they are currently working on cook & eat sessions, promoting healthier lifestyles with groups, individuals and local schools. Having sessions with the allotment and Salvation Army on helping the families with food & fuel poverty learn how to cook on a budget (microwave cooking), healthier lifestyles, hygiene food & personal, with a trip to the allotment to show them how the families can grow their own food for a fraction of the price in the supermarkets. It's all about raising the awareness of health & wellbeing in the Dearne.

St Andrews Square

Alan gave an update on the events; they are hoping to hold another Christmas event in which he will feed back at the next meeting.

5. Date for your diaries

3rd July Painting of the fence & benches at mansion fields, Bolton on Dearne 10am

31st July Yorkshire Event, Mansion Fields, Bolton on Dearne 11am – 4.30pm

17th August Bounce into Summer, Welfare grounds, Washington Road, Goldthorpe 12pm – 4pm

6. AOB

Twiggs Quarter 3 report was handed out for everyone to see the kind of work, a small discussion about the work in the area took place – everyone happy with the work Twiggs are completing.

7. Date & Time of next meeting

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Dearne North Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Thursday 9 th June 2016 – 1pm
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Annette Gollick, Derek Bramham (Big Local Thurnscoe), Alison Sykes (Salvation Army) Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team CDO), Charlotte Williams, (local resident), David Perry (local resident)	Cllr Pauline Phillips, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Stephen Hurd (local resident)

	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions</p> <p>In the absence of 2 elected members Derek Bramham agree to chair the meeting until a new Chair is elected next time.</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p>Charlotte asked if there had been any feedback from the NCS with projects in our area that had been submitted, Alison agreed as the Salvation Army had made enquiries too.</p> <p>Proposed: Alison Seconded: Cllr Gollick</p> <p>3. Financial update</p> <p>In the absence of a treasurer Marie explained about the 50/50 split update on financial information that's been fed back from the Dearne Area Council this week, starting from April 2016 the funding criteria for the Dearne North Ward Alliance is as follows from the £10,000 allocated to each Ward - 50% of this funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities, whilst the other 50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.</p> <p>This basically means that when an application comes in if they are struggling to get match funding with volunteers then you can place it against the 50% non-match.</p> <p>Applications submitted:</p> <p>Goldthorpe Scouts – litter pickers/clean up equipment £350.00, agreed that the scouts group application was good for getting everyone involved in cleaning up the area and also helping them to work with other groups in the area who are all actively helping towards the LWYL campaign. Result: (accepted)</p> <p>Swim sessions –170 family sessions £250.00 (costing £500 split 50/50 with DS) many of the members agreed that inclusion of all families in the area including working ones on the breadline would be advantageous, the WA members agreed that the Area Team sort out the ticket distribution keeping records from referrals to avoid duplication to some families. Result: (accepted)</p>	<p>Alliance to arrange a date to work with future litter picks</p> <p>Area Team to produce fliers/tickets and promotional work.</p>	<p>Alison will speak to scout leader.</p> <p>Ann Toy</p>

<p>Thurnscoe East Angling Club – Re-stock of fish, weed cleaner £1990.00 – Warren has been working alongside other groups in Thurnscoe to ensure that fishing around the reservoir is open to all families. Result: (accepted)</p> <p>Thurnscoe Amateur Dramatics – £3000.00 Due to an inspection from South Yorkshire Fire Service earlier this months they are requesting improvements to the inside safety of the building, fire doors, alarm systems etc. Reservations were met on this application due to the timing of the application, the running of the management and routine fire assessments inside the building. The society had mentioned to Derek that unless these were replaced SYF would have no option but to close down the facilities and the usage of the theatre, Derek said that the theatre is 100 years old and we should be looking at helping them to keep a historical piece of the community open. Action - Visit is required with Jean Carr for more information so the members could get a better understanding of what is needed and how we can help. Result: (deferred)</p> <p>Marie informed the group about the shortfall from the Thurnscoe Big Local funds to install a dipping pond platform at the small dipping pond area of Thurnscoe Reservoir at a cost of £4000 – it was agreed to pay £800 to Big Local Thurnscoe for the erection of a dipping pond platform to help the families, encourage smaller children to go pond dipping under supervision.</p>	<p>Meet with member of the Thurnscoe Amateur dramatic society</p> <p><u>Not required as DVLP has agreed to pay it.</u></p>	<p>Marie Sinclair</p>
<p>4. Updates from Community Groups</p> <p><u>Salvation Army</u></p> <p>Job club is running with plenty of volunteers with over 15 people attending regular to seek local employment. Alison has been to see Rory at DECV in which she felt was a fantastic meeting with lots of ideas and initiatives that Alison can now run herself with the help of the volunteers but may need help with funding of equipment if the numbers attending keep been this high.</p> <p>Alison is now a fully pledged qualified walk leader, so if anyone on the area wants some walkers training up, please speak to her. She has completed her first walk along down to the brick ponds, Bolton on Dearne with great success</p> <p>The food bank is still heavily used in the Dearne by over 100 families, fare share have been a big help as well as Asda, Tesco and some local businesses. The Dearne Allotment Group will be supplying surplus produce that's fresh, with Alison agreeing to pick them up for easier access. Alison also is in the process of setting up a Saturday morning food-bank for the working families who are on the breadline; this will encourage people in the area to use the salvation army on evenings and weekends.</p> <p>The cook & eat sessions will be held on 16th June for 6 weeks in total working with Be Well team, Dearne Allotment Group (who funded the project) to help families attending the Salvation Army and facing food/fuel poverty help learn how to cook on a budget using a microwave to help with energy efficiency. Alison is also keen to work on personal, oral & food hygiene. This initiative works within the remit of the Action Plan on quality of life. Everyone agreed this was a fantastic programme and would look to try and continue this in the future.</p> <p>Alison informed the members that an open day is planned with MP John Healy attending to showcase the new kitchen that they are having installed to help improve the café/cooking side. Lots of volunteers will be on board helping with the renovations over the next few weeks, so please pop in and help if you can.</p> <p>Alison wanted to say a big thank you to the ward alliance for the help that she gets from them and it's a pleasure been a part of it.</p> <p><u>Thurnscoe Park</u> –</p> <p>Pauline gave an update to Marie – They have just sent an order for shrubs for the park that will be paid for by the RHS. We are looking to do a project with the Robert Ogden school on a Wednesday after noon replenishing shrubs. A couple of people from the RHS want to be actively involved in this.</p> <p>Judging day is 6th July so Cllr Phillips stated she will be in the park loads when on return from her holidays to ensure the park is looking its best all summer.</p>	<p>Apply for future funds for equipment for further usage</p> <p>Open invites to be sent out to individuals on social media</p>	<p>Alison Sykes</p> <p>Area Team to share on FB</p>

<p>The fencing will be ordered shortly and as soon as we have the container in place we can arrange a volunteer day to erect the fence, the changing rooms are gone and they are taking away the concrete base as we speak so hopefully this will be landscaped when I get back but the surrounding area will want Twiggs to trim all around the trees in that area as they are full of allsorts</p> <p>On July 7th the History Group along with the British Legion have arranged a "battle of the Somme" day, both schools will be taking part.</p> <p>Reminder for Thurnscoe 'Beach party in the park' is the 6th august 2016 everyone is welcome to volunteer on or before the event, see Cllr Phillips for more information.</p> <p><u>Big Local Thurnscoe</u> –</p> <p>Derek updated the group with the Green space activities, planters on the high street, work with the reservoir and making everyone aware of the fishing competition that will be starting again in the summer holidays for children, to ensure that our younger generations get the chance to enjoy and learn a new sport.</p> <p>Work is underway to fund and install a dipping pond platform in the small reservoir, with the help from Marie (Dearne Area Team), Warren and his family (Thurnscoe Reservoir) and members of the Angling Club, Twiggs and local residents, the area has been cleaned and trimmed to allow this to happen.</p> <p>Incredible edible official launch was on Monday with a decent turnout, Twiggs dug over the ground on the raised beds adding compost where necessary they have completed the seed sowing on Houghton Road, Derek has planted some tomatoes/beans/peas for everyone to enjoy once they start to flourish.</p> <p><u>Station House</u> –</p> <p>Charlotte thanked everyone for turning up to the open house 60/70 people attended, thanked Twiggs for their wonderful work helping to clear the path & weeds around the Station House premises. The children are actively encouraged to be outdoors in this lovely weather, and are keen to walk around the fields to participate in bug hunts and nature walks. Charlotte added they would be really keen to support the dipping pond with regular activities in the spring and summer months.</p> <p>Reminder for the AGM is Tuesday 28th June 1.30pm – everyone welcome.</p> <p>James is the intern that is helping Charlotte with the social media, marketing and admin, he will be helping Charlotte to promote Station House as much as possible, to keep everyone in the area up to speed. Marie added to make sure all updates are fed to the Area Team to be added to the neighbourhood network and shared through their own team page.</p> <p>5. AOB</p> <p>Twiggs Quarter 3 report was handed out for everyone to see the kind of work, a small discussion about the work in the area took place – everyone happy with the work Twiggs are completing.</p> <p>Discussions around the Micro pub on Barnsley Road next to Company Shop, which is up for planning at the moment could this be a disaster, many of the members felt this would probably not be too much harm as its quite expensive more of a coffee/pub feel. Also Yorkshire Bank planning to be used as a Weatherspoon's, it was decided to wait and see panning before any more discussions.</p> <p>Marie asked the Alliance members to consider working with each other in a more supportive role, during activities that groups were working on i.e. – members were asked to help Derek (BLT) with the running of the children's fishing competition during the summer, David agreed to help as he enjoys fishing too!</p> <p>6. Dates for next meeting – Thursday 21st July, Thursday 18th August, Thursday 29th all 1pm at Goldthorpe Library.</p>	<p>Organize fishing competition</p>	<p>Derek to speak to David</p>
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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 25th July 2016**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.**

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab.16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Commitments to Date

4.1 In the 15/16 financial year the Dearne North Ward Alliance underspent by £69. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £10,069 to spend on Dearne North projects. During the first quarter the alliance have spent a total of £3,040 with £2,790 been matched funded against volunteer time. This leaves a total of £7,029 to spend on Dearne North projects.

In the 15/16 financial year the Dearne South Ward Alliance underspent by £1160. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £11,160 to spend on Dearne South projects. During the first quarter the alliance have spent a total of £4,551 with £4,301 been match funded against volunteer time. This leaves at total of £6,609 to spend on Dearne South projects.

- 4.2 The Area Council have agreed with the option to allocate finances from the Area Council budget to the Ward Alliance. It was agreed that the Area Council discuss this at a later date when monies have been spent out of this year's allocation.

Further point to note is that 50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture. All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

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