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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 19 March 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

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Minutes

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Dearne Approach

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To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

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Friday, 9 March 2018



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MINUTES

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

26 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

27 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 20th November, 2017 (Dac.22.01.2018/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council. Members noted that the Area Council Manager had arranged to meet the Locality Manager at DISC to discuss concerns.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 20th November, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

28 Performance Report (Dac.22.01.2018/3)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager by saying that all contractors were performing well, and there were no concerns overall.

It was noted that the Private Sector Housing service had not met its targets for working with groups and volunteers, however the officer had returned to their substantive post and a recruitment exercise had been undertaken. It was hoped that this target would be met in the following quarter.

With regards to the Environmental Enforcement service, it was noted that the number of notices issued overall had fallen, and this was a result of concentrating on dog fouling and littering as opposed to parking violations. Targeted dog fouling operations had been undertaken, but without significant results.

Members discussed the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance and it was noted that revised targets from April 2018 onwards had now been agreed. It was acknowledged that there were ongoing discussions, outside of contract managements meetings, to ensure the service continued to perform. Questions were raised in relation to the figures provided on 'Areas of Blight Targeted' and it was agreed that the Area Council Manager would follow this up with Twiggs.

The Area Council Manager went on to provide an update on the performance of projects funded through the Dearne Development Fund. It was noted that most of those originally commissioned had now concluded, but that the September meeting of the Dearne Development Fund Panel had recommended a number for repeat funding due to the impact they had made in the area.

The service provided by DIAL continued to be heavily subscribed. As this service had similarities with that provided through CAB, the Area Council Manager agreed to help consider whether stresses experienced by the DIAL service could be alleviated.

Members discussed the move to online only provision of information, and the impact this had on services such as DIAL and CAB. It was noted that support in the area is available from the Job Centre, DECV, Digital Champions, Berneslai Homes, and more. However, it was felt that the most vulnerable could be further impacted through online only provision. It was suggested that Members concerns be directed to Ann O'Flynn, Service Director Customer Services.

Goldthorpe Development Group had delivered their last contracted health event in December, which was very well subscribed. Over the lifetime of the contract there had been 1,098 attendance, and Capita had approached the group to organise an event which they offered to fund.

Members heard how the Allotment Group had performed well, and had now been granted £35,000 of funding over three years from the National Lottery.

The attention of Members was drawn to the reports from CAB and from DECV, the services being delivered by both were considered to be performing well, with the latter helping 6 residents into employment since November, 2017.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

29 Community Safety in the Dearne (Dac.22.01.2018/4)

Sergeant Gary Bramall was welcomed to the meeting. The information accurately presented in the circulated report was noted, and a brief update was provided.

Members heard how Operation Lima had been conducted in the previous reporting period Oct-Dec, which had led to increased visibility in the area and intelligence gathered. Much of this was acted upon in January, 2018. Most recently in Goldthorpe cannabis plants were seized and three arrests made.

RESOLVED that Sergeant Bramall be thanked for his contribution and the report be received.

30 Dearne Area Council Procurement and Financial Update (Dac.22.01.2018/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, reminding Members of the starting balance at the beginning of the financial year, which stood at just over £218,000. It was noted that approximately £217,000 of this had been allocated.

The unallocated finance, together with the finance returned from Fixed Penalty Notices and Parking Charge Notices left £4,321.96 remaining.

Assuming a starting balance of £200,000, and taking account of already committed funds, approximately £67,000 remained for use in 2018/19.

An update was provided on the Railway Embankment project, it was noted that updated drawings for the site had been received and forwarded to Network Rail.

£15,000 had been granted from Section 106 finance in order to provide benches and railings on site, and Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership had promised £20,000 for improved signage, bulbs, wildlife packs amongst other things. Members noted that abuse of the site had greatly decreased of late, with residents taking more responsibility for the area.

With regards to the Dearne Development Fund, from a starting budget of around £81,000, Members noted that £5,444.62 remained.

RESOLVED that the updates and financial position be noted.

31 Community Magazine (Dac.22.01.2018/6)

Members were reminded that they had previously approved the production and distribution of five editions of a Community Magazine for the area.

The documents themselves were funded through the sale of advertising space in the magazine, however the distribution had been funded by the Area Council.

Members discussed the magazine, with the consensus being that this worked well in the area. However, it was noted that deadlines for production could be tight, which could lead to errors.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the completion and circulation of the 5th edition of the community magazine be noted; and
- (ii) That a further two editions of the community magazine be produced and distributed throughout the area at a cost of £2,800.

32 Dearne Development Fund (Dac.22.01.2018/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the report, reminding Members of the allocations to the Dearne Development Fund made in previous years, and the successful outcomes due to the investment. It was felt that the scheme held to meet Area Council Priorities and provided value for money.

A suggestion was made that a further £65,000 be allocated to the Dearne Development Fund for the 2018/19 financial year.

Members noted that more recently the Fund had worked with appellants in order that match funding was maximised, other funders pursued, and sustainability considered.

Funding roadshows for voluntary and community groups were discussed, and it was noted that two were organised per year in the area.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That £65,000 be allocated to the Dearne Development Fund for the 2018/19 financial year to be allocated in grants of £1,000-15,000;
- (ii) That Dearne Development Fund be allocated using mechanisms previously agreed by the Area Council, with the Service Director, Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities authorised to approved grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 in consultation with the Dearne Development Fund Panel.

33 Live Well Barnsley (Dac.22.01.2018/8)

Keith Dodd, Project Manager – Universal Information and Advice, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members heard how Live Well Barnsley was an online resource with information of over 900 organisations providing wellbeing, care and support services.

The website was aimed at users to help themselves, but could also be used by council, voluntary and community sector, and NHS staff.

It was noted that 900 organisations were registered, but content would be continually added to. Entries were searchable by postcode and searches could be further refined.

The site was supported so information would be kept up to date, free to use and included a facility for leaving feedback.

A formal launch was currently being planned, and Members were asked to use, promote and give feedback on the service. It was agreed that if posters and leaflets were forwarded, these would be circulated by Members.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the update on Live Well Barnsley, and that promotional materials be forwarded when available.

34 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 13th November, 2017 (Dac.22.01.2018/9)

Members considered the notes from the meeting held on 13th November, 2017.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group be received.

35 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 13th November, 2017 and Ward Alliance Performance Reports (Dac.22.01.2018/10)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 30th November, 2017. The Ward Alliance had received a presentation on the review of library service, and an update from hOurbank. Feedback from the Sloppy Slippers event was very positive, and had led to contact with a number of isolated older people.

The meeting received performance reports relating to each ward and the funding allocated. Members commented on the significant impact the small budget had made. This included the CSCS scheme which had led to a number of people becoming employed, the Salvation Army Job Club which had engaged a number of people who had previously not been so, and the Prom Project, which was working with Dearne ALC, and the response for suits and gowns had been overwhelming.

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

36 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.22.01.2018/11)

A report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds was received. Dearne North ward had £4,743.43 remaining from a starting balance of £11,050.53. Dearne South had balance of £5,877.50 remaining from a total of £11,724.90 at the start of the year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 19th March 2018

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend during 2017/18 and 2018/19. The report also outlines the unallocated amount remaining for the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 This report also provides an update in relation to projects that were previously agreed at the Dearne Area Council.

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 2017/18.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of Area Council finances

3.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 3.1 Including the £18,140.96 carried over from the last financial year the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £218,140.96 In total they have spent £217,279 on Dearne commissions. This leaves £861.96 from the original allocation. To date the Area Council have also had an income of £3,460 from Kingdom enforcement taking the total unspent to £4,321.96

3.2 Financial update 2018/19

Assuming the Area Council as the same starting budget of £200,000 for the 2018/19 financial year and with unspent monies from 2017 they will have a starting budget of £204,321.96. As from April 2018 the Area Council have agreed to continue with the environmental enforcement, private sector housing and the environmental, education and volunteering services, they have also allocated £65,000 to the development fund in order to meet area priorities. The allocation to these services from Area Council finances during 2018/19 comes to a total of £205,138. It appears that there is an overspend of £816.04. However The area council have not yet had the fixed penalty notice income for Quarter 4, therefore the overspend will be alleviated.

4.0 **Progress of projects**

4.1 **Railway Embankment**

The group are awaiting works to start on the access route, this is obviously weather dependant. Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership have contributed £20,000 to the project. This will pay for an orchard and wildflower and reed planting, and all the signs throughout the embankment.

5.0 **The Dearne Development Fund**

5.1 The Area Council had a carry forward from 2016/17 of £11,827 and subsequently allocated £70,000 out of their 2017/18 finances in order to meet Dearne Area Council priorities. The first allocation of the Dearne Development Fund closed on the 14th of August 2017; panel members met and considered the projects on the 4th of September. The submissions received were from Dearne and District, Goldthorpe Development Group. CAB, Dial, Reds in the community, Fused imagination, Dearne Electronic Community Village, TADS, Dearne Playhouse and Big Local Thurnscoe.

5.2 In total there were ten applications that were applying for a total of £97,418.38 all of these were approved. The actual project costs came to £149,051.57 however matched funding has been sourced by the providers to make up the difference. The panel awarded a total of £76,382.38 leaving just £5,444.62 to allocate in the next round. Finally at the last Area Council on the 22nd of January members agreed to ear mark £65,000 to the Development fund in 2018/19.

Appendix one- financial update

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19th March 2018

Appendix One: Financial Update 19th March 2018

Area Council Spend	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/18	2018/19
	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000
	+£55,438	+£21,299	+£18,140.96	+£4,321.96
	£255,438	£221,299	£218,140.96	£204,321.96
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 18,465	-£ 27,898	-£27,898	-27,898
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 5,000	-£5,500	-£5,500	-5,500
Community Newsletter	-£1,211	-£2,198.04	-£2,800	-£2,800
Training for Employment	-£ 37,000			
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£62,300	- £12,000	-£36,081	-£28,940
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£ 75,000	- £43,736	-£75,000	-£75,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£ 62,646	-£95,000	-£70,000	-£65,000
Ward Alliance's		-£20,000		
Contribution towards Railway Embankment		-£10,000		
Total spend (actual)	£261,622	£216,332.04	£217,279	£205,138
Allocation remaining	-£6,184	+£4967.96	+£861.96	£ - 816.04
FPN income received	+£27,483	+£13,173	+3,460	
Final Allocation remaining	+£21,299	+£18,140.96	£4,321.96	£-816.04

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DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

**Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe:
15th January 2018**

Members Present: Derek Bramham (Chair), Claire Dawson, Alison Sykes , Andy Denham, Joanne Sharp, Dianne McQueen, Lorna Lewis, Amy Parker, Jackie Kenning, Chris Shaw, Amber Goddard, Stephen Abson, Jen Macphail

Apologies: Alison Vint, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Philips, Cllr Gollick, Suzanne Storey, Helen Jaggar, sarah Cartwright, April Fished

<p><u>Welcome and Introductions:</u>- A round of introductions took place and new members were welcomed to the group.</p> <p>Apologies: - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p><u>Notes of Meeting held 13th November 2017</u> <u>Matters Arising –</u></p> <p>CD stated that the move of JCP would not be until later on in the month as the rooms at Mexborough were not fit for purpose yet. A working group had been established in order to review the service offer once the JCP depart from the area. A template of the offer had been developed and would be circulated.</p>	

Discussion Items

Jen Macphail-winter deaths cold homes. JM spoke to the group about the research the teams had been doing in relation to winter deaths, she stated it was higher than the national average. JM spoke about what the team were doing in relation to digging down into the data. In particular working with energy companies, promoting discount for installation and a series of events regarding fuel poverty.

David Malsom – said he would come and update the group

BMBC Housing – Sarah cartwright provided a update for the group

Sarah sent her apologies for the meeting and an update:

- 1) General Vested Declaration Served at Beaver St 8th Jan so basically all ours and we are progressing for demolition at earliest opportunity. Tenders are back for Beaver Streets new build – the team are just working through costs. This is for 6x Bungalows delivered by Berneslai
- 2) David Malsom (Empty Homes) working with property owners adjacent re: grants to improve these properties and BH renovating their stock on that block too.
- 3) David M and Housing Growth working with Big Local to look at any small infill sites to facilitate their new build aspirations for EE homes
- 4) Seasons PH2 at Planning Jan 2018 – bid submitted to accelerate and address viability issues on PH3

Bernslai Homes- Dianne McQueen

All Bernslai homes meet the decent homes standard. The talk abouts are continuing although the service getting relatively low feedback from them. The team are promoting the bulky rubbish scheme for those that need it. The team have observed that when the gardens are untidy there are sometimes underlying issues, so support is the key.

CD reiterated that the bulky rubbish scheme was for BH and the private sector housing officer to promote this time round. There is only a small amount in the pot so the team want to make sure it goes to the most at need.

Jobs, skills and training

• Andrew Denham-Adult learning

The service are able to deliver any Math, IT or English courses in the area if people had a group that required this training. The team were not getting many referrals through.

The group then had a discussion about the fact that some people on benefits were still reluctant to apply for courses in the fear that it would impact on their benefits.

CD to invite to the May meeting

Health

- **Lorna Lewis- HealthWatch Report**

Healthwatch had only had once response from a GP in the area therefore they were going to use their 20day powers in order to get them to respond. Lorna will keep the group updated. Lorna also told the group that they were having a blind and partially sighted consultation on the 24th of Jan if anyone wanted to join the focus group

- **Jo Sharpe- District Nursing**

There have been staff shortages over the last few weeks due to sickness and leave, but things are getting back on track. The service is still very busy.

- **Amber Goddard- Social Prescribing**

Referrals for this area are coming through really fast they have made some good links and working with the nursing team. Amber has been working with the area team and are looking towards doing a loneliness and isolation project. They have a meeting with “befriend “in February.

Family Centre

The team are doing some 5-19 year olds engagement and a mapping exercise with regards provision in the area, the team do not want to duplicate what’s already available. The parenting programme that the family centre delivers is really well attended. Rose voucher scheme is also doing very well and the team are looking to write a programme to compliment it. The parents that attend the programme have expressed an interest in undertaking a cooking course.

Jen and Amy to make links

BeWellBarnsley- Suzanne Storey provided a update for the group

Dearne Area Council- Claire Dawson

All commissions are going well and have been extended until the end of March 2019. The team and area council want to focus on three areas this year, young people, isolation and mental health. The section drawings for the embankment have come back and were sent on to Network Rail on the 22nd of December. The group have also just got 15k for benches and railings. Plus an offer from Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership

Salvation Army

The volunteers gave out 130 hampers that were collected from the Army during Christmas week. The major supermarkets have been fantastic and still continue to donate to the Army. They have just recruited a great volunteer that is going to be running the job club every Friday. The bike project as now got an additional 12 weeks funding. The ladies from rose vouchers get people to sign up at the Army and this has been successful. They hope to be working with the area

Jen&Amy

team and Big Local on a talking bench project. This will be where members of the team are located at different benches around the village for anyone that just wants to come and have a chat. The prom project is also progressing well with many items that have been donated. The dresses are now going to be based down at the ALC.

Big local Thurnscoe

The under the tracks project is now complete. The guy that did the graffiti etc did a fantastic job and the mosaic is up now. The housing project is nearly complete and they should go up for sale at the end of January. The group are waiting for BMBC to complete the play area. They are continuing with the raised beds and hanging baskets for the high street. However this year they are going to use the allotment to establish the flowers.

- April 15th 12-4 pm they will be having a dinosaur event.
- The beach party is on the 4th Of August
- Halloween event on the 27th of October
- They will also have a light switch on at Christmas

Goldthorpe Development Group- May Noble

The health events continue to be really successful and the Christmas market and kids events went really well too. The xmas trees on the high street looked great with the group assisted with.

Coalfields- Stephen Abson

Richard will be leaving the organisation in February and Coalfields will be recruiting to that post. The properties at the side of the playhouse will be advertise shortly and should be ready by May.

Cllr Noble said that one of the residents had complained about parking in that area. Stephen stated that they had received the same complaint and the service were looking into the issue trying to get a resolution for all parties. The group also had a discussion regarding loan sharks in the area. The group said it had been an issue for a while. CRT were looking into this issue nationally.

Any Other Business:

All meetings are now in the diary for the upcoming year at the earlier time of 3.30pm

Date of Next Meeting –

12th March 2018

Date of Future Meetings have all been put in the calendar– To be held at 3.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 19th March 2018**

**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 (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

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 Spend to date

4.1 As of April 2017 the North Ward Alliance had a total allocation of £1,050.53 to carry over into the 2017/18 financial year. The starting balance for the 2017/18 financial year is £10,000 bringing the allocation to spend on Dearne North projects to £11,050.53.

So far in the 2017/18 financial year the Dearne North budget have paid for twelve projects, costing £10,186.04 This brings the total allocation remaining to £864.49 nine of these projects were matched funded.

4.2 As of April 2017 the South Ward Alliance had a total allocation of £1,724.90 to carry over into the 2017/18 financial year. The starting balance for the 2017/18 financial year is £10,000 bringing the allocation to £11,724.90.

So far in the 2017/18 financial year the Dearne South budget as paid for ten projects, costing £9,345.74. This brings the total allocation remaining to be spent on Dearne South priorities to £2,379.16. Seven of these applications were matched funded.

5.0 Appendices

Appendix One : Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend

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2017/18 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2017/18 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund were combined and added to the 2017/18 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

DEARNE NORTH WARD ALLIANCE budget as of march 2018

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£1,050.53 carried forward from 2016/17

£11,050.53 total available funding

Match funded allocations

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Probation painting project, Thurnscoe	£759.80	£10,290.73
Dearne memorial group	£120	£10,170.73
Thurnscoe East angling Club	£500	£9,670.73
Bulky rubbish	£1,000	£8,670.73
Gooseacre	£1,527.30	£7,143.43
Winter warmer	£750.00	£6,393.43
Sloppy slippers	£1,500	£4,893.43
Royal British Legion	£150	£4,743.43
Prom Project	£970.92	£3,772.51
Station House	£829.60	£2,942.91
Goldthorpe Primary School	£1,250	£1,692.91
Dearne Environmental Projects/GBCU	£828.42 (excluding shovels to be added once priced)	£864.49

Total spend = £ 10,186.04

Match funded 9 applications = £ 6,926.24

DEARNE SOUTH WARD ALLIANCE budget as of March 2018

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
£1,724.90 carried forward from 2016/17
£11,724.90 total available funding

Match funded allocations

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Panda youth activities	£760.00	£10,964.90
BODVAG	£937.40	£10,027.50
Bulky Rubbish	£1,000	£9,027.50
Winter warmer	£750	£8,277.50
Sloppy slippers	£1,500	£6,777.50
Bins	£900	£5,877.50
Prom Project	£970.92	£4,906.58
Friends of Heather park Court	£449	£4,457.58
Goldthorpe Primary School	£1,250	£3,207.58
Dearne Environmental Projects/GBCU	£828.42 (excluding shovels to be added once priced)	£2,379.16

Total spend= £ 9,345.74

Match funded 7 applications = £5,945.74

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes and Performance

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report apprises 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 Ward Alliance 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 (Cab.16.1.2013/10.3), 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 Meeting

4.1 Twiggs attended the meeting and discussed their schedule and upcoming projects. The alliance also discussed the Great British clean up and how they planned to deliver projects in the area. Eight applications were tabled and discussed and two of the applicants were asked to present at the next meeting in March.

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One: 1st February 2018 Dearne 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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Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	(Joint) Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	1 st February 2018 12:30
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Cllr Anette Gollick ,Cllr Pauline Phillips ,Donna Gregory , Graham Jarvis, Vicky Cuming, Derek Bramham, Tina Brooke, Terry Walton, John Twigg, Adam and Charlotte Williams.	Cllr May Noble, Alan George, Suzanne Storey, Alison Sykes , Dave Perry.

	Action/ Decision	Action lead
<p>Welcomes & introductions took place.</p> <p>1. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p>Marie confirmed £600 had been spent on the bulky rubbish so far.</p> <p>Marie talked about the ward alliance celebration event and will send out the report that has been compiled.</p> <p>The sloppy slippers events went very well we did the sessions and we had a very good response, case study will be presented on the performance report end of March.</p> <p>2. Twiggs update</p> <p>John from Twiggs came to the ward alliance to give an update on their work programme, Adam is the now the Dearne's main contact for day to day help if you want to take part in litter picks Twiggs will assist you, they also have hotspot targeted areas which are fed through the area team.</p> <p>The next Dearne Environmental Steering Group meeting is Monday 5th Feb, the Monday 5th March, it's important that people attend these meetings to ensure continuity of the clean ups and how they feed to internal & external organisations as a whole. John then gave a list of opportunities and clean ups that everyone could help with.</p> <p>3. Great British Clean up</p> <p>The Great British Clean-up is Friday 2nd March – Sunday 4th March with schools & groups taking part, Marie will send out links for everyone who would like to take part. Station House, Salvation Army, Thurnscoe Park & Bernslai Homes, Gooseacre, The Hill & Goldthorpe Primary Schools have all signed up for it so far.</p> <p>4. Finance Update</p> <p>Dearne North balance - £4743.43 Working Fund - £718.70 Dearne South balance - £5877.50 Working Fund – £264.94</p>	<p>Report to be emailed to all WA members.</p> <p>Performance Report to be devised & circulated in April</p> <p>Reminders of meetings to be sent week before</p> <p>List of events to be published on social media platforms</p>	<p>Marie Sinclair</p> <p>Marie Sinclair</p> <p>Ann Toy</p> <p>Marie Sinclair</p>

5. Ward Alliance Applications		
<p>Goldthorpe Primary £2500 (split 50/50) Countryside classroom project, extra curriculum which allows disadvantaged children to access nature and environmental programmes through after school & lunchtime activities. Funding required extending the farm element of the school to build better facilities for the animals and a cleaner environment; this will also enable external people, residents, community groups and other schools to visit the farm for educational visits. Short discussion with regards to the site itself and building costs, the members asked Marie to clarify before agreement could be made. <i>After the meeting an email was received from Chris giving all the relevant information and all WA members then agreed to fund.</i></p>		
<p>Prom Project £1941.84 (split 50/50) To enable the young people from the Dearne Area to attend the year 11 prom in outfits that are easily affordable and donated by members of the public from the Dearne & surrounding areas. The funding requested is for cleaning of the dresses/suits & storage & covers for the rails, also gift bags of makeup and accessories to enable every child attending the prom to have the relevant products to attend like everyone else. <i>All agreed to fund</i></p>		
<p>Ward Alliance environmental equipment tools bank (GBCU merchandise) £1656.84 (split 50/50) Funding was requested to enable the Ward Alliance to have the relevant clean up equipment for easy access; which will enable the area team to provide the equipment to schools & community groups and local residents/individuals not only to take part in the Great British Clean up but community litter picks, leading the way for others to become community champion and promote the 'Love your street' initiative and other environmental projects in the Dearne. <i>All agreed to fund</i></p>		
<p>Station house £829.60 (Dearne North) Funding required for replacement of the stairs & office carpets, match funding of £2000 had already been secured. A short discussion took place on the issue of paying for a carpet however on the application it had stated that other external agencies also use the premises for hot desking, apprentices also use the area for their college & administration work. <i>All agreed to fund</i></p>		
<p>Friends of Heather Court £449 (Dearne South) To enable this newly formed group with Heather Court flats the opportunity to run a cinema night for their residents within the complex. The funding is to purchase a TV with DVD player to enable films to be played every week helping to get the residents all together and active on a Saturday night. <i>All agree to fund</i></p>		
<p>Crafty sew and sews £3000 (Dearne South) Funding requested for room hire to assist in sustainability for the Renaissance Centre and keeping it open to the public, also funds for a tutor and part payment for a coach for educational trip to see other craft fairs. Application was declined – reason that room hire and tutor costs should be up to the group and their subscriptions to try and raise monies to assist in this. Marie advised the Alliance that she would help the group look for funding elsewhere and help Margaret in her bid to Barnsley Bonds.</p>	<p>Assist group with further funding pots. Signpost to SYFAB</p>	<p>Marie Sinclair</p>
<p>Friends of Broadwater £758.80 (Dearne South) Application submitted for the purchasing of environmental equipment & insurance to run their own group clean ups. As the Ward Alliance has just agreed to purchase their own; this application was declined. Marie to approach Monika from FOB to enable them to borrow them. The insurance needs to be looked at as this is a regular problem with all the groups in the borough.</p>	<p>Check to see insurance for group & individual clean ups</p>	<p>Marie Sinclair</p>
<p>Independent Domestic abuse Services £800 (split 50/50) This application is for 40 packs (20 each ward), the money is to enable the packs to be put together. The Alliance completed the tools checklist and all commented they wish to be presented with the information from IDAS so a better understanding can be had on the group and the products they wish to give away.</p>	<p>Invite to next meeting</p>	<p>Marie Sinclair</p>

6. Group updates

Thurnscoe park

Not much to report from Pauline as with holidays and the weather only activity has been regular clean ups on Wednesdays.

Big Local Thurnscoe

The opening of the under pass took place with local MP and all schools cutting the ribbon everyone using the walkway have commented on what a lovely idea and it definitely brightens up the place.

The houses are well underway with the internal works near completion, Big Local are meeting the trustees at BCB in February.

Incredible edible will now only be inside Houghton Road as the group decided it's too much maintenance for small groups of volunteers each day to look after.

The original spring show, will now be taking a different theme, this year will be dinosaur day, more to be confirmed nearer to the day.

Station house

The Christmas party was very successful.

Charlotte commented how she is fully aware of the effect the universal credit is having on the families in Thurnscoe, she has had intervention from the salvation army who are repeating the working family foodbanks on a Saturday.

7. Dates for your diary

- Great British Clean up (various clean ups around the Dearne) from Friday 2nd March – Sunday 4th
- DESG 5th February 10am & Monday 5th March Goldthorpe Library
- Railway Embankment Clean up 20th February 10am
- Big Local Thurnscoe mtg 22nd February 5pm Thurnscoe Library
- Big Local GBH 13th February time TBC

8. Any other business

None

9. Time & Dates of next meeting

15th March at 12.30pm

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