

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 16 July 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th May 2018 (*Pages 3 - 6*)

Items for Information

- 3 Safer Neighbourhoods Service Presentation - Paul Brannan and Inspector Andy Norton
- 4 Fresh Street Project Update - Clare Relton, Sheffield University
- 5 Youth Participation Worker - recruitment update (*Pages 7 - 8*)
- 6 Social Isolation and Cold Homes Prevention (*Pages 9 - 14*)

Items for Discussion

- 7 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update (*Pages 15 - 18*)

Ward Alliances

- 8 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (*Pages 19 - 24*)
- 9 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (*Pages 25 - 44*)
Darton East – held on 8th May and 12th June 2018
Darton West – held on 23rd May and 11th June 2018
Old Town – held on 16th May and 6th June 2018
St Helen's – held on 12th April and 24th May 2018.

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess, Cave, Charlesworth, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Rosie Adams, North Area Council Manager
Kate Faulkes, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
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Friday, 6 July 2018

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MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 May 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Lofts, Miller, Spence and Tattersall

47 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

48 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 19th March 2018

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 19th March 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

49 Youth Participation Worker - recruitment update

The Area Council Manager introduced this report and provided the Area Council with an update on the youth participation support worker post.

It was explained that two part time (18 hours) workers at Grade 4 would be preferable to 1 x Grade 6 post, as this would enable more flexible working. The postholders would be based in Wombwell but would spend as much time as possible in the North Area, enhancing existing links with schools, the voluntary and community sector and ward alliances and also incorporating work with Area Councils and encouraging participation in social action activities.

The two posts will be advertised on Friday with a two week turnaround. Members were informed that the current Borough wide offer was very limited due to recent budget cuts and that the North Area would be in an enviable position as they would have dedicated officers on the ground. Members were asked to identify possible opportunities in their area. Once the vacancies are filled, Members will be given contact details to help them to work constructively with young people. They will be invited to meetings to make links but will not be attending every meeting as it is important that they spend as much time as possible working on the ground.

RESOLVED that Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment to the post(s) of Young People's Participation Worker.

50 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

The report gave a snapshot of each of the current project, which are varied and diverse and include CAB & DIAL, Clean and Green and Environmental Enforcement (which has now come to an end). A discussion took place regarding the valuable work of the Housing Migration Officer, who has already resolved a number of longstanding problems.

A Member queried liaison arrangements and what would happen if someone moved from one area to another. It was explained that information is shared and checks made across both the Police and council tax systems to trace individuals.

Members discussed the difficulty in getting volunteers to work with Clean and Green during the week and in sparsely populated areas. Some Members felt that there is a mismatch between volunteer availability and Twiggs' work schedules. It was highlighted that Twiggs need to be involved when more specialised support is needed – it was never intended that they carried out ongoing maintenance work.

RESOLVED that

- i. The North Area note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.
- ii. The North Area Council note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.
- iii. Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker.
- iv. Members note the update on the Social Inclusion and Fuel Poverty Reduction project proposal.
- v. Members note the current financial position.
- vi. Members note that forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.

51 Social Isolation and Cold Homes Prevention - Specification for approval

The Area Council Manager provided the Area Council with confirmation that Barnsley Council have submitted a bid for the Warm Homes Fund Round Two and made Members aware that this will provide the North Area with an opportunity to develop a reducing social isolation project with a housing and energy focus piloted in the North Area. The Darton East Ward has a large population of older people and a higher than average excess winter death index (the second highest in the Borough). The project will be advertised on Yortender shortly.

RESOLVED that

Members agreed to increase the budget for the project to £85,000 if 'soft' market testing indicates that this is appropriate and necessary.

52 Performance Management Report - Commissioned Projects and Grant Summary

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a comprehensive North Area Council Performance report for the period January to March 2018 (2017/18 Quarter 4), giving an aggregate picture of how all the North Area Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives.

Members were also provided with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services, together with RAG ratings and updated information from all North Area Council Providers. Full performance reports for each project are available on request.

Members were informed that the Kingdom security contract has now come to an end. It was reported that equipment had now been returned to the Community Safety Service and all vehicles returned to the leasing company. The CAB/Dial project has helped to manage £116,776 of debts for clients in this quarter and has generated an estimated £650,291 in benefit gains.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report.

53 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

Members were provided with an update report regarding the North Area Council's financial position and the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2018/19 financial year, including carried forward amounts from the 2017/18 allocation and any devolved budgets from the Area Council where available. Many of the current projects are seasonal-related, such as hanging baskets and bedding plants.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

54 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 13th March and 10th April 2018; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 5th March and 9th April; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 7th March and 11th April; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 18th January and 15th March 2018.

Darton East – as printed.

Darton West – as printed.

Old Town – as printed

St Helen's – as printed. Simon Dobby, Head of Health and Safety and Emergency Planning attended the meeting in January to discuss flooding.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair

Item 5

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
16th July 2018

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Youth Participation Support Worker – Recruitment Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with an update on the youth participation support worker post.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **Members should note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker.**

3. Background

- 3.0 At the September 2017 meeting the Area Council requested that the Area Council Manager and Senior Link Officer look into the feasibility of the North Area recruiting a Youth Participation Worker which would help to increase links with the local schools and increase the participation and social action involvement of young people across the area.
- 3.1 At the November 2017 meeting the North Area Council agreed to the recruitment of a Support Worker for young people at grade 4 FTE, however based on further discussions with the Early Intervention Service they have recommended that to fulfil the requirement of the Area Council the post would need additional skills. It is advised to devise a new role profile for a part time post at Grade 5/6. This would not require an increase in funding allocation but will require a longer lead in time.
- 3.2 This development process required the cooperation and support of HR colleagues because the proposed post would need to go to a panel for approval before a request to recruit is authorised. The Area Council was advised that if this new post is not permitted then it may be necessary to revert back to the grade 4 proposal.
- 3.3 Following further conversations with HR job design officers and the Youth Voice and Participation Operation Manager it was explained that if we pursued a new role profile at grade 5/6 this would cause issues of inconsistency for the existing service and could possibly result in conflict for appointed workers.

- 3.4 It was recommended that the Participation Worker for the North Area should take the form of two part time (18hr) grade 4 support workers. This could be achieved with in the funding agreed but increase the flexibility of the service offer whilst ensuring the safety of the workers who could double up for out of hours work.
- 3.5 This information was shared with the Area Chair and the Senior Link officer and subsequently a delegated report was prepared based upon the recommendation in 3.4, the unions were consulted and the delegated report was submitted to Organisational management.
- 3.6 On the 23rd April the Area Manager received notification that the creation of the posts had been approved and the organisational structure chart for Youth Voice and Participation Service has been amended.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. The posts were advertised between the 11th May and the 25th May. There were eight applicants, 5 of whom were invited to interview. 4 of the applicants attended the interview following which two were identified as preferred candidates.

5. New steps

- 5.1. At the time of writing the process of collating references and running DBS checks is underway. If all of the above are satisfactory then the applicants will be offered start date.
- 5.2. It is hoped that the officers will commence duties late July / early August and will be inducted and begin to familiarise themselves with the area before schools are back in September.
- 5.3. The officer will require some support from Ward Councillors and the Area Team to establish themselves in the area and enable them to link in with community based volunteering activities.

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Item 6

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
16th July 2018

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Preventing Excess Winter Deaths and Reducing Loneliness and Isolation Pilot for The North Area

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is intended to update North Area Council Members aware of the current position of development, procurement and implementation of the commissioned service that is intended to address loneliness and isolation and prevent excess winter deaths in the North Area.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **Members to note that procurement progress to date.**

3. Background

- 3.0 In autumn 2017 representatives from BMBC Housing and Energy Team approached the North Area Manager to provide a briefing on the planned Energy Efficiency Works and other affordable warmth initiatives. The team also provided an update on recent excess winter death and fuel poverty statistics.
- 3.1 It became clear that the Darton East Ward has a higher than average excess winter death index for the borough.
- 3.2 The trend in excess winter deaths for both Darton East Ward and Darton West Ward has increased steadily since 2006.
- 3.3 The Housing and Energy Team identified that Woolley Colliery Village would benefit from the installation of first time central heating systems available for private homes made feasible by the monies secured from round one of the National Grid Warm Homes Fund.
- 3.4 The proposal suggested in this report would be complementary to the Energy Efficiency Works in Woolley Colliery Village. The North Area Council in principle agreed to fund low cost added value works for Woolley Colliery Village properties at the November 2017 meeting. Housing and Energy colleagues will also be bidding for round three which will be for vulnerable and low income tenants which would again benefit some Woolley Colliery residents.
- 3.5 Following the update that an Older Peoples Participation Worker for older people would not align with existing BMBC service provision at the November 2017 meeting. The Area Council requested a workshop to explore an Older People's Reducing Social Isolation and Preventing Winter Deaths project.

- 3.6 The Area Chair and Area Manager attended a meeting on the 29th November 2017 with colleagues from Housing and Energy and Public Health to explore the opportunity of a strategic piece of work that would splice with the work we are considering for the North Area with the preventing excess winter deaths work. It was a very positive meeting with the opportunity to do some joined up delivery and pilot a new approach in the North Area.
- 3.7 Shortly after meeting mentioned in point 3.6, the Group Leader for Housing and Energy provided an update that the National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions have opened their second bidding window for the Warm Homes Fund and that the Council proposes to bid for category two funding which is to enable 'specific energy efficient / health related solutions – bringing together relevant organisations and charities'. Housing and Energy Colleagues have teamed with Public Health officers to develop a core offer with borough wide partners and linked closely to the Independent Living Review. This would complement the community based provision that the North Area are considering funding to reduce loneliness and isolation which would service the North Area only. It is proposed that this service would include home assessments as part of the service.
- 3.8 An email update regarding points 3.6 and 3.7 was circulated to the North Area Council Members on the 20th December 2017.
- 3.9 BMBC were successful in the Warm Homes Fund Expressions of Interest stage of the bidding and were invited to submit a formal bid. This is completed in time for the 9th February deadline, led by Housing and Energy colleagues.
- 3.10 At the Area Council meeting held on the 22nd January it was agreed in principle to fund a Loneliness and Isolation project for the North Area with a housing and energy focus. The project would cost at least £75,000 per annum. An investment of 3 years is recommended. This would fund two social inclusion officers who would have to receive specialist training to offer home energy assessments and advice.
- 3.11 The Area Manager recommends that this work should include building a network of trained volunteers with knowledge of how to identify and address fuel poverty. This will ensure that there is active community capacity building within the community that will lead to increased resilience and leave a positive legacy once the project concludes.
- 3.12 A prospective project funded by Warm Homes presents an opportunity to develop a universal offer for the borough that will help to address need regarding housing and energy. It is hope that the North Area can develop an offer that will offer a complimentary service.

4. Developing a service for North Area

- 4.1. On 10th April 2018 representatives of the North Area Council met for a workshop to receive information from service specialists from Business Intelligence, Housing and Energy and Public Health.

- 4.2. Information received included demographics, health and causes of mortality, deprivation, fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. The group also considered the factors contributing to fuel poverty, cold homes and the groups most at risk of fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and social isolation.
- 4.3. The group also considered the provision that already exists to help address the issues listed above and officers talked through examples of national best practise.
- 4.4. As the discussions concluded the group agreed on the following points in section 5 that would help to define the specification.

5. Workshop (10th April) Conclusions:

Beneficiaries

There was a discussion about whether this project should be specifically for older people or available to everyone. The workshop participants agreed that this should be a universal service; befitting people experience fuel poverty as well as those at risk of excess winter deaths (under 5s and over 65).

Aims and Objectives

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Reduce fuel poverty
- Reduce the number of times a person has to tell their story in order to benefit from support services
- Identification of personal needs and home environment needs so that both can be addressed holistically
- Provide solutions to improve the living conditions of local people
- Increase the knowledge and understanding of the local community regarding energy. This early intervention and prevention model will encourage community resilience through empowering residents and communities to address fuel poverty by tackling the root causes such as income maximisation, energy efficiency improvements and seeking out cheaper tariffs.

Suggested Outcomes

- Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the community
- Isolated and vulnerable people having a much greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and Barnsley
- Highlight the health and wellbeing of individuals as a 'whole community issue'.
- Inclusion and support of Volunteers in the delivery providing opportunities to use their skills, knowledge and expertise to help others to live independently
- Reduction in the number of households that have poor insulation, inadequate heating systems, are a poor energy deal
- Increase in local knowledge about energy efficiency solutions

Project Outputs (not exhaustive)

- No. Individual Needs Assessments
- Increase in No. of isolated people accessing local amenities and community provision
- No. of new community groups established
- No. Home Energy Assessments completed
- No. of homes benefiting from warm homes discount
- Savings derived as a result of energy switching
- No. Community Energy Champions Recruited and Trained
- Number of households switching to a better value energy deal.

Resourcing / Area Council Input

- Contract Length (3 year commitment aiming to achieve medium term outcomes)
- Contract Value (£75k per annum has been agreed at Area Council)
- **In May 2018 the Area Council approved the recommendation to increase the maximum £85K per annum)**
- Price / Quality Split for procurement evaluation purposes – 20/80

6. Procurement and Implementation

6.1. The timelines for procurement are as follows:

EVENT	DATE
Publication of Tender	01/06/18
Deadline for Clarifications – through YORTender only	04/07/2018
Submission Deadline	11/07/2018 – 12:00 Noon
Evaluation of Tenders	11/07/2018 – 30/07/2018
Provider Presentations	25/07/18 and 26/07/18
Notification of Intent to Award (Start of Standstill period)	30/07/18 – 09/08/18
Contract Award – Issue of contract for signature	10/08/18
Start Date	01/09/18

6.2. The procurement panel includes the following representatives and will be supported by strategic procurement:

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Role</u>
Cllr David Leech	Area Chair
Jen McPhail	Senior Health Improvement Officer, Housing and Energy
Kate Ripley	Health and Wellbeing Officer, Social Isolation
Rosie Adams	North Area Manager

7. Next Steps

7.1. Following the submission deadline the procurement panel will be required to score the submissions and conduct the interviews.

7.2. An outcome update will be circulated following the standstill period.

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Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
16th July 2018

Agenda Item: 7

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Procurement Update, Financial Position and Forecast

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **The North Area Council should note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.**
- 2.3. **Members should note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker. (This is covered in more detail in Item 5)**
- 2.4. **Members should note the update on the Social Inclusion and Fuel Poverty Reduction project proposal. (This is covered in more detail in Item 6)**
- 2.5. **Members should note the current financial position.**
- 2.6. **Members should note that forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

The decision was taken to retender the opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 14th September 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met.

- 3.1 The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14th September 2015. This was a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £150,000 per annum. The initial contract has now concluded.

The decision was taken to advertise an enhanced tender opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £85,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met.

- 3.2 Environmental Enforcement contract commenced in April 2016. This was a one year (+ one year + one year) contract, with financial implications of up to £146,000 per annum. The decision was taken at the September 2017 meeting NOT to utilise the final year of the contract extension. This will mean that the contract concluded on 31st March 2018.

At the time of writing I am awaiting the final figure for recycled income from 2017/18.

- 3.3 Housing Migration Officer Private Sector Housing Officer – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would offer a Housing Migration Officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The successful candidate started on the 22nd January 2018. In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

It is proposed that the officer attend the September meeting to update on challenges and outcomes achieved in the first six months. The Area Council will need to decide if the post is to continue from April 2019 at the September meeting.

- 3.4 Opportunities for Young People – At the September 2017 meeting the Area Council requested that the Area Council Manager and Senior Link Officer look into the feasibility of the North Area recruiting a Youth Participation Worker which would help to increase links with the local schools and increase the participation and social action involvement of young people across the area. At the November 2017 meeting the North Area Council agreed to the recruitment of a Support Worker for young people at grade 4 FTE. An alternative option was considered following advice from HR and the Youth Voice and Participation Team Operational Manager it was recommended that two part time officers working 18hr each would provide greater flexibility and resilience. The recruitment has required structural changes to the Targeted Youth Support Service's structure, union consultation and approval of a delegated report.

At the time of writing the post has been advertised and 4 candidates interviewed. The Area Manager is awaiting references and DBS checks prior to agreeing a start date with the preferred candidates.

The funding will need to include staff salaries and on-costs plus a mobile phone and laptop each. A working budget of £5,000 has also been agreed.

- 3.5 Health and Wellbeing – At the November 2017 meeting The North Area Council agreed to consider a Social Inclusion Project with a Prevention of Winter Deaths focus. This would complement the work of Housing and Energy Colleagues who are looking at developing a Housing and Energy Advice Hub

with housing energy advice. Aligning a 3 year pilot in North Area would be a fantastic opportunity to combine resources and realise positive outcomes for residents in the North Area. A workshop took place on the 10th of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14th May meeting.

At the time of writing the tender is live and there has been considerable interest in the opportunity from a range of providers. This contract is valued at £75,000 rising to £85,000 for two years, with the option to extend a third year.

- 3.6 Stronger Communities Grant – The total funding available for 2018/19 is £80,000. A total of 7 applications were received. The grant is oversubscribed by in excess of £44,000. At the Grant Panel on the 15th March 5 projects were recommended for approval delivering a broad range of services up until March 2019.
- 3.7 Community Magazine – The Area Council fund the distribution costs of the North Area Magazine. This is a twice yearly distribution costing approximately £2,500 per issue. At the time of writing the Area Manager is awaiting a production timescales for the Summer/Autumn 2018 issue.

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the September 2017 meeting The Area Council took the decision to reconfigure its annual financial commitment to ensure that the annual spend is in-line with the budget allocation. It was agreed to cease the Environmental Enforcement Service and proposed to introduce a Participation Worker for Young People.
- 4.2. There was an **underspend of approximately £167,186 for 2017/18 (this includes underspend from previous years). However the in-year balance exceeds the annual budget by £85,000.**
- 4.3. This is a significant excess caused by the decisions to stop the Positive Progressions project £55,000, the delay in recruiting to the Private Sector Housing Support Officer role, the unallocated Grant funding £20,797.50 and recycled FPN income of £42,143 for 2016/17 now received.
- 4.4. The decision to terminate the Environmental Enforcement contract from March 2018 provided an opportunity to develop the social isolation project.

4.5. Outlined annual commitments from April 2018:

Contract	Annual Value
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£80,000
Magazine Delivery	£6,000
Support Worker - Youth Participation Grade 4 – two officers working 18hours (+laptop and phone) (+participation budget)	£26,000 & £5,000
In Development (<i>Social Isolation Project Healthy Homes</i>)	£75,000 (may require an increase following soft market testing)
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances	£40,000
TOTAL	£447,000

5. Risks

- 5.1. Members please note that the Area Council has benefited from £112,294.00 in recycled FPN income since 2014. This ceased in March 2018 following the decision to decommission the service.
- 5.2. Members please note that the financial position of the Area Council has altered significantly and there is a substantial sum currently unallocated from 2017-18.
- 5.3. The proposed budget would take the Area Council £47,000 over budget pa for the next 3 years. However taking into account the current under spend or £167,183, the investment profiled in 4.5 would be feasible for the next three years and still leave approximately £25,000 unallocated.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1. Ensure that the Area Manager is alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations can be made at the earliest opportunity.

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Item 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
16th July 2018

Agenda Item: 8

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

2. Recommendation

That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2017/18, in line with the guidance on spend.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2017/18.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocate to projects where there is match funding.
- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 2017/18 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2017/18 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.
- 4.2 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.
- 4.3 Budget allocations for 2018/19

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2016/17	Devolved from Area Council	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,785	£10,000	£22,785
Darton West	£10,000	£4,060	£10,000	£24,060
Old Town	£10,000	£7,000	-	£17,000
St Helen's	£10,000	£1,904.37	£10,000	£21,904.37

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 Due to the current budget position Old Town Ward is not eligible for devolved funding from the Area Council during 2018/19.

5.2 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2018/19 (during the first quarter is recommended). This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.

5.3 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

5.4 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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Appendix 1:

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,785	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£22,785	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining £22,785
			£11,392	
DEWA - Working budget	£600.00	£0	£10,792	£22,185.00
DEWA - x 31 Hanging Baskets	£2,000.00	£0	£8,792	£20,185.00
M&SGRG - bedding plants for Mapplewell War Memorial	£220.00	£220	£8,792	£19,965.00
St Johns PCC - St John's Community Drop In	£545.00	£545	£8,792	£19,420.00
DE Qtr1 secretary expenses	£125.00	£125	£8,792	£19,295.00
DEWA - New bin for Wakefield Road	£2,500.00	-	£6,292	£16,795.00
Barnsley Metropolitan Band	£300.00	-	£5,992	£16,495.00
Mapplewell Singers - Choral singing	£1,500.00	£1,500	£5,992	£14,995.00

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
 £4,060 carried forward from 2017/18
 £10,000 devolved from Area Council
£24,060 total available funding

To date, nothing has been committed against the 2018/19 budget.

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,030	Allocation Remaining £24,060
DWA - TDY Working budget	£2,000.00	£0	£10,030.00	£22,060.00
DWA - Hanging baskets	£3,500.00	£0	£6,530.00	£18,560.00
Darton Voice - Darton Park Graffiti project	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	£6,530.00	£16,810.00
St Thomas Church - improvements to Community Centre	£940.00	£940.00	£6,530.00	£15,870.00
DWWA - AED Heartsafe Defib monitoring	£50.00		£6,480.00	£15,820.00
Darton Voice Community Garden Gp - Kexbrough Community & Memorial Garden	£172.00	£172.00	£6,480.00	£15,648.00
Kexbrough Local History Gp - Heritage trail board design for 6 boards	£550.00	£550.00	£6,480.00	£15,098.00

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£7,000	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£27,000	total available funding

To date, nothing has been committed against the 2018/19 budget.

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£1,904.37	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£21,904.37	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,000	Allocation Remaining £20,000
SHWA - Feeding vulnerable families in St Helens	£550.00	£550	£10,000	19,450.00
SHWA - St Helens Ward Gala	£1,245.00	£1,245.00	£10,000	18,205.00
Crafty Crafters - teaching & learning craft skills for the local community	£404.27	£404.27	£10,000	17,800.73

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Item 9

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 16th July 2018**

Agenda Item: 9

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

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

3.0 Introduction

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

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during March and April 2018, plus St Helen's notes form January and February.

Appendices:

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

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

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29th June 2018**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance

'CAN DO-WILL DO'

8 th May – 6 PM

Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Roy Miller - Darton East Ward Councillor

Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor

David Hilton - Greenspace

Jonathan Harrison - Local Business Man

Rebecca Battye - North Area Team

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church

David Oates - Local Business Man

Helen Altun - Minutes

1. Apologies:

Nick Hibberd Mapplewell - Village Hall Manager

Jonathan Senior - Greenworks

Julian Senior - Greenworks

2. Minutes from previous meeting.

Approved. If photos are sent to Councillor Gail Charlesworth they can be put on the Darton East Facebook page.

3. Report/update on Mapplewell improvements

3 areas of work will be completed over four months. The developers wish to start work as soon as possible. The developer will liaise with MPG the power company who are completing some works in Mapplewell first. Work by MPG will be completed on a Sunday. The developer would like to start on 21/05/18 but it could be 28/05/18. The developer will complete a 10 week development programme. After this Greenside and Shaw lane will be resurfaced with work starting around the 13/08/18 for two weeks.

Jonathan Harrison asked what days works would be completed in the village. Most of the work will be completed Monday to Friday. Jonathan asked about the

bollards in the village. Councillor Roy Miller explained the bollards that are going up in certain areas in the village are to protect pedestrians.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Twiggs

Adam the North area team leader from Twiggs attended the meeting and asked for any areas in Mapplewell which needed to be worked on. Councillor Roy Miller confirmed a footpath needed clearing between Windhill and Woolley Colliery. Councillor Harry Spence thanked Paul Marsh for helping to bring the top soil up to the Keswick Road allotments but asked for help from Twiggs to fill in the beds with the soil.

David Hilton raised footpaths in the plantings needed to be cleared. He explained they were really overgrown and overgrown and a mini digger was probably needed to make a good clearing. David Hilton also asked if volunteer hours for Twiggs could be banked but Rebecca Battye explained no volunteer hours could be banked.

Jonathan Harrison asked if Twiggs did enough advertising. Rebecca explained that Twiggs do put posters up in the local area, they do not use the arrow because as a business you have to pay to advertise in the arrow.

6. Financial Update

Rebecca explained £19,925.00 was available in total to spend.

7. Declarations of Interest.

None.

8. Applications for funding

St John's Community Drop in - £545. Approved.

It was raised that all grants from now on given should be publicised.

9. Area Ward Plan

Rebecca talked through the ward plan and gave a copy to everyone at the meeting. The plan will also be posted on Facebook.

Youth Services will also be attending the next meeting in June.

10. AOB

None

11. Time and date of next meeting

12/06/18 at 6 pm

Darton East Ward Alliance

'CAN DO-WILL DO'

12 th June – 6 PM

Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Roy Miller - Darton East Ward Councillor

Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor

Jonathan Harrison - Local Business Man

Rebecca Battye - North Area Team

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

David Oates - Local Business Man

Helen Altun - Minutes

1. Apologies:

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor

David Hilton – Greenspace

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church

Jonathan Senior - Greenworks

Julian Senior - Greenworks

Helen Altun explained that she had received an email from Jonathan and Julian Senior and due to an increase to workload they have said they are finding it difficult to attend the meetings. Councillor Roy Miller asked for an email to be sent to thank them for all their help and attendance.

2. Minutes from previous meeting.

Approved.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Financial Update

Rebecca explained an healthy budget was available to spend in total of £19,420.00. £10,627.50 for waf projects supported and £8,792.50 for waf allocation not requiring match funding.

5. Declarations of Interest.

None.

6. Applications for funding

Barnsley Metropolitan Band - £300 Approved and agreed.

Mapplewell Singers - £1500.00 Approved and agreed. We were unable to fund the insurance and the director.

Councillor Harry Spence explained he had been contacted by a number of residents on Wakefield Road that had reported no dog bins or black bins are situated all the way along Wakefield Road. Rebecca Battye explained if we have got a spare black bin or dog bin this could be moved for £100. Rebecca Battye explained she would put a working budget to one side for £2500.00 for a bin and five years maintenance in case no bins could be moved. If the £2500.00 is not needed or not needed in full it would be put back in the budget.

7. Area Ward Plan

Councillor Roy Miller explained that he had received complaints about the works being carried out to The Village Centre. Gas works are also being completed on Kingsway at the moment.

Councillor Roy Miller also went on to say that the large Staincross development was not supported by planning due to infrastructure.

8. AOB

Councillor Roy Miller asked Nick Hibberd if The Village Hall was being paid for the council surgery being held there. Nick Hibberd explained that no charge was being made for the use of the Village Hall for the Council Surgery.

Councillor Roy Miller also explained that a car park would be going in front of the football pitch on Spark Lane between the telegraph pole and the entrance to the football pitch. No date had been allocated to start work.

Councillor Roy Miller also asked if youth services had replied to the email asking them to attend. Rebecca Battye explained she had not got a response up to now but a new youth worker would be in place in the next few weeks for the area.

9. Time and date of next meeting

10/07/18 at 6 pm

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Notes of Meeting Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at the Darton Centre.

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair} Cllr Linda Burgess, Cllr Sharon Howard, Richard Haigh, Ann Plant,
Jason Gardener, Tom West. North Area Team: Rebecca Battye

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Cllr Alice Cave welcomed all members to the Meeting and apologies accepted from Dominic McCall.

Amendment to Minutes of 23rd April 2018: apologies were received from Cllr Alice Cave

2 Notes of Meeting 23rd April 2018

ACTION POINTS

Ann to contact Louise re local business sponsorship for Christmas Lights at Barugh Green.

Linda to speak with Dean at Signs Extra to update and report.

3 WAF update.

A 2018/ 2019 budget discussed and noted.

B Applications.

Darton Voice Community Group. Agreed.

Kexbrough Local History Group. Agreed.

Darton Defibrillator Monitoring, Agreed.

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

This was discussed and amendments made.

ACTION POINT.

Rebecca to contact Dominic re Ward Alliance Plan updates

5 Sponsored Hanging Baskets.

The baskets have been ordered and should be in place across the Ward mid-June 2018.

6 Tour De Yorkshire.

Discussed and noted a success for the Ward and Borough.

Ward members would like to thank Darton College, Horizon Community College and local Businesses for their input for making this a successful day across the Ward.

7 North Area Council.

Alice updated the group of the recent meeting.

Action Point.

Alice to invite the new Youth Worker to a future Meeting.

8 BMBC Darton Centre Project.

Linda updated members on progress with the Darton Centre Project Plan

ACTION POINT.

Linda meeting with Park Planning Consultant on 7th June 2018 and will report next meeting.

9 Communications.

ACTION POINT.

Linda and Rebecca to check use of Neighbour Network in relation to GDPR

10 Other Business.

ACTION POINTS

Rebecca to send date and time of litter pick at Barugh Lane.

Rebecca to arrange meeting re: Review of Green Space across the Ward.

Rebecca to check cost of seating benches across the Darton/ Kexbrough Area

Rebecca to keep dates of litter picks across the Ward for future discussion.

Alice, Richard and Rebecca Battye to meet Harry Road Rec 4th June 1.30 pm to meet local resident to look at improvement of area.

Sharon to check Wood View Gawber issues and report.

Sharon to speak with Paul Castle re work along Birthwaite Hill and surrounding area.

Tom to speak with Dominic re: possible share of monitoring of Darton Defibrillator.

Linda to place agenda item on next meeting Re: Twiggs.

Rebecca updated of her new role and Targets.

11 Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday, 11th June, 2018, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Notes of meeting Monday, 11th June 2018 ,5.00pm at the Darton Centre.

Members present: Cllr Linda Burgess (Chair), Cllr S Howard, Tom West, Dominic McCall, Ann Plant, Richard Haigh.

Attendees: North Area Team: Rebecca Battye. Observers: Christina Carroll, Geoff Rusby. Twiggs Representative: John Twigg.

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Jason Gardener, Louise Oxley.

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Cllr Linda Burgess welcomed all Members to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

2 Update on Twiggs work in the Darton West Ward.

John gave an update of Twiggs work undertaken across the Ward and the involvement of local groups and volunteers. Potential projects were also discussed.

ACTION POINTS

Twiggs to check footpath and broken fence at Wood View, Gawber.

3 Notes of Meeting 23rd May 2018.

The notes were discussed.

ACTION POINTS.

Ann and Louise to contact local business re sponsorship for Christmas lights at Barugh Green.

Linda to speak with Dean at Signs Extra to update and report.

Dominic to speak with Tom re monitoring of the Darton defibrillator.

4 WAF Update.

A 2018/2019 budget discussed and noted.

B Applications.

Kexbrough History Group 1st Interpretation Board Application, Recommendation from Ward Alliance.

Barnsley Metropolitan Band Application, Rejected.

5 Ward Alliance Action Plan 2018/19 update.

This was discussed and amendments made.

ACTION POINT.

Dominic to update Ward Plan and supply to Rebecca for next Meeting.

ACTION POINT.

Dominic to undertake survey of seat benches across the Ward and report on their condition.

Linda to place Winter Bulb requirements on next Agenda.

Linda to place Christmas Requirements on next Agenda.

6 North Area Council update.

Rebecca reported that interviews for 2 Youth Workers took place Tues 12th May 2018.

ACTION POINT.

Rebecca to invite successful candidates to next meeting.

7 BMBC Darton Centre Project.

Linda updated group on the progress of the project.

ACTION POINT.

Linda and Fiona will meet with Consultant Thursday 14th June 2018 and update.

8 Communications.

Linda had contacted all Neighbourhood Network members to see if they wish to stay on the database

9 A.O.B

Sharon reported 2 Planters on Day House Way have been planted out by residents.

Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday, 9th July 2018, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance Minutes
Wednesday 16th May 2018
Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital

Present

Cllr Dave Leech (Chair)

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Reps – John Love Rev Cameron Stirk Sheila Lowe Luke Holmes Bill Gaunt

Michelle Cooper

Apologies

Dorothy Hayes Kirsty Summerfield Fr Craig Tomlinson

Alongside the apologies Fr Craig Tomlinson forwarded his letter of resignation, He thanked the alliance for their welcome and support and the great work they have done in the area. The reason for his resignation was that he has now completed his time in the St Mary's and St Pauls and has been offered a new Parish in Royston and Felkirk. He hopes to be able to help at the Royston Ward Alliance after his positive experience with Old Town.

The members expressed their thanks and asked the secretary to write to Craig and thank him for his contribution and wish him luck in his new venture.

The secretary was also asked to wish a speedy recovery to Dorothy who is currently ill.

➤ ACTION MICHELLE

Dave welcomed the group and explained to the members that his role tonight was to initially Chair the group and theoretically hand over to the new chair for our group. Unfortunately, with no other elected officers in attendance he would chair this meeting and have to report back to his colleagues and members of BMBC

The minutes were discussed and accepted as a true copy

Matters Arising

Old Town News

- Bill brought in copies of The Old Town News and reported that they had been delivered in all areas except Brettas Park which he and John Love were doing this coming week. In the Brettas Park delivery there would be a leaflet informing local residents about the Ward Alliance and how to become a member. The local chip shops have distributed all their original batch to customers and asked for more copies.

Cllr Liz Grundy

- The members of the alliance expressed their thanks to Liz for all the work she had done in the Old Town Ward and wished her a happy retirement

Ward Plan

- Lee discussed areas of the Ward Plan and asked if members had had chance to look at it and decide on any areas they would like to champion.

➤ LOCAL PRIDE –

- Aim One/Action point 7 – Develop and deliver the '3 pieces of litter' Campaign with our schools

- Aim one/Action Point 8 Develop and deliver a preventative ‘anti-litter’ Campaign
 - Cameron agreed to champion these two actions
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING –
 - Aim One/Action Point 4 – Afterschool Fun and Fitness Sessions for young people plus Outdoor play and walking activities for families.
 - Michelle agreed to champion this action with Ad Astra who have attained Stronger Communities Grant funding to undertake some of this work starting June 2018
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING –
 - Aim One / Action Point 5 – Work with Centrepoint to develop links with Willowbank Community Partnership and install additional walks around the area
 - Bill agreed to champion this action
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING -
 - Aim Two /Action Points 1 to 4 – Work towards becoming a dementia friendly Ward
 - Michelle agreed to champion these actions by discussing with the Alzheimer’s Society Dementia Awareness Training plus Develop a project that encourages local businesses to undertake dementia training / awareness raising plus find funding to deliver dementia friendly training to 20 community members plus help establish a new dementia social group in the ward – Sheila agreed to work with Michelle on this project
- SKILLS AND ECONOMY –
 - Aim Two /Action Points 1 to 5 – Promote the Ward Alliance to allow more groups to access funding to help improve all aspects of the Ward
 - Bill agreed champion these actions by sending out funding invitations to all known community groups in the Ward plus undertake research to identify new groups plus Develop new Ward Alliance advertisements and promotion to reach new people plus find innovative ways to reach people who we don’t connect with regularly plus encourage development of new community groups
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT –
 - Aim Two / Action Point 1 & 2
 - Michelle agreed to champion these actions by approaching Targeted Youth Support to see if one of their staff would be interested in in the Old Town Ward Alliance plus consider ways to allow Youth Council representation on the Ward Alliance
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT –
 - Aim Three / Action Point 4
 - Luke agreed to champion this action by researching possible ways to offer a detached provision which would work with street art and musicians etc

Tour de Yorkshire

- Michelle and Lee reported back to the group on the success of the recent event in Wilthorpe Park which was run as a Family Fun Day – There was over 300 people in attendance on the day and everyone enjoyed the event.
- The only issue on the day was that the portable toilets did not turn up. The funding for these toilets is being held in the Willowbank Community Partnership bank account. Michelle will complete a Change of Use application to ask if this funding can still be used for toilets for a future event in the park.

ACTION MICHELLE

Love Where You Live

- Lee reported that:
- June is the National Volunteering Month.
- 14th July is Barnsley Mayors Parade – the theme this year for LWYL will be an Army theme with volunteers wearing traditional khaki colours advertising Love Where You Live and promoting volunteering – **PLEASE LET LEE KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THEN HE CAN ORDER ENOUGH T SHIRTS**

Any Other Business

- Lee reported that Cllr Lofts and Cllr Bruff have asked for a coordinated piece of work between the North and Central Area Teams along the area of the quarry near Burton Bank Road. Lee is liaising with the Community Development Officer from Central. And contacting the local group there to what can be done.
- Sheila reported that members from The Hollingsworth family from Australia have visited the site that commemorates their ancestor whose plane landed in the war in Pogmoor.
- Sheila also reported that there had been issues with young people on Sugden's Rec who had damaged trees and that Cllr Lofts had had these trees removed and he was going to purchase replacement trees for the area. There has also been a Speight of break ins on the allotments over the past couple of weeks.
- John expressed his concern and disappointment that once again the elected members had not turned up for the meeting.
- After a lengthy discussion members of the Ward Alliance asked the secretary to write a letter expressing their concerns to Steve Houghton as leader of the council.
- Bill reported that this year the Old Town Carnival would not be taking place.
- Lee spoke about the new GDPR regulations and asked all members to sign a form, indicating they are happy with their details being kept on record.

Date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th June at 7pm in the Edith Perry Room at Barnsley Hospital

Old Town Ward Alliance
Minutes Wednesday 6th June 2018
Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital

Present

Cllrs Dave Leech (initial Chair) Clive Pickering (Chair) Phil Lofts

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Reps – John Love, Sheila Lowe, Luke Holmes, Kirsty Summerfield, Bill Gaunt, Michelle Cooper

Apologies

Rev Cameron Stirk, Dorothy Hayes

Dave opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and said that as we had two elected members in attendance he would hand the Chair over to one of them. Clive took the Chair

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

Proposed – Bill Gaunt

Seconded – Sheila Lowe

Matters Arising

Ward Plan

- Lee gave a report of the Ward Plan progress to date.
- Phil asked where the research had come from for us to form this Ward Plan – he was informed that our research had come from our website questionnaire and the questionnaire we used last year at our events in the community – he suggested we should have a look at the research that he and Clive had done. Lee clarified that he had not been informed of any research that they had done.
- For **Health and Well Being** Phil asked for a breakdown of numbers – ages and gender - that Ad Astra have for the work they are delivering as part of the After-School Fun and Fitness sessions. Michelle informed him that once they had been reported to Rosie as part of the monitoring process he could have them. Clive and Phil then informed the group that this work was nothing to do with the Ward Alliance as it was part of Stronger Communities but they would take it under consideration.
- For **Health and Well Being** Michelle reported that she had been in touch with the Alzheimer's Society to arrange training for 20 local volunteers and community members. Cllr Lofts questioned the level of effective progress that the Alzheimer's Society were achieving.
- For **Health and Well Being** Bill reported that he had spoken to his colleagues at the Rotary and was hoping to progress this idea further with links into Willowbank. Clive and Phil said they had been to an open day event at Centre Point and it was a very professional organisation with a good staff team and congratulated Bill on his progress.
- For **Skills and Economy** Lee had sent over the list of local businesses and John reported that bringing this list up to date would be a lengthy process as much of the information was dated.
- For **Community Involvement** Michelle reported that she had spoken to two of the staff who work alongside the Youth Council members and support them in their work in local schools and had a conversation about the Youth Council rep for this area who is currently taking his exams but once these had finished would meet up with Michelle

to discuss a possible way forward for the Youth Council to be involved in the Old Town Ward Alliance.

- Phil informed the group that he had spoken to Angela Kelly from Targeted Youth Support with the hope of delivering some work in the area and getting a Youth Council set up for the area.
- Clive spoke about the Ward Alliance governance and said that we should have had a young person representation for our group, in the hope that they would be able to advise us.
- Bill asked for a copy of the Ward Alliance Governance.
 - [ACTION CLIVE](#)
- For **Community Involvement** Luke reported that he had spoken to several agencies/groups about the project and although they are very expensive to set up this kind of project he thought that if a group of volunteers would work together the agencies would look favourably at putting together a programme.
- Lee asked if any other members would like to take lead on any of the other ideas on the plan

Letter to Cllr Houghton -Leader of the Council

- At the last meeting Michelle was asked to pen a letter to Cllr Houghton expressing the groups concerns for the Ward Alliance.
- The letter was sent and Michelle reported back to the group the response she had had from Cllr Houghton.
- Cllr Lofts told the group that he felt really disappointed that this group doubted his commitment to this Ward.
- Cllr Leech said that no one was questioning their work, but that there was a requirement to try and ensure the meetings of the Ward Alliance could be quorate so that moneys could be spent to improve the Ward.
- Cllr Pickering noted that they would be intending to look at addressing a change of day for the Ward Alliance further down the Agenda, in order to allow Old Town Councillors to attend as currently, their commitments on a Wednesday didn't allow them to do that.
- Kirsty spoke about her commitment to the Ward Alliance and everyone else's commitment over the past six years. Kirsty subsequently left the meeting.

Love Where You Live

- Lee handed out a brochure with all the activities that are taking place in the North Area this month as part of Barnsley's Volunteer month.
- Mayors Parade – for all attending please get your T Shirt requirements to Lee by 15th June

Ward Alliance Grant Applications

Funding Update

- Lee reported that there had been a slight change in the funding the Ward Alliance has £27,000.90 left in the budget because of the TRO update.
- **TRO** – Phil reported that he had spoken to the leader and the Highways department and they have agreed to work on the original bid although there may be some additional costings to complete the full TRO. This will work out at £3000 per street to get the work complete starting with Brierfield Close and Warner Road.
- **Barnsley Metropolitan Band** – REJECTED

- The group applied for a donation towards a replacement Tuba – the Ward Alliance asked for a more details of why they need so much and asked for a more structured report as to where the other funding will come from, if they would like to reapply. They will be asked to come and visit the meeting to explain their bid.
- **Tour De Yorkshire Event - REJECTED**
- The alliance was asking for a Change of Use for the funds that were not spent on the Tour De Yorkshire event a total of £610 – they were asked if the funds could stay where they were and be used as a working budget for other family events in the local area - it was decided that the money should go back into the fund and groups delivering these events would have to reapply
- Phil said that he had been talking to Angela Kelly from Targeted Youth Support about delivering some provision in Wilthorpe and Honeywell over the Summer and they may apply for funds
- Clive spoke about the Governance paperwork and how it addresses the Budgets for Ward Alliance groups with matched and non-matched funding pots and working budgets

Any other Business

- Clive and Phil spoke at length about the recruitment of new members to the Ward Alliance.
- Phil spoke about the role of the Ward Alliance and the need for us to have new members involved. Clive and Phil said they had sent details to Lee about new members and Lee replied that there is a protocol that needs adhering to for Ward Alliance members. Lee will speak to Rosie to confirm the protocol that needs following for new members to the Ward Alliance. Cllr Lofts said he would be speaking to Rosie Adams, Cllr Platts and the Leader.
 - **ACTION PHIL**
 - **ACTION LEE**
- Clive said he had concerns about sorting the Ward Alliance. He was informed by Michelle and Dave that the Old Town Ward Alliance had been working very well and done some great work in the community.
- Phil said that none of that great work was taking place whilst he was there. Michelle said that in due respect, that was probably true, as it was a direct fallout of political instability within the ward over the last eighteen months.
- Phil spoke about setting up a Youth Sub Group as part of the Ward Alliance
- Michelle said that the Targeted Youth Support Team had advised her to wait until after the young people had sat their exams, then they would be happy to help set things up.
- Phil disputed that, said it was being made unnecessarily complicated.
- Bill reported that he had got two Oak tree saplings one will go on St Paul's field and one will go on the Willowbank. Phil will speak to Parks to get approval for these trees to be planted
 - **ACTION PHIL**
- Sheila reported that more damage had been done to the trees on Sugden's Rec and asked if one of the cameras purchased could be put up in the area. Clive will visit the area Thursday (7th) and talk to the neighbours close to where the damage is being done to check the viability of putting a camera up.
- Bill reported that Twigg's had been to support the work in Swift Street Wood and said they had done some great work and deserved thanks. Phil said he would like to see the wooded area and Bill informed him that Parks hold a key and Kirsty holds a key.

- Clive and Phil spoke about changing the day of the meeting from a Wednesday to a Tuesday evening as they have prior commitments on a Wednesday night. They asked around the table for the views of the group and were informed that we have had this discussion many times about changing the day and that the group had voted for a Wednesday several times. This brought on a lengthy discussion. John proposed that we put it on the Agenda as an item for next month and this was discussed and a counter action was proposed by Lee that we send every member an email out asking if they could do Tuesday night. Phil was in disagreement with this plan as they needed to have the meeting on a Tuesday evening. Michelle cannot make Tuesday evenings as she works. Phil said the choice before them was losing either two councillors or a secretary. Michelle proposed that if this was done democratically and the majority could make a Tuesday night meeting then it was obvious which way to go. The group would need a new secretary if they held a Tuesday meeting.

- It was agreed to take a vote round the table and was recorded as follows
 - Michelle - No
 - John - Abstained
 - Bill Luke and Sheila – Yes

- It was agreed to for the next meeting to be held on **TUESDAY 3RD JULY AT 7pm**
- Put on the Agenda for the next meeting Change of Day for the meetings
- Email all members asking if they can meet on a Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday
 - **ACTION LEE**

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 3RD JULY

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 12th April 2018, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA

Present: Cllr. Dave Leech (Chair), Cllr Jenny Platts, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Freda Stanton, Lee Swift, Tony Lowe, Ruth & David Gammon, Clyde Black.

Apologies: Madge Busby, Neil Wright, Kath Bostwick.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: Lee Swift stated that the funding application for First Aid and Food Safety training had been approved. Rebecca Leech has forwarded a list of volunteers wanting to attend training to Michelle Cooper.

Funding Applications: There are no funding applications for this meeting.

Lee Swift gave a financial update for the new financial year. The Ward Alliance budget up to 11th April 2018 is £21,714.26.

Cllr Platts discussed carrying on the Feeding Britain campaign as part of the holiday activity events. The members thought this was a good idea for the community. Cllr Platts will fill out the Application form for funding and will submit it at the appropriate time.

Cllr Tattersall discussed the working budget for the Summer Gala and the members discussed how much would be needed to cover costs. After discussing, a total of £1,500 was agreed upon and Cllr Tattersall will fill out the application form.

Events: Working group for St Helens Gala. Cllr Tattersall gave an update on arrangements already made for the Gala. The Gala will be held on Tuesday 24th July on the New Lodge Village Green. The rides, food, face painter and entertainment had all been contacted and Cllr Tattersall is waiting for costing from them. There is still a lot to organise, so it was suggested that a list of things still to do was sent to the secretary and then jobs could be distributed between the members. Ruth Gammon asked if the Ward Alliance would still like the Tombola stall to run. This was agreed.

[Cllr Tattersall to organise the list and send a copy to Rebecca Leech](#)

Tony Lowe brought up dog fouling on New Lodge Village Green and that it was getting worse with dog owners not picking up after their dogs. It was discussed that the residents need to be made aware of this so Cllr Leech agreed to get paint to be able to highlight the mess on the field and Cllr Leech would contact the Chronicle and get someone out to do an article. It was decided that Tony Lowe and Clyde Black would do the article. Dates to be arranged. Lee Swift will put out a leaflet to the residents.

Ward Plan: Lee Swift brought copies of the Ward Plan for 2018. The Ward Plan was discussed during the meeting and Lee Swift asked for members to be allocated to lead the different plans. No decisions could be made at this time, so Lee Swift said they could be made at a later date. If any member would like to take lead on the Ward Plan they can contact the secretary or Lee Swift.

Treasurers Report: Clyde Black will work off the funding update that Lee Swift brings to the meeting. A total of £21,714.26 was reported.
Clyde was thanked for his report.

Secretary's Report: No activity to report.

Forthcoming Projects/bids: Gala- awaiting replies from food, entertainment, etc. Funding bid to be submitted for the working group. A suggestion of having a team to discuss Oral Health at the Gala and Feeding Britain events was put forward and to give out toothpaste and toothbrushes. This was agreed and arrangements to be made.
Sloppy slippers event – to arrange a date/time.

Any other business: There will be another Gala held at Secret Garden Children's Centre on the 1st August. Cllr Leech to speak with Secret Garden and Athersley North Primary school to discuss arrangements.

Dog fouling – to see if Berneslai Homes will do anything regarding dog fouling (leaflets). Cllr Leech to contact Cheryl regarding this.

The meeting closed at 17.15pm.

Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on the 24th May at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.



**St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 24th May 2018, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA**

Present: Cllr Sarah Tattersall (Chair), Cllr Jenny Platts, Cllr Dave Leech, Rebecca Leech, Freda Stenton, Lee Swift, Tony Lowe, Neil Wright, Kath Bostwick, Madge Busby.

Apologies: Ruth and David Gammon, Clyde Black.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Cllr Sarah Tattersall read out a letter received from Ruth and David Gammon giving notice of their resignation from the Ward Alliance. The letter was discussed between the members. Lee Swift said he had spoken to Ruth and David and they had said they are wanting to reduce their commitments. Messages from councillors and secretary have been sent thanking them both for all the work they have put in to the Ward Alliance.

Minutes of the last meeting: Cllr Leech reported on the dog fouling issue within the ward.

The Chronicle were contacted and came out and did an article. Tony and Clyde did the interview which was published in the Barnsley Chronicle. Tony and Clyde were thanked for their participation. Cllr Leech also said he had been contacted by Dearne FM for Tony to do an interview on the dog fouling issue. Tony said he would be uncomfortable doing a radio interview, so it was suggested that Cllr Leech do the interview instead. The Ward members agreed on this. Cllr Leech will sort out the time and date for this interview.

Cllr Platts reported that the funding application for £550 for the Feeding Britain campaign had gone through.

Funding Applications: St Helens Ward Gala. Cllr Sarah Tattersall explained the funding costs for our upcoming gala. She explained that there were lots of different companies taking part and lots of different costs for entertainers, face painting, rides, etc. The funding application for the working group was for £1,245.00. The Ward Alliance agreed to costings. Crafty Crafters, a group that will be teaching and learning craft skills in the community, applied, for £404.27. This is to pay for rent and resources for the group. The members discussed this and agreed to the full amount. Lee Swift is to let them know.

Events: Working group for St Helens Gala. Cllr Tattersall gave an update on arrangements already made for the Gala. The funding bid for the event was discussed earlier and agreed upon. There are lots of different groups taking part in the Gala including, Cancer Safe, Dementia and the Fire Service. Cllr Tattersall is keeping track of everyone attending.

Ward Plan: Lee Swift again brought copies of the Ward Plan for 2018. The Ward Plan was discussed during the meeting and Lee Swift asked for members to be allocated to lead the different plans. Members put their names forward for certain lead roles on the plan.

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Clyde Black, Lee Swift gave a report of £21,164.26 in the Ward Alliance fund.

Lee also reported that he was waiting for invoices for different events that had taken place, so the budget may decrease when these are paid.

Secretary's Report: Cllr Sarah Tattersall read out the letter received from Ruth and David Gammon earlier in the meeting.

Forthcoming Projects/bids: New Lodge Community Centre has mentioned doing cleaning weekends, sporting activities, etc, and are looking to submit a new bid for funding.

Any other business: Lee Swift discussed the new issue of 'What's on St Helens' and passed out copies for the members to look at. It was also discussed on who to distribute the leaflets to the ward. Cllr Platts suggested having the leaflets delivered by an outside company. Cllr Leech to contact 'Speedy Leaflets' and get costings for this delivery. He will then put in a funding application to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 17.20pm.

Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on the 5th July at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.