

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 25 March 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

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Minutes

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Items for Decision

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Ward Alliances

- 9 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 24th January, 2019 (Dac.25.03.2019/9) *(Pages 23 - 28)*
- 10 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.25.03.2019/10) *(Pages 29 - 32)*

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, 15 March 2019



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TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

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

29 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

30 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 26th November, 2018 (Dac.21.01.2019/2)

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on the 26th November, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

31 Performance Report Q3 (Dac.21.01.2019/3)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, by stating that all commissioned services had performed well during quarter 3 with no significant concerns about targets being met.

With regard to Environmental Enforcement it was noted that the contract had performed well throughout the quarter with 69 Fixed Penalty Notices being issued for littering (62) and Dog Fouling (7) and 6 Penalty Charge Notices issued for Parking. Prosecutions were continuing for Littering and Dog Fouling with a 99% success rate in court. A growing concern was the inability to pursue all offenders who failed to pay. To date revenue raised from Fixed Penalty Notices this quarter was £2,000. It was again noted that the Kingdom contract would come to an end after the next quarter.

The Housing and Migration Officer was continuing to work proactively and in quarter 3 had dealt with 153 initial contacts, 32 of which had been identified as vulnerable households and 52 signposted to other services. There had been 10 property inspections and 5 campaigns and there had been the largest letter drop ever. In response to questioning, it was agreed that Members be kept informed of the areas targeted.

As a result of previous meetings, discussions and walk-a-bouts in the Beever Street area throughout 2018 the officer had also undertaken a Street Survey of the surrounding streets. The issues identified were being addressed with landlords and residents.

Twiggs had not met their social action objective of working with established groups this quarter possibly because of the Christmas/Winter quarter but plans were in place

to address this within quarter 4. The number of impact sessions delivered to groups and schools was lower than would have been liked and this was also to be addressed in quarter 4. It was also understood that the Dearne Advanced Learning Centre was keen to undertake social action events in association with Twiggs.

The Chair reported that a meeting was to be held with the Godthorpe Development Group tomorrow which it was hoped would also facilitate the involvement of Dearne ALC. Other members asked to be informed of feedback on interaction with residents and the Area Manager commented that feedback reports were always provided and could be made available.

The Area Manager also gave details of a Work Experience Placement which had resulted in a candidate securing employment. She went on to outline the types of targeted work undertaken by the team together with the work with established groups which had resulted in residents informally adopting planted areas. Arising out of this discussion, the Link Officer referred to the importance of logging the adoption of such areas with Neighbourhood Services in view of the need for that Service to reduce maintenance responsibilities in the future as a consequence of future spending restrictions.

The B-Friend project was receiving low numbers in terms of referrals into the service but the team were liaising with partners and other potential referrers in order to elevate this. Whilst the Service had only been up and running since October 2018, it was noted that there were 38 volunteers registered and further referrals were awaited. In the next week, consideration was to be given to impact assessment tools/arrangements for the service.

The Area Council Manager then referred to the performance of projects funded through the Dearne Development Fund.

It was noted that the defibrillator placed at the Bolton on Dearne Ex Service Men's Club had only been installed for a very short period of time but had been used on at least two occasions. This demonstrated the importance of such a facility.

Dial had delivered 11 sessions at Godthorpe Library to 68 residents. Most issues raised related to debt, benefits and housing issues. This was a much needed service and additional sessions had been arranged in view of the demand.

The Goldthorpe Development Group was really working well with between 70-90 residents attending each session. Many volunteers were willing to assist and funding for the project was available until December.

The Dearne Electronic Community Village within the last quarter had assisted 27 individuals on the ICT and Employability Support Sessions and 5 had obtained employment with many more obtaining interviews. Arising out of this, reference was made to, and there was a discussion of, the need to ensure future resilience of this initiative given the limited staffing resource available. Reference was also made to the possible future commissioning of future initiatives and the possible development of apprenticeships.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

32 Dearne Area Council Procurement and Financial Update (Dac.21.01.2019/4)

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 £208,000. The Area Council had agreed to continue with the environmental enforcement, private sector housing and environmental, education and volunteering service and had allocated £65,000 to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet area priorities. In addition, matched funding had been approved with Nesta for the social isolation project bringing total spend during 2018/19 of £210, 579.76, a slight overspend of 32,111.80. It was anticipated that the finance accrued from Fixed Penalty Notices would more than cover this deficit.

To date for 2019/20 the Area Council had agreed to commission and fund the education, environment and volunteer service, housing and Migration officer and community newsletter for which just over £119,500 had been allocated. A detailed financial breakdown was appended to the report

With regard to the Dearne Development Fund from a starting budget of around £46,800, Members noted that £9,572.10 remained.

It was noted that an evaluation Panel had met on the 4th December, 2018 to evaluate and receive presentations from two providers for the Education, Environmental and Volunteering Service and the current provider, Twiggs, had been successful in winning the tender the contract for which would start on the 1st April, 2019. A meeting had been arranged for the 28th January, 2018 to start the scheduling of work and Elected Members, the core neighbourhood's team and groups delivering environmental activities in the Dearne had also been invited to attend. In addition, Twiggs were to give a presentation to the May Area Council meeting.

The Area Council Manager then reported on the success and importance of the Employability initiatives within the area and outlined various alternatives for provision. The recommended option was to formalise the arrangements through the commissioning of an Employability Service and should members wish to pursue this option, a draft specification was appended to the report. The estimated cost involved was approximately £33,000 which was around the same cost as the previous arrangements

There was a detailed discussion of the options and it was suggested that in future, financial arrangements should include payment by performance. The Area Council Manager commented, however, that the contract would be performance managed and it was anticipated that, given past experience, all targets would be exceeded.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the updates and financial position be noted;
- (ii) That the procurement and specification (as detailed within the appendix to the report) for the Employability Service be approved at a total cost of £33,000 per annum;

- (iii) That the Service be tendered initially for one year with the option to extend the contract for two further periods of one year subject to satisfactory performance; and
- (iv) That the current financial position and the impact of future budgets for 2019/20 onwards be noted.

33 Dearne Development Fund (Dac.21.01.2019/5)

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 £60,000 be allocated to the Dearne Development Fund for the 2019/20 financial year.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That £60,000 be allocated to the Dearne Development Fund for the 2019/20 financial year to be allocated in grants of £1,000-15,000; and
- (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.

34 Social Prescribing (Dac.21.01.2019/6)

Ms A Goddard gave a presentation outlining her work since commencing in the Dearne in 2017 in relation to signposting and navigating individuals and families to service providers, external organisations, DIAL, DWP and other appropriate bodies.

She made particular reference to two case studies, outlined the work she had undertaken in respect of each individual case and gave details of the outcome of her involvement for each family/individual.

The presentation engendered a full and frank discussion during which matters of a general and detailed nature were raised and answers were given to Members' questions where appropriate. Particular reference was made to instances where individuals/families struggled to obtain support they needed as they failed to meet the requisite criteria for the various support mechanisms/streams and to the ways in which this could possibly be addressed in the future. It was noted that meetings had been arranged with various Local Authority Departments and Organisations to try to ensure that a solution focussed approach could be developed.

Reference was also made of the increasing number of multiple deprivation cases coming to light. It was suggested that four or five cases should be analysed to facilitate an examination of how issues could be escalated, solutions found and, if not, what service developments needed to be examined.

RESOLVED that the presentation be received and Ms Goddard be thanked for all her hard work, for attending the meeting and for answering Members questions.

35 Housing in the Dearne (Dac.21.01.2019/7)

Ms A Forster, the Empty Homes Officer was welcomed to the meeting to speak about the work to support the return of empty homes back into use.

To the end of quarter 2 there had been a net reduction of 130 properties (1615 to 1485) throughout the Borough identified as requiring a variety of support. Whilst the figures for quarter 3 were still awaited, in quarter 2, 171 properties had been brought back into use with 79 more within the pipeline.

Within the Dearne, financial assistance and enforcement action was being taken and other initiatives such as the Berneslai Purchase and Repair Scheme, Humankind Housing and 3rd Sector were ensuring that properties were brought back into use where possible. In total, 17 had been brought back into use and a further 17 were in progress.

Information was also provided in relation to individual properties that had been the subject of enforced sale or where action was being considered/taken.

Reference was made to the ways in which vacant/void properties (and particularly those with absentee landlords) were identified and appropriate action taken.

Officers were working closely with all Council Departments in order to take appropriate action with empty property owners.

It was noted that consideration was being given to a revamp and relaunch of the accreditations scheme so that landlords and tenants were more aware of what the Council was able to offer. Arising out of this discussion reference was also made to the action being taken to avoid properties in some areas being targeted by Anti-Social Behaviour.

A free event was being planned for the 12th February, 2019 at the Barnsley Metrodome to which landlords and agents would be invited. This was being organised in association with the National Landlord Association and presentations would be made by, amongst others, DWP on Universal Credit, the National Energy Action Team on energy efficiency. Humankind, BMBC Waste Management and Berneslai Homes would also be in attendance. Members of the Council were also welcome to attend this event.

RESOLVED that the Empty Homes Officer be thanked for her work in the area, for attending the meeting and answering Members questions.

36 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.21.01.2019/8)

The meeting noted the current financial position for Dearne North and Dearne South.

At the time of publication Dearne North had £3,764.07 from an opening balance of £9,506.69 and Dearne South had £6,116.64 from an opening balance of £11,021.36.

It was noted that a number of applications had been submitted since the publication of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 25th March 2019

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Commissioning and finances

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the procurement of the employability service, and have sight of spend to date for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members are updated on the procurement of the employability service.
- 2.2 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets 2019/20 onwards

3.0 Employability

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 21st of January 2019 members approved the procurement of the employability service at a cost of £33k per year. This service will run on a 1+1+1 basis, performance and finances dependant.
- 3.2 The service was put on YORtender on the 21st of February 2019 and providers were given a deadline date of the 7th of March 2019 to submit tender documentation. Only one provider submitted the return and will therefore be successful in delivering the contract on behalf of the Dearne Area Council. All other measures and contract requirements will be agreed prior to start date on the 1st of April 2019.

4.0 Area Council Financial update

4.1 2018/2019

The Area Council had an allocation of £200k for the 2018/19 financial year together with unspent monies from 2017/18 they had a starting budget of £208,467.96 During 2018/19 the Area Council agreed to continue with the environmental enforcement, private sector housing and the environmental, education and volunteering service, they have also allocated £65k to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet area priorities.

At the Area Council on the 30th of July 2018 members approved £4K match funding with Nesta for the social isolation project bringing the total spend during 2018/19 to £210,579.76, a slight overspend of £2,111.80.

However income from fixed penalty notices and parking totals £16,818 leaving £14,706.20 to spend on Dearne Area priorities.

4.2 **2019/2020**

To date the Area Council have agreed to commission and fund the education, environment and volunteer service, Housing and Migration officer, employability contract, community newsletter and earmark £60k to the Development Fund out of 2019/20 finances. This comes to a total of £212,507.76 spent to date on Dearne Area priorities. This leaves a total of £2,108.44 in the Area Council budget to spend on Dearne Area priorities.

See appendix 1 for financial breakdown

4.3 **Dearne Development Fund**

From the Area Council budget for 2018/19 they had £61,594.10 to spend on Area Council priorities. From April 2018 the Area Council have approved grants to a further 6 projects. As of January 2019 the Dearne Area Council has an earmarked budget of £ 9,572.10 to spend on Dearne Area priorities.

Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Dearne Electronic community village	July-March 2019	£14,800	£46,794.10
DIAL	January 2019-31 st December 2019	£9,359	£37,435.10
CAB	October 2018-25 th September 2019	£8,069	£29,366.10
GDG	December 2018-December 2019	£5000	£24,366.10
Dearne and District	January 2019-March 2019	£7044	£17,322.10
Fit Reds	January 2019-June 2019	£7,750	£9,572.10

Appendices

5.0 Appendix 1: Financial update

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Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000
Carry forward	+£55,438	+£21,299	+£19,665.96	+£8,467.96	+£14,706.20
Total allocation for year	£255,438	£221,299	£219,665.96	£208,467.96	£214,706.20
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	-£2,658.76	-£3,040.76
Training for Employment	-£ 37,000				-£33,000
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£62,300	- £12,000	-£36,081	-£30,523	-£31,557
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£ 75,000	- £43,736	-£75,000	-£75,000	-£85,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£ 62,646	-£95,000	-£70,000	-£65,000	-£60,000
Ward Alliance's		-£20,000			
Contribution to social isolation project				-£4,000	
Contribution towards Railway Embankment		-£10,000			
Total spend (actual)	£261,622	£216,332.04	£217,279	£210,579.76	£212,597.76
Allocation remaining	-£6,184	+£4967.96	+£2,386.96	-£ 2,111.80	+£2,108.44
FPN income received			+£6,081	+£2,610	
				+£6,208	
	+£27,483	+£14,698		+£2,000	
Parking income received				+£6,000	
Final Allocation remaining	+£21,299	+£19,665.96	£8,467.96	£14,706.20	

External Funding

Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount
Nesta- social isolation	2018-2020	£38,000

Dearne Development Fund

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 25th March 2019

Community Magazine

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide Members with background information and outline the challenges experienced through the commissioning, production, design stages and delivery of the community magazines across the five Area Councils.

1.2 To provide Members with a number of alternative options for consideration.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Members note the background information, revisit the original purpose of the community magazines and their effectiveness to date and consider a number of suggested alternative options, recognising that this may be different for each area.

2.2 That Members discuss the options and propose a way forward that meets the needs of your Area Council.

3. Background and information

In April 2015, Area Councils' committed to produce a twice-yearly community magazine for five out of six area councils, the first issue to be produced in the first week of December 2015.

Up until the last issue, the magazines we're produced by a company called Community Information Services. The last issue was produced by Barnsley Card.

The magazines are designed and printed free of charge, with the cost of delivery and staff time covered by each individual area. This arrangement works by the company selling advertising space in each of the magazines.

The current magazine specification:

- Size of publication: A4, 24 pages
- Front cover - different for each Area Council.
- 12 pages editorial - set aside for Area Councils. Different content for each area council.
- 12 pages reserved for advertising sold by production company

4. Purpose of Community magazines

The community magazines have been seen as a useful communication tool particularly for those who don't access social media or electronic communications. The aim of the magazines is twofold. Firstly, to highlight what the Area Councils and

Ward Alliances are achieving in each area and the difference the work is making as well as acknowledging and celebrating those who contribute. Secondly, the community magazines aim to be a 'call to action' for new volunteers and community activists, reaching a wider and more diverse audience.

5. Challenges

There have been a number of challenges:

- The amount of resource that it has taken to produce the magazines isn't sustainable in their current formats. This last round of magazines has taken a lot of staff time (Communication Team support and Area Teams) in producing the content but in particular in the numerous rounds of revisions
- The interest through YORtender has been very limited with only one provider submitting a proposal through the last round of commissioning. A zero value contract relying on advertising income has limited the interest from the market
- Advertising hasn't always been in keeping with the nature and feel of the magazine and has sometimes been at odds with the messages trying to be delivered
- In order to keep the printing and design free of charge the number of pages for advertising and pages for Area Council content has been equally split with 12 pages each
- The number of providers able to produce magazines at zero cost and reliant on advertising are limited in the market place
- The timescales and lead in time required to pull content together and then receive the end product does often mean content is limited and out of date quickly as dates for events and particularly timings are not always known that far ahead of time.
- Various methods have been tried to seek feedback on the magazines and evaluate the impact and reach. It is still unclear how effective magazines are at reaching a wider audience and readership

6. Alternatives to production

1) Find another provider to carry on with the current model

This is an option but there are not many companies that provide this service. Barnsley Card were the only company that tendered for the last contract

2) Include information in existing publications.

There are lots of local magazines produced across the Borough. An option could be to buy editorial space in these to get local information out to residents. Any information included would need to meet the council's brand guidelines and the communication team could support with this.

3) Design and print your own information

Feedback from recent staff talkabouts shows that people want to find out more about how they can get involved more in their local communities. Each area could produce an A4, 4 page newsletter. This method would not include advertising and has the flexibility to make it local to Ward areas if necessary

- a) Design each edition - there would be a cost for design, print and distribution each time
- b) Work with the communications team to create a template for each area to fill with content – there would be a cost for initial design and then just print and distribution for each publication.

7. Distribution

Currently all areas have a different method of distribution which works for their area. Without any kind of door to door research, it's difficult to determine how many households read the newsletters.

Another option to think about would be to stop household distribution and have the newsletters available in key places in the local community.

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DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe: 21st of January 2019

Members Present: Derek Bramham (Chair), Claire Dawson, Dianne McQueen, Eric Steer, Amy Parker, Jackie Kenning, Dani Stott, Louise Jackson, Carol Booth, April Fisher, Sara Scholes, Claire Beecroft, Donna Gregory, Helen Jaggard, Andy Denham, Lorna Lewis, Chris Shaw, Joanne Reece, Paul Cummings, Jenny Wort, Chris, Steven (Centre Point)

Apologies: Sarah Cartwright, Stephen Abson, Dawn Caulton, Alison Sykes, Alan George, Cllr Philips, Walt Boydell, Cllr Noble, Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Gollick, Kate Faulkes, Jo Sharpe, Tara Ramsden.

<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 17th September 2018</u> <u>Matters Arising –</u></p> <p>Welcome packs to be discussed at a future meeting</p>	

<p><u>Discussion Items</u> <u>Future of the meetings</u></p> <p>A discussion took place regarding future meetings and the theme action plans (Housing, Jobs and Skills, Health and Environment). Previously the meeting had theme leads that would be responsible for updating the action plans and feeding these into the meetings.</p> <p>Members felt that groups were now operating around the themes outside this meeting and that a rep should feed into the Dearne Approach, rather than formalise it with action plans. The minutes were also fed into the Area Council which could be viewed by the public.</p> <p>The group felt that it would be good to have an update from the core environmental service at a future meeting.</p> <p>People were really happy with the format of the meeting. HJ suggested that we should pick a few achievements to work on together over the upcoming months, as well as keeping the meeting for updates.</p> <p>Showcasing the progress so far was also discussed and the group picking “5” things they had worked on together. This could be showcased by doing an annual report/ video etc.</p> <p><u>(1) Priority- Housing</u> <u>Housing and migration officer- Dani Stock</u> DS – the Housing and migration officer for the Dearne told the group that there was an issue with contaminated bins in the area which she was going to do a report on and send to the service director. Dani currently working with the Salvation Army and Snap Tin cafe</p> <p><u>Housing Growth- Sara Scholes</u> <u>Seasons, Thurnscoe, Phase 2</u> 129 units - 109 OMS & 20 affordable Mix of 2 & 3 bedroom homes, and 2 bedroom bungalows (all bungalows are for sale)</p> <p><u>Affordable</u> First affordable completion June 19 – Will be advertised for rent through Berneslai Homes from March 2019.</p>	<p>CD to invite neighbourhood services and talk to Comms</p> <p>All to consider what we are going to achieve in the upcoming months</p> <p>CD to send for suggestions off the group and contact comms</p> <p>DS send service director report</p> <p>SS to let group know when they can visit Beevor Street site</p>
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Market Sale

11 properties sold and legally complete

21 reservations

Show home open

Thurnscoe East Greenspace Review

A review of greenspace areas in Thurnscoe East has been complete. A BMBC meeting will be arranged to review findings.

Goldthorpe and Bolton Big Local

The group had conducted a review of their work to date during 2018.

They have given out 9 grants. They are now looking for their 6th property and land for new builds. The arts festival will be on the 28th of September.

Berneslai Home- Dianne McQueen

Dianne will be retiring at the end of March so introduced the new team leader for the Dearne (Eric Steer). Berneslai Homes are part of a housing task group that are targeting a few Streets in the Goldthorpe Area with a view to make improvements. The team are currently looking at developing the two houses on Beevor Street. Dianne stated she loved the summer fun activities we had all done together and enjoyed these meetings. The group thanked her for her work

Centre Point- Chris Stevens

The service offers residential support in Barnsley for 16-25 year olds.

They also offer floating support, support care leavers and are recruiting volunteers to assist with peer support.

(2) Priority- Jobs skills and training

Coalfields- Louise Jackson

The what's on guide is now finish but obviously will change, it is available electronically if anyone wants a copy. Coalfields are celebrating their 20th year and are doing a pod cast if anyone wants to be involved.

Adult Learning- Andy Denham

8 advisors will be working on the pathway to success contract for those that are not ready for work that need more support in getting there. The team will also be doing a job fair at the town hall on the 4th of March.

The service is still doing job clubs, initial assessments, food hygiene, health safety and first aid. They also have a health and wellbeing offer as well as a customer service offer which consists of 9 hours in total

over a 3 week period.

(3) Priority- Health

Live Well Barnsley-Claire Beecroft

CB has done some work with integrated care providers and getting them to use the system now she is looking at registered providers.

B:Friend- Jenny Wort

The two social clubs are now up and running, one in Thurnscoe' and one in Bolton. They are doing lots of different activities. Referrals for one to one befriending need to go through the website, they have volunteers all ready to go.

<https://cloud.letsbfriend.org.uk/make-referral/>

Salvation Army-Jackie Kenning

The team has been busy and is receiving lots of support; they supplied 195 xmas hampers to residents. The food bank continues and having food banks for those that are working who are funding. The project rely on donations, so if anyone has any ideas please let them know.

Yorkshire Sports foundation- Paul Cummins

Active Dearne is now operational and is a project over a 3 year period in the Dearne Valley area. This service is for people in low level employment. They aim to recruit community champions and are at the moment putting together a role profile. The volunteers will receive training in order to do their role. They also plan to commission local groups to undertake activities that fit the service aim and work closely with local businesses.

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HealthWatch- Lorna Lewis

Healthwatch have recently won the contract to deliver for a further 3 years. They are also currently doing some consultation and training as part of the integrated care pilot. They are also doing a piece of work regarding autism, older people and World Health Day. After the piece of work undertaken regarding DNA a GP surgery's the CCG recognize that it is not just a patient problem therefore training will be given on systems and HW want to encourage organizational involvement.

(4) Priority- Environment

Chris Shaw

CS is doing some work with John Healey and undertaking clean ups in

CD to share contact details with group

LL to contact Claire and book in a meeting

the area as well as working on the embankment.

(5) All priorities

Big Local Thurnscoe- Derek

The team has dropped the prices on both houses so hopefully this will generate some interest. They are currently getting ready for 3 days of business schools giving out advice and guidance to those wanting to start up their own businesses. The group is delivering the Thurnscoe' goes wild event and wish to develop "the plaza" but conversations regarding this space are still on going. Big local are now coming to the end of their plan so are about to start discussing what happened in the next 3 years.

Dearne Area Council- Claire Dawson

Twiggs have just been granted the contract for the environmental, volunteering and education service for the next couple of years. The housing officer is now funded until March 2020. Members have extended the service that is currently delivered by DIAL. The service is now operating two days per week instead of just one. The embankment is progressing nicely hopefully there will be an open day that all will be invited to. The team have been working with the Ward Alliance, Family centres, Berneslai Homes, and churches together for the upcoming events in February. CD is working along side social care and health providers on the integrated care pilot which is quite exciting for the area.

(6) Updates from services that gave apologies

Family Centre- Amy Turner

Centre Update

- 72 Families accessing Rose Vouchers for fruit and veg
- 17 adults successfully completed food hygiene training and gained their level 2 certificate.
- Solihull and Webster Stratton Parenting Programmes currently running with further starting in February.
- Talking teens parenting programme running at Dearne ALC.
- New links with Dearne Valley College with new adult learning courses starting after February half-term

Amy Forster- empty homes officer**Up to Jan 2019**

Overall up to end of Q2 we had a net reduction of 130 properties (1615>1485) still awaiting figures from Q3. As of end of Q2 the team had brought back into 171 properties with 79 in pipeline, breakdown below.

	Completed	Pipeline	
Support & Advice	139	24	
Financial Support	12	14	
Berneslai Purchase & Repair Scheme	11	9	
Humankind	5	11	
Enforcement Action	4	16	
3 rd Sector	0	5	
Total	171	79	

Also up to end of Q2 559 properties came back into use on their own accord.

In the Dearne:

- Financial Assistance
 - 8 completed and back into use
 - 3 offered and in works
 - 6 in application stages
- Berneslai Purchase & Repair Scheme
 - 3 completed
 - 2 in the process of being purchased
- Humankind Housing
 - 4 leased properties
 - 1 in the process of being purchased
- Enforcement Action
 - 2 completed enforced sales
- 3rd Sector
 - 5 offered and in works
 - Thurnscoe Tenants Housing Association: 4
 - Goldthorpe Big Local: 1
- Total
 - 17 completed
 - 17 in process

Any Other Business:

Date of Next Meeting – 18th March 2019, 3.30 pm

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 Meeting:

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises 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 be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 The latest Dearne Ward Alliance was held on the 24th of January 2019. A financial breakdown was presented to the group. The self-assessment and governance framework were discussed as well as an update on upcoming events and activities.
- 4.2 The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols.

5.0 Appendix One: 24th January 2019 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:	Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	24 th January 2019 - 12:30
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Tina Brook, Alan George, Marie Sinclair, Sadie Youel, Wendy Caine, Donna Gregory, David Perry, Cllr Annette Gollick, Jackie Kenning (observer), Claire Beacroft (Live-well Barnsley team - observer), Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Derek Bramham, Charlotte Williams, Cllr Alan Gardiner	Cllr Noble, Cllr Phillips & Terry Walton

	Action/ Decision
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions</p> <p>A round of introductions took place for Claire Beacroft from Live-well Barnsley & Jackie Kenning from Salvation Army both observing the meeting.</p> <p>2. Minutes from last meeting</p> <p>Page 2- Marie asked the WA attendees for an update on how the training went. Cllr Gollick stated it was brilliant a good 3 days training and the trainer Sally was excellent.</p> <p>Page 3- Charlotte said there had been some excellent events over the autumn winter period and hopefully there will be more to come.</p> <p>Page 3 - Derek asked if we had any response from Big Local (GBH), Marie said Yes April has asked Alan George to update at our meetings as he is now a board member.</p> <p>Notes accepted as a true record</p> <p>3. Finance update / Ward alliance funding applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dearne South Ward Alliance working fund Bank Account: £173.08 + £941.84 committed spend to 2018/19 Prom Dearne North Ward Alliance working fund Bank Account: £354.21 Dearne South - £5,629.02 Dearne North £3,363.89 <p>Prospect Road Community Centre – refurbishment £1022.40 for new stacking chairs Dearne South only application, Cllr Gardiner asked if Dearne North Alliance members could view the applications too in case they can help in any discussions. Cllr Noble declared an Interest. Terry Walton & Cllr Sixsmith had approved the application prior to the meeting after giving their apologies. Decisions - approved by all South members present.</p>	<p>Marie to inform Ian of WA approval</p>

<p>4. Self-Assessment / Governance Framework</p> <p>Cllr Johnson thanked everyone who had already completed the self-assessment and reminded the others to get online and fill in before 1st March deadline.</p> <p>Marie handed out the updated version of the Governance Framework, the points that had been amended were all read through so that the members present could have a better understanding of Marie pointed out what has changed in the framework with everyone taking away a paper version to read in full.</p> <p>5. Upcoming Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great British clean up <p>The great British clean up starts Friday 21st March this year runs to Sunday 22nd April giving 4 weeks, this will help many of our groups & individuals time to plan their own event on time and avoid the winter weather. Marie asked if anyone is completing with clean ups to let the area team know as Ann & Sadie will be completing a table of activity around the dearne area which will enable us to advertise their clean ups, or help if needed.</p> School Uniform <p>Members were asked to join the subgroup to help with setting up a recycling project regrading school uniforms – first port of call is to contact the schools in the area and see what they do with their lost property or how they help families in fuel poverty to access their child’s school uniforms. Ann Toy will be assisting on this. Donna stated that Carrfield does an end of term thing where lost property gets sent off. The Salvation Army run this all way through the year too for their families, but are also willing to help with the project to the wider community.</p> February Half Term family fun <p>Sadie said thankyou to the Ward Alliance for assisting with the monies to run the project. The events are now confirmed and booked for Tuesday 19th in Thurnscoe (St Helens Church Hall) with the theme of family fun; meet the creature has been booked to entertain the kids in small groups.</p> <p>On Wednesday 20th February Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church are having a kids fun session too with ‘new life Claudia the caterpillar’, pizza making activities – everyone welcome</p> <p>Thursday 21st February is another Ward Alliance family fun session to be held at Furlong Road Church Hall with Toy Story theme with a buffet – activities including mask making, & cowboy hats.</p> <p>Any information please contact Sadie at the Area Team.</p> <p>Marie said Thank you to the Ward Alliance members who have agreed to help Sadie at the events too with the setting up, cooking, cleaning up and clearing away at the end of the day, it’s all about teamwork.</p> Once upon a Prom <p>Sadie is working alongside Christie from North East Area Team at Royston. They are having several launch events starting with the 28th of February at the Dearne ALC, everyone welcome. To date collectively there are 250 dresses, 100 suits, shoes and accessories. A new Facebook page has been set up called ‘Once upon a Prom’ as the project has now merged with the previous project in barnsley in 2018 where they have donated all their dresses & suits to the project in the Dearne. The monies will be split 50/50 with the Royston Ward Alliance & Dearne Ward Alliance remaining monies going into a central pot where the BMBC finance officer will take charge of the budget and spend. Sadie will inform Alan on the finances at the next meeting with an update.</p> 	<p>Marie to send reminder out after 7 days to all WA members to ensure completion by all</p> <p>Marie to order bags from GBCU website</p> <p>Marie to send email to Charlotte W, Jackie, Alison, Donna, Vicky & Cllr Johnson & Cllr Noble</p>
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6. Group updates

Big Local Goldthorpe, Highgate & Bolton on Dearne

Alan George is now a member of the board - gave an update on the past 5 years work. In short Projects they have assisted or financed so far – Community Fun days, the setup of a community café (The Snaptin at the Factory), Railway Cuttings Project, development of the Dearne Community Housing Scheme, DoE awards through Dearne ALC, Dearne Community Arts Festival, Phoenix Park underpass painting, hOurbank, coach trips and afternoon tea sessions, Funding for the Dearne Playhouse, many local groups assisted in funding streams, Our Shed, BODVAG party in the park, BODVAG Yorkshire Day, GDG bounce into Summer, Highgate Allotment (match funded metal fencing with Reaching Communities funds).

Dearne Community Housing project have assisted BCB in the training of over 160 apprenticeships who have worked on the properties.

The small grants have helped many projects succeed over the past 5 years.

Alan is happy to update at the meetings on behalf of the Goldthorpe & Bolton, Highgate Big Local.

Big Local Thurnscoe – Derek Bramham

Both houses on Grange Crescent are for Sale, the sale of number 20, fell through so the partnership decided to lower the price for both houses by £2,500 each.

In spring they will be holding a 'Thurnscoe Goes Wild event' an artist has been invited to work with the school children to design a trail around the village with the larger sculptures residing on plinths (fastened down) one of the designs would be ideal to be a permanent fixture in Thurnscoe Park for the children & families to enjoy, in total 3 sculptures will be placed at the beginning of the village. BLT (Big Local Thurnscoe) have been looking at having a plaza style skate and social area between the bowling green and the MUGA (multi Use Games Area) on Houghton Road working alongside a company called 'Freestyle' to design these areas. Derek highlighted its only in the initial stages, as they have to look at the logistics from planning & ground maintenance in the future, an update will be given at the next meeting.

Station House – Charlotte Williams

The Christmas party that was funded through the ward Alliance went really well with many children in attendance and all of them saying they had a great time all the children went away with a little food bag, after school children loved having a reptile party they loved it commenting it was the best party they've ever been to.

BMBC are assessing the viability of the Short Breaks for Disabled children and this service could be under threat due to upcoming financial cutbacks. If this should happen, disabled children may be required to travel into town to access this service. The implication is that some children may not access this vital service.

Charlotte gave an update for Houghton Road Community Centre; they now have formed a committee, and having regular groups renting the hall a few nights a week so hopefully this will be the turnaround it's needed.

Salvation Army – Jackie Kenning

Family support is still ongoing and more popular than ever – over 195 food parcels were given out over the Christmas period. 600 individuals over the winter period so far.

They have many volunteers but are struggling with donations and finance to get their projects off the ground. Marie asked if the Salvation Army HQ were helping or acknowledging their plight, Jackie stated they can only do so much with their own resources and cannot help financially.

<p>7. A.O.B Charlotte Williams has been approached by someone offering free training via a student needing to get her hours in for her qualifications on Teaching; Charlotte will pass details on to anyone interested.</p> <p>Alan George mentioned that John Hayes had borrowed two lamps, tie wraps and batteries at Christmas to help with the GDG Christmas market event, the lamps need to be returned or replaced in case of emergency resilience is required over winter and someone needs to see inside whilst its dark. Marie will contact John to ask for lamps back and Alan will look into ordering more grit if necessary. Alan will also do a full audit and bring to next meeting.</p> <p>Goldthorpe primary have invited the Ward Alliance members for a look around their Eco gardens and work they have completed from funding from the ward Alliance over the past few years. It will need to be a Friday as that's the only day Chris doesn't do classroom teaching Marie will send out email as a reminder.</p> <p>8. Dates and Times of future Ward Alliance meetings <i>(all Thursday at Goldthorpe Library 12.30pm)</i> 7th March, 9th May, 4th July, 15th August, 26th September, 31st October, 28th November</p>	<p>Marie to contact John Hayes for return of lamps</p> <p>Marie to send email to all WA members with a calendar date for Sadie</p> <p>Marie to email dates to all WA members</p>
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**BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 25th March 2019**

**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 For Dearne North the starting balance for the 2018/19 financial year is £9,506.69, the £493.31 overspend was deducted from the starting balance. Currently they have provided funds to 17 projects at a cost of £6,142.80 leaving a £3,363.89 balance
- 4.2 For Dearne South the starting balance for the 2018/19 financial year is £11,021.36 this includes the underspend of £1,021.36 from the 2017/18 budget. Currently they have provided funds to 14 projects at a cost of £6,414.74 leaving a balance of £4,606.62

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One : Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend

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2018/19 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2018/19 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The carry-forward and overspend of the 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund were combined and added to the 2018/19 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

Dearne North Ward Alliance budget

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

£10,000 base allocation

£-493.31 from 2017/18

£ 9,506.69 total available funding 2018/19

Agreed Ward Alliance funding

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Hanover Street Clean up	£600.00	8906.69
PANDA	£460.00	8446.69
2 ACT Youth Theatre Academy	£700.00	£7746.69
Barnsley Metropolitan Band	£212.10	£7534.59
Hanover Street clean up (* credit from discount on delivery)	+ £348.00	£7882.59
Salvation Army	£250.00 *	£7632.59
Dearne Health Oral Project	£235.00	£7397.59
Thurnscoe Library	£625.00	£6772.59
Dearne Bulky Rubbish Scheme	£1000.00	£5772.59
Station House Com. Assoc.	£255.00	£5517.59
British Legion	£150.00	£5367.59
Thurnscoe East Angling Club	£480.00	£4887.59
First Aid Training	£675.00	£4212.59
Carers Leaver Xmas Lunch	£47.62	£4164.97
Salvation Army	£250.00 * (extended original application to £500)	£3914.97
VAB (online training)	£150.00	£3764.97
February Half term holiday fun sessions	£401.08	£3363.89

Total spend = £6142.80

Match funded = £2955.80

Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

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

£10,000 base allocation

£1,021.36 carried forward from 2017/18

£11,021.36 total available funding 2018/19

Agreed Ward Alliance funding

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
PANDA	£460.00	£10561.36
Barnsley Metropolitan Band	£212.10	£10349.26
Salvation Army (electrics)	£250.00*	£10099.26
Dearne Health Oral Project	£235.00	£9864.26
Goldthorpe Library	£625.00	£9239.26
Friends of BOD War Memorial	£500.00	£8739.26
Dearne Bulky Rubbish Scheme	£1000.00	£7739.26
Highgate FC	£500.00	£7239.26
First Aid Training	£675.00	£6564.26
Carers Leaver Xmas Lunch	£47.62	£6516.64
Salvation Army (cooker)	£250.00 * (extended original application to £500)	£6266.64
VAB (online training)	£150.00	£6116.64
February Half term holiday fun sessions	£487.62	£5629.02
Prospect Road Community Centre	£1022.40	£4606.62

Total spend= £6414.74

Match funded = £3479.74