

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 27 July 2020
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 8th June, 2020 (Dac.27.07.2020/2) (Pages 3 - 6)

Performance

- 3 Performance Report (Dac.27.07.2020/3) (To Follow)

Items for Decision

- 4 Dearne Area Council Priorities (Dac.27.07.2020/4) (Pages 7 - 8)
- 5 Dearne Area Council Commissioning and Financial Update (Dac.27.07.2020/5) (Pages 9 - 14)
- 6 Dearne Development Fund (Dac.27.07.2020/6) (Pages 15 - 16)

Ward Alliances

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 5th March, 2020 (Dac.27.07.2020/7) (Pages 17 - 24)
- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.27.07.2020/8) (Pages 25 - 28)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

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Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager

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Friday, 17 July 2020

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DATE:	Monday, 8 June 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
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MINUTES

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

42 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

43 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 16th March, 2020

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 16th March, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

45 Covid-19 Presentation

David Robinson, Service Director Customer Information and Digital Services, Phil Hollingsworth, Service Director Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities and Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager were welcomed to the meeting to present the item.

An overview of the strategic approach was provided, acknowledging that Covid-19 was different to previous incidents due the scale, scope, and complexity of the pandemic.

However, the situation also offered opportunities to realign values, strengthen relationships with partners, restart and realign priorities to create a new normal. Members heard how the Government had drafted a recovery and renewal strategy, and one was in development at a South Yorkshire level. Barnsley plans would align and be complementary. It was noted future plans needed to be agile and iterative, in order to respond to the need for services to be turned on and off in relation to further peaks. It was also noted that responses would be different depending on the needs of particular groups of people, including those shielding.

Three horizons were considered – h1 immediate recovery steps; h2 post-peak recovery steps; and h3 realising the recovery objectives. It was suggested that Barnsley was moving into h2 with lockdown being lifted. This was a period of innovation and that positives from the pandemic such as the ability to work more remotely, and to be more active, needed to be retained. As Barnsley moves forward, the h3 horizon will be the future that we want with the outcomes Barnsley desires, and objectives are being set to achieve this.

Members heard how the Council's draft recovery/renewal strategy encompassed 5 points; Humanitarian – Health and Wellbeing; Business Economy; Building Resilience; Education and Attainment; and Infrastructure and the Environment. It was recognised that all of which needed to be underpinned by the financial stability of the Council.

Members heard of the steps being undertaken to develop and implement the strategy, including conducting impact analysis, considering what services need to be restarted, maintained, or discontinued, and noted the need to monitor, learn and be adaptive going forward.

In considering the role of Area Councils, the valuable contribution they played in responding to the crisis was acknowledged. This included the flexing of commissioned services, the refocusing of community organisations was, and supporting the emergence of new groups. Members heard of the important role that Area Councils and the community as a whole would play in assisting recovery.

Members noted that, in light of the current financial situation, the Council was reviewing all budgets and service areas to ensure they remained relevant in relation to Covid-19 and recovery efforts. Members were reminded of the cessation of all non-essential expenditure earlier in the year.

For the Area Council, the overall budget remained unaltered for 2020/21, but it was suggested that there was a need to review priorities and commissioning intentions to ensure that they were still relevant.

Those present heard of the anticipated challenges ahead, which included poverty and worklessness; schooling and education; mental health and emotional wellbeing; re-establishing the fabric of society; and impacts on health and wellbeing from a reduced accessing of services.

It was noted that the Council's strategic direction such as in relation to digital, an inclusive economy and Zero40 remained relevant. It was also suggested that the pandemic had offered opportunities, with agile working potentially supporting more district centres, the establishment of support networks in the communities, and it had offered a greater insight into those who are most vulnerable in communities.

Members were reminded of the guidance issued in relation to Ward Alliance Funds, and that the base budget of £10,000 per ward would remain but plans for an additional £10,000 had been paused due to the current financial situation. It was emphasised that Ward Alliance expenditure should support recovery efforts, with the only exception being where finance had already been approved and local businesses had committed resources.

Although there had been an interest in re-establishing community events, it was acknowledged that this was not appropriate in the current climate, but the position would be reviewed for 2021/22.

Members noted the previous requirement to match 50% of the Ward Alliance Funds budgets with external finance or volunteer time, and that this would be difficult to achieve and would therefore be relaxed for the current financial year.

An update was provided in relation to the provision of grass cutting, which had been impacted on from prioritising domestic waste collection. It was noted that that this would now recommence, with the backlog being addressed in due course. In addition, it was noted that the collection of domestic green waste was due to recommence on 9th June.

In relation to the work of the Area Team, Members heard that the team had been mapping the support available in the area, and promoting this to residents, alongside boroughwide initiatives. Additional support had been provided to help the distribution of wellbeing boxes and Easter eggs that had been donated.

Support had been provided to the emergency contact centre, with the team being assisted to deliver 3,000 postcards. Also supported was the initiative to produce face coverings. 79 individuals had sewed approximately 2,200 face coverings which had been distributed throughout the borough.

Assistance had been provided to Community Responders, with Area Teams working with Barnsley CVS in order to coordinate training. 10 Responders had been engaged in the area, responding to 36 requests for support. 21 requests had been for shopping with 15 for befriending. A number of those requesting support required this on an ongoing basis, and complex cases had been referred to more suitable services for support.

Contracts held by the Area Council had been flexed, with B:Friend providing support to 76 older people via telephone and social media. Food parcels and wellbeing packs had also been provided.

Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had been supporting the work of Neighbourhood Services litter picking and cleaning targeted areas. Support had also been offered to community groups.

DECV continued to support 23 learners online with 3 gaining employment recently. The Housing Officer continued their work, reporting issues with waste, such as contaminated bins, flytipping and also addressed issues of disrepair.

Welfare advice services provided by DIAL and CAB had moved online and were also able to be accessed via telephone. All other face to face work funded through the Dearne Development Fund had ceased.

Members were provided an overview of all contracts, including associated costs and when they were due to end.

Approximately £28,000 remained for allocation, though it was acknowledged that no finance had been devolved to the Dearne Development Fund, which had previously provided financial support to CAB and DIAL.

46 Discussion: reflections on the presentation and how the Area Council can assist our communities in recovery

Members were reminded of the five strategic priorities. They were asked to consider whether the priorities of the Area Council aligned and whether services could continue, perhaps amended. In addition, Members were asked to highlight what might not align and may need to cease, or where there may be gaps that would require addressing.

The issue of business closure and associated unemployment was raised, and the expectation that this situation could worsen. The need to provide further support to residents through DIAL and CAB services was suggested.

Those present discussed the need for up to date data, including Universal Credit claimants, and support requested through Enterprise Barnsley, and existing support available. This would help Members to understand the issue in more detail, including whether the situation differed in the Dearne when compared to other areas.

RESOLVED That the availability of data and information on the impact of the pandemic be explored with a view to this informing further discussions on the subject.

47 Close of the meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed.

Chair

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

**Report of Dearne Area Council
Manager**

Priority Setting

1.0 Purpose of Report

To update members regarding the priority setting workshop held on the 6th of July 2020

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members note the priorities set and agree the addition to the improving health priority to include wellbeing.

3.0 Background

3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 8th of June 2020 members were informed about the COVID recovery position, recovery priorities, commissions and Area Council finances. Subsequently the Area Manager and members met on the 6th of July in order to discuss the local priorities which had been set in 2018 in order to ensure that they addressed the needs of the area but also aligned to the recovery priorities.

The recovery priorities discussed were health & wellbeing, business & economy, building resilience, education & attainment, and infrastructure & environment. The local priorities in which members commission against are skills for work, improving health, young people, the local economy and the environment. Members discussed each in turn and how they aligned to the recovery priorities but also how they feel the local priorities still meet the needs of the Dearne area.

Members also discussed the recovery phase and how anecdotally they had had discussions about the impact COVID has had on people's mental and physical health. Therefore after deliberation members felt that the area priorities set were right, they aligned to the recovery priorities. However it is recommended that "Improving health" needs to include a slight amendment to now include "improving health and wellbeing"

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 27th July 2020

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Finance and commissioning update

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area council financial position and update on their commissioned services.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

2.2 That member's note the latest position with regards commissioned services.

3.0 Area Council Financial update

3.1 2020/2021

During the 2020/21 financial year the Area Council had a starting budget of £204,730.67. They have agreed to fund the education, environment and volunteer service, housing and migration officer, employability contract and social connectivity service. This brings the total amount already allocated out of the Area Council budget for 2020 to £176,557, leaving £28,173.67 unallocated.

3.2 2019/20 Dearne Development Fund

As of April 2019 the Dearne Area Council still had an earmarked budget of £ 9,572.10 to spend on Dearne Area priorities from the previous year's allocation. This with the approved £60k for 2019/20 totals £69,572.10 to spend on Area Council priorities. In addition to this the Area Council/team received a wellbeing grant from healthier communities of £19,018.78. This money was to be spent on projects that met the five ways to wellbeing and was distributed through the Dearne grants process. Therefore when combining the two the starting balances for 2019/20 was £88,590.88.

3.3 Eleven projects have been successful through the grants process and the amount spent to date is £84,940.20 leaving £3,650.68 to carry forward spend on Dearne Area priorities in the 2020/21 financial year.

See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

4.0 **Commission update**

- 4.1 All of the Area Council commissions have flexed their services in order to meet the needs of local residents. Although face to face contact has not been possible due to COVID.

The B:Friend social isolation service have flexed and offered a suite of initiatives online which have been really popular with the attendees, as well as delivering wellbeing and food parcels to the people they have engaged with. Rather than individual face to face contact the volunteers have been making regular telephone calls with the people they have been paired with. This service has been re-commissioned for a total of two years, performance and finance dependant.

As part of the Twiggs contract they would normally engage with groups, individual volunteers and schools. However they have flexed their services in order to assist neighbourhood services in creating a cleaner and greener environment. At the end of March next year this service will have been running for two years and can be extended for a further two performance and finance dependant.

The employability service officer has been working with individuals in ICT and Employability Support sessions, over 3 days each week during lockdown. Each learner has been given a time slot (usually for an hour +) which takes place either on the phone or over facetime/zoom if possible. The tutor has signed all learners onto online learning. Although he hasn't been able to undertake OCR assessments although he has moderated internally and been allowed to predict 10 learner grades, sent using OCR's system online

Quarter 1 for the Housing officer has been a difficult time for all the staff within in The service. The officer received a letter from the NHS and another from the doctors informing him that he could be at high risk of serious illness if he contracted covid 19 and he would have to isolate for 12 weeks which has now been extended until the 1st August 2020. Although he was not able to carry out all his duties such as house inspections or knocking on doors to give face to face advice, he could still carry out street inspections to identify fly-tipping and outside disrepair issues, and to insure that the referred jobs that needed further investigation or actions to the appropriate departments.

- 5.0 Dial and CAB have been still been meeting the needs of local residents but instead of face to face contact they have been lisaing via telephone. Both of these services are paid out of the Dearne Development fund and the current funding finishes September and October of this year. The Area Council also contribute to Goldthorpe Development groups monthly events, at the current time these are on hold but will be up and running once restrictions are lifted.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

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Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	
Carry forward	+£16,886.17	+£4,730.67	
Total allocation for year	£216,886.17	£204,730.67	
Community Newsletter	-£2,598.50		
Training for Employment	-£33,000	-£33,000	-33,000
Housing and Migration Officer	-£31,557	-£31,557	
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£85,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£60,000		
Social connectivity		-£27,000	-£27,000
Total spend (actual)	£212,155.50	£176,557	£145,000
Allocation remaining	+£4,730.67	+£28,173.67	

External Funding

Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount
Nesta- social isolation	2018-2020	£38,000
Public Health Grant	2019-2020	£19,018.78

Dearne Development Fund

Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Public Health Grant and Dearne Development Fund Allocation			£88,590.88
TADS	May 2019-April 2020	£14,944.73	£73,646.15
Dearne Playhouse	June 2019	£7,126	£66,520.15
Mission Muay Thai	June 2019-September 2019	£2,500	£64,020.15
B, Friend	June 2019-May 2020	£7,384	£56,636.15
Dearne Family Centres	June 2019-Sept 2020	£2,980.69	£53,655.46
CAB	Oct 2019-Oct 2020	£8,069	£45,586.46
DIAL	Dec 2019-Dec 2020	£10,151	£35,435.46
GDG	Dec 2019- Dec 2020	£5,000	£30,435.46
Fit Reds	Jan 2020-Sept 2020	£5,489.33	£24,946.13
Station House	Jan 2020-Jan 2021	£13,340	£11,606.13
TADS	July2020-March2021	£7,955.45	£3,650.68

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

Report of Dearne Area Council
Manager

The Dearne Development Fund

1.0 Purpose of Report

To update members regarding the last financial years spend and the proposal for allocating finances from the 2020/21 year in order to continue with the Dearne Development Fund to address the area priorities.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members allocate £28,000 out of their commissioning budget to continue the Dearne Development Fund in the 2020 financial year. Grants will be allocated from £1,000 - £15,000 in order to enhance/improve provision that already exists within the Dearne Area.
- 2.3 That members agree to the continuation of a Dearne Development Fund in 2020.
- 2.4 That the Service Director, Stronger Safer and Healthier Communities be authorised to approve grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 following consultation with the Dearne Development Fund allocation panel.

2.0 Development Fund

- 2.1 At the Area Council on the 21st of January 2019 members agreed to earmark £60k to the Development Fund to spend on Dearne priorities. In addition the Dearne Area Council still had an earmarked budget of £ 9,572.10 from the previous year's allocation. The Area Council/team also received a wellbeing grant from healthier communities of £19,018.78. This allocation was for projects that met the five ways to wellbeing and was distributed through the established grants process. Therefore the starting balance for 2019/20 was £88,590.88. Eleven projects have been successful through the grants process and the amount spent to date is £84,940.20 leaving £3,650.68 to carry forward to the 2020/21 financial year.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the Dearne Area Council continues with the Dearne Development Fund in the 2020/21 financial year and allocates £28,000 of its budget to spend on the priorities of the area. This will bring the total allocation for 2020/21 to £31,650.68
- 2.3 The allocation of funds will be between £1,000- £15,000 and an allocation panel will be convened in order to discuss applicants and make

recommendations twice per year. The final approval will be delegated to the Service Director, Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities. The panel will consist of the Area Council Manger, Dearne North and South residents and elected members.

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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 apprises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward 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

- 4.1 At the Ward Alliance meeting on the 5th March 2020 members Cllr Noble gave an update on the Area Council stating that all the commissions were providing good results especially DIAL who were inundated with local people every week and full to capacity. There were 4 Ward Alliance applications submitted in which all 4 were agreed to be recommended for approval. The trip to RENEWI waste plant was a success with the Ward Alliance members enjoying the tour and have a better understanding of how our waste is transported and what the process is to reduce this. Many of the projects are still in progress and will be starting this next month in the schools, i.e. school uniform & Don't Destroy the Dearne educating the school children on littering and the issues on single use plastic.

There was also great feedback on the multi partnership working with Berneslai Homes, Big Local Thurnscoe, ASOS and Probation Service on the clean up of Houghton Road car park and the 2 Centres surrounding it.

- 4.2 Due to the pandemic currently in place and no meetings or gatherings it was agreed to hold an individual virtual Ward Alliance meeting for Dearne North & Dearne South via teams on the 3rd June 2020 to introduce the new members that had signed up in March 2020 prior to lockdown. The meeting held gave the chance for all existing ward alliance members to give an outline of who

they were and what they work on in their communities and their passions for the Ward Alliance it also gave everyone the chance to express their feelings on how they were coping in lockdown and also what the new members did in the community on a volunteering capacity or work capacity. Discussions also took place about the 2 applications in which a couple of members declared an interest whilst the others voted. Both applications submitted were COVID19 specific and recommended for approval.

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

Appendix One: 5th March 2020 notes of the meeting

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Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Thursday 5 th March 12:30PM
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Alison Sykes, Cllr May noble, Alan George, Cllr Neil Danforth, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Derek Braham, Donna Gregory, Wendy Caine and Cllr Anette Gollick	Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Tina Brooke, Charlotte Williams, Cllr Alan Gardiner

	Action/ Decision
<p>1. Welcomes and Introductions</p> <p>2. Matters arising from the previous notes Cllr May noble asked Cllr Neil Danforth if he had been in touch with principal towns, Cllr Danforth stated he'd relayed the information back to Principle Towns Officer and its all good to go as BODVAG have agreed to take ownership and maintain the community notice board and keep it up to date with the relevant information inside. The maintenance of the notice board if there were any damages would be up to the members of the Dearne South Ward Alliance or external funding if necessary as Principle Towns do not have any contingency monies available or any repair work.</p> <p>Marie gave an update on BODVAGS previous application for the outdoor clothing she has had a conversation with Carol in which the children weren't an option as they have too many turn up to events and the costs would be too high to pay for all the different sizes needed. A discussion took place on the past applications in which had all been refused due to too many groups would apply if we funded clothing to distinguish their own identity, the Ward Alliance members did agree to funding Hi Vis jackets with promotional wording of sponsored by the Dearne South Ward Alliance written on the vests.</p> <p>Alan George gave an update on the visit to Renewi everyone in attendance thought it was a really inciteful day and came away with a better understanding of the process of waste management and how its sifted and lifted through the process.</p> <p>3. <u>Update from the Area council</u> Cllr Noble gave an update stating that all the commissions are working brilliant and are a true value for money, Dial are extremely successful with queues every week, she did state as some cases are more complex than others this is taking more time so with that in mind asked the group If maybe next year this is something that either Area Council or the Ward Alliance need to commission a extra day to ensure our local residents and families receive all the help they can get.</p>	<p>Marie to email/speak to BODVAG and see if they would like High Vis Vests as an option.</p>

4. Finance update

Working fund Dearne South bank account

£7,574.96 (committed spend below)

- £1412.40 School uniform project
- £4,500.00 Healthy holidays project (£500.00 now spent Feb 2020)
- £1,500.00 Library fund

£162.46 cash remaining

No balance on Dearne North bank account has Marie is awaiting a latest statement from Charlotte Williams this will be updated at the next Ward Alliance

Dearne South Ward Alliance funds

- **£9,794.04**

Dearne North Ward Alliance Funds

- **£3,277.12**

5. Funding applications

£3000.00 Rolling CCTV Cameras – split both wards 50/50

This funding application was submitted by Cllr Noble to install CCTV cameras around the streets in the Dearne area to stop fly tipping and anti-social behavior, Cllr Noble stated she has visited and contacted the relevant people and organizations to seek advice on this matter project. Cllr Danforth says if it is successful could we get one from each ward, it was agreed to run this as a pilot and if successful to look at purchasing more in each ward if possible next year.

Everyone said yes to this application

£2049.00 Body Carnegie- Dearne South

This funding application was submitted to design and renovate a disused space inside the Carnegie building with the hope that people can come in and sit and talk they would like to develop a safe place to help teenagers and young people with mental health issues, alcohol abuse to come and talk to others to share their feelings and emotions in the hope others can help and support them. Everyone agreed this is a really good idea and would support this application, all agreed.

£1500.00 Dearne North- St Helens community Hall

This application was submitted it's for a disability ramp so many more services and organizations and individuals with disabilities and complex needs for their walking ability can gain access to the building. After a lengthy discussion on this it was agreed that both Dearne North & Dearne South would equally award the project a split 50/50 monies, so £750.00 from each ward was agreed. All agreed to fund.

£1000.00 Dearne Memorial Group- Dearne North

This application was to have an upgrade on the website in which the volunteers use to have access to records of deaths and the work needed to run their projects. Cllr Noble suggested as this is Dearne whole why don't we make this application a joint application between Dearne north and Dearne south – all

Marie to send all applications to the Ward Alliance members to make them aware of the decisions from those in attendance.

agreed monies awarded to be split 50/50 £500.00 each ward. – all agreed

Project 14- Dearne south

This application was submitted requesting monies for First Aid kits & promotional sweatshirts to enable the volunteers who were taking part in the charity event to raise their profile on mental health in young people but as the ground had already said no to another group on clothing items they felt it was only fair to keep united on the same for this one. Although they did think it's was a great initiative and would again love to fund high vis vests with sponsored by the Dearne Ward alliance on. – Marie to email the group asking if they would like Hi visibility vests to help with their campaign.

Marie to email/speak to Project 14 contact and see if they would like High Vis Vests as an option. Marie will order the First Aid kits ASAP to ensure they have them for the charity event.

6. Ward alliance projects

Don't Destroy the Dearne

Marie gave an update on the progress having attended Heathergarth School with 3 volunteers from the focus group, the presentation went down really well with the children their understanding and participation was outstanding and worth a view if anyone had the time to come to the next ones, Marie stated please do? Alan George added the kids were fantastic and passionate they listened and watched everyone they asked questions. There is a further 3 schools been presented to at the end of March with The Hill being a bigger session built around GBCU It is going to be a bigger project then what we thought, if anyone wants to come along and watch the presentation they are quite welcome.

School uniform group

Vicky has set up a Facebook page for the school uniform group, it is for all the schools in Goldthorpe, Bolton on Dearne and Thurnscoe. Donations are been asked for from every school in the Dearne area - Vicky has sifted through all the school uniforms at the library, volunteers will be needed to wash & press them before we can take them out to the events over the spring/summer months. All the schools are going to give us their surplus stock and in the healthy holidays we are going to give away the school uniform on racks. We are not going to monitor it in any way shape or form.

Multi agency clean up

Marie gave a brief update and thanked all involved with the clean up - it went really well there were the BLT including Derek, Tina & Wendy & Glennis, the Community pay back team, Cllr Phillips, ESV staff from XPO Logistics (ASOS) who did an amazing job, Twiggs & Berneslai Homes who helped ensure all the green waste was taken away. Marie thanked them all for a brilliant tidy up day and made a real effort in helping to put pride back into Thurnscoe.

7. Group updates

Big local Thurnscoe

Big local Thurnscoe have got a VE day event it is a ticket only event they have secured members of the Dearne big band at ST Helens church hall can get tickets from the library or ST Helens, a large number has been sold already, you can dress up in 1940s. Thurnscoe plaza had a meeting with their development officer from sports England when you put in from a grant from sports England

they go through it and your then aligned a project manager it went to a board and got some more information today is the next stage where they see them from what he seems it hits wellbeing , older people all they have to do now once they get the exact plans they are happy to fund it 100 and something thousand no hesitation to say that won't go through. The information is going to cabinet this month, had a great response from the Dearne Astrea school they have put their ideas across. The sale of the second house that has dropped through number 18 has a tenant in. The hare is now in Thurnscoe health center it is brilliant the un vailing was last week. The Thurnscoe mosaic might go the Thurnscoe Health center.

Thurnscoe park

Thurnscoe park should have a flagpole at the end of May.

Big local – Bolton-Highgate and Goldthorpe

There looking into funding Twiggs AQA certificates. Big local are looking into funding Russell Scorthern for some CCTV cameras, there will be a presentation on this. Alan says groups are not coming back with information that have had money so big local can give review.

BODVAG

There will be a VE day on Sunday the 10th May 12pm until 4pm, Vera Lyn singers a brass band, army cadets will also be there, they are also having some old fashioned rides for the young kids to enjoy the day and interact with the older generation.

Goldthorpe development group

The older persons event will be next Wednesday, the VE event will be on in the 1st Wednesday of May, Easter event, bounce into summer, Halloween event, Christmas event

8. A.O.B

Alan mentions there was an issue when people put in for funding and they have quite a lot of money themselves do we say you have too much money there, Marie said it's a tricky situation most groups have a treasurer. Cllr noble said there should be openness and transparency with community groups. Every group member should know what is in their bank accounts the nature of these groups when we first started was they are supposed to be self-sustainable.

The ward alliance must trust the groups that come for money. Marie sends out a performance report to show what groups have had money.

In terms of monitoring what money goes out to groups- groups must give receipts

Cllr Gollick asked for a change on the meeting date as Cllr Johnson would like to attend but unable due to work commitments, Marie stated that as we have 6 new members form the community apply this would be a great opportunity to look at alternate dates and times. She added to send out dates for all to rely which is best, its understandable you may not get everyone attending but also a good thing to ensure equality and that everyone has the chance to attend.

9. Date and time of next meeting - Marie will send out date for the next meeting to ensure all members can be invited and attend

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**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 The Dearne North Ward Alliance had a starting balance of £11,784.29 for the 2019/20 financial year this included the underspend of £1,784.29. In November 2019 an additional £10,000 was added to the Ward Alliance budget. During 2019/20 they provided funds to 26 projects at a cost of £21,257.17 leaving a balance of £527.12 to carry forward into this financial year.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2020/21 financial year is £10,527.12 this includes the underspend of £527.12 from the 2019/20 budget. To date they have provided funds to 1 project (COVID19 specific) at a cost of £270.00 leaving a balance of £10,257.12.

4.2 The Dearne South Ward Alliance had a starting balance of £13,027.02 for the 2019/20 financial year this included the underspend of £3,027.02 from the 2018/19 budget. In November 2019 an additional £10,000 was added to the Ward Alliance budget and they have provided funds to 23 projects at a cost of £18,031.98 leaving a balance of £2,866.04 to carry forward into this financial year.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2020/21 financial year is £12,866.04 this includes the underspend of £2,866.04 from the 2019/20 budget. To date they have provided funds to 1 project (COVID19 specific) at a cost of £1,520.40 leaving a balance of £11,345.64.

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One: Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend

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2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2020/21 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The carry-forward and overspend of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund were combined and added to the 2020/21 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

Dearne North Ward Alliance budget

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £527.12 from 2019/20

£ 10,527.12 total available funding

<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Station House Community Association – COVID19 specific	March 2021	£270.00	£10,257.12

Total spend = £270.00

Match funded = £0.00

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For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £2,866.04 from 2019/20

£12,866.04 total available funding

<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Dearne Active Group – COVID19 specific	March 2021	£1520.40	£11,345.64

Total spend= £1520.40

Match funded = £1067.29

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