

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 September 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Held Virtually

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 27th July, 2020 (Dac.14.09.2020/2) *(Pages 3 - 6)*

Items for Discussion

- 3 Women's Centre - Jayne Hellowell (Dac.14.09.2020/3)
- 4 Private Sector Housing and Flytipping - Kevin Frisby and Rachel Hartley (Dac.14.09.2020/4)
- 5 Community Safety in the Dearne - Fiona Tennyson (Dac.14.09.2020/5)
- 6 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.14.09.2020/6) *(Pages 7 - 12)*

Performance

- 7 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.14.09.2020/7) *(Pages 13 - 16)*

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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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 27 July 2020
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Held Virtually

MINUTES

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

48 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

49 Election of a Chair

As Councillor Noble was having issues connecting to the meeting, a Chair was elected from the floor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Gardiner acts as Chair for the meeting.

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

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 8th June, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

51 Performance Report (Dac.27.07.2020/3)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, reminding Members that many of the previously set targets had been disregarded due to the services being flexed in response to Covid-19.

Members heard how the Employability Support Service had provided support to 23 individuals and assisted 3 to gain employment. Within the quarter 10 people had also completed their qualification. Though there were no longer mandatory referrals from Job Centre Plus, numbers of learners remained high, and support continued to be provided via telephone or via zoom.

Those present were reminded of the recruitment of a Housing and Migration Officer at the beginning of the year. It was noted that the officer had been shielding, however they had made 88 initial contacts, had dealt with 22 cases of waste on premises, and 44 cases of fly-tipping had been reported.

Members noted that the work of Twiggs Grounds Maintenance with schools had ceased, however the team had concentrated on clean ups in a number of highlighted streets, supporting the work of Neighbourhood Services. In addition, they had been

supporting individuals who were keen to improve the environment by supplying relevant equipment.

B:Friend continued to promote social inclusion by offering a range of activities for residents to engage in, instead of face-to-face meetings. Wellbeing packs had been distributed to a number of residents, and socially distanced befriending had also taken place in gardens.

Members heard that 11 projects had been funded through the Dearne Development Fund, however it had not been appropriate for all to continue.

TADS had continued to support young people, with 9 of secondary school age accessing the service and 4 of primary school age. All bar one reported in improvement in their wellbeing.

Mission Muay Thai had recruited 20 young people with 15 completing the 10 weeks of the project. 5 had also remained with the project. All who had completed the course reported an improvement in wellbeing.

It was noted that DIAL had ceased providing support in person as soon as lockdown was announced but had supported residents on the telephone. Within the quarter 127 enquiries had been received and support had led to £117,888 of benefit gain. It was suggested that future reports could breakdown the outcome of each of the 127 enquiries, be it referral to another agency, signposting, or more in-depth support.

Similarly, CAB had moved to provide support through other means and within the quarter had supported 42 client contacts, helping them to draw down an additional £67,045 of benefits.

The work of all services in responding to the difficult situation was commended.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

52 Dearne Area Council Priorities (Dac.27.07.2020/4)

Members were reminded of the discussion at the Area Council on 8th June in relation to the Council's recovery priorities and the financial position of the Area Council.

Subsequently Members had met and had a more in-depth discussion to consider the alignment of the Area Council priorities with those of the Council.

Members had felt that the Area Council's current priorities aligned strongly with those of the Council but it was suggested that mental health could feature more prominently. Therefore it was suggested that the priority 'Improving Health' be modified to 'Improving Health and Wellbeing'.

RESOLVED that the priorities for the Area Council be as follows:- Skills for Work; Improving Health and Wellbeing; Young people; The Local Economy; and The Environment.

53 Dearne Area Council Commissioning and Financial Update (Dac.27.07.2020/5)

The Area Council Manager provided an overview of the financial situation. The Area Council had an opening balance of £204,730.67 for 2020/21 of which £176,557 had been allocated, leaving £28,173.67.

The Dearne Development Fund had funded 11 projects in 2019/20 and £3,650.68 remained to be carried forward in to the current financial year.

Members were reminded of the timescales for each of the contracted services, together with the opportunities to available to extend these should they remain a priority and finance be available.

It was recommended that the situation of Dearne Development Fund projects that were currently halted be monitored in order to inform decisions should these be delayed indefinitely.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

54 Dearne Development Fund (Dac.27.07.2020/6)

Members were reminded of the small amount of finance remaining in the Dearne Development Fund, and of its impact in previous years.

Noted was the recommendation to allocate £28,000 from the Area Council budget to add to the underspend within the Dearne Development Fund, to be allocated as per previously established protocols.

The need for ongoing monitoring of projects already supported, especially those halted due to Covid-19 was reiterated.

RESOLVED that £28,000 be devolved to the Dearne Development Fund to be allocated as per previously agreed protocols.

55 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 5th March, 2020 (Dac.27.07.2020/7)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 5th March 2020. A brief overview was provided of the financial situation at the time of the meeting and of the applications for Ward Alliance Fund finance. An update was also given in relation to the ongoing Ward Alliance projects.

RESOLVED that notes from the Ward Alliance be received.

56 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.27.07.2020/8)

The Area Council Manager provided an update in relation to the use of Ward Alliance Funds.

For Dearne North the opening balance for 20/21 was £10,527.12. One project had been funded, which left a remaining balance of £10,257.12.

For Dearne South there was an opening balance of £12,866.04 for 20/21, and one project had been funded leaving £11,345.64 to allocate.

Members noted that there may be some underspend returned should projects be unable to go ahead due to Covid-19, or that projects may need to be delayed. Also noted were the restrictions on funding, with only projects that supported recovery being eligible.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 14th September 2020

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Finance

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

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 additional monies received from the financial hardship fund.

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. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27th of July members also agreed to earmark £28,000 to the Dearne Development fund. This brings the total amount already allocated out of the Dearne Area Council budget for 2020/21 to £204,557, leaving £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 £60,000 for 2019/20 totalled £69,572.10 to spend on Dearne 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 Development Fund process. Therefore when combining the two the starting balances for 2019/20 was £88,590.88.

- 3.3 Eleven projects were successful through the Development fund process and the amount spent was £84,940.20 leaving £3,650.68 to carry forward spend on Dearne Area priorities in the 2020/21 financial year. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27th of July the Dearne Area Council agreed to earmark £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund for the 2020/21 financial year leaving £31,650.68 to spend on area priorities.
- 3.4 In addition the Area Council/team have recently received £10,000 from the financial hardship fund which was allocated to address the needs of the local area for those experiencing hardship brought about by the current pandemic. After discussions it was agreed that this would be added to the Dearne Development Fund in order to continue with services that addressed financial hardship and the needs of Dearne residents. Therefore the total earmarked for applicants to the Dearne Development Fund is £41,650.68.
- 4.0 See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

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	-£28,000	
Social connectivity		-£27,000	-£27,000
Total spend (actual)	£212,155.50	£204,557	£145,000
Allocation remaining	+£4,730.67	+£173.67	

Dearne Development Fund

The projects below were paid for out of the 2019/20 allocation, however due to COVID some of the delivery will be extended into the 2020/21 financial year.

2019/20 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Public Health Grant and Dearne Development Fund Allocation 2019/20			£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
Approved at the Area Council on the 27 th of July 2020		£28,000	£31,650.68
Additional financial hardship grant		£10,000	£41,650.68
2020/21 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining

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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 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 2 projects (COVID19 specific) at a cost of £2270.00 leaving a balance of £8,257.12.

4.2 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 2 projects (COVOD19 specific) at a cost of £3,520.40 leaving a balance of £9,345.64.

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
Ward Alliance project - Get Fit, Get Fed, Get Active	September 2020	£2000	£8,257.12

Total spend = £2,270.00

Match funded = £0.00

Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

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
Ward Alliance project - Get Fit, Get Fed, Get Active	September 2020	£2000	£9,345.64

Total spend= £3,520.40

Match funded = £1067.29

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