

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 1 February 2021
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 North Area Council meeting held on 23rd November 2021 (*Pages 3 - 8*)

Items for Information

- 3 Public Health Updates (including Covid-19) - Cath Bedford/Lucy Butcher/Leyla Brooke

Items for discussion

- 4 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (*Pages 9 - 14*)

Performance

- 5 Area Commissioning Performance Report

Items for Decision

- 6 Stronger Communities Grant (*Pages 15 - 24*)

Ward Alliances

- 7 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (*Pages 25 - 34*)
- 8 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (*Pages 35 - 50*)

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Charlesworth, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Rosie Adams, North Area Council Manager
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Elizabeth Barnard, Council Governance Officer
Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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Friday, 22 January 2021

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 23 November 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

1 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

Councillor Leech welcomed attendees to the meeting, which is being streamed live on the internet. Introductions were made for the benefit of those attending.

2 **Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th September 2020**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th September 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th September 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Housing and Cohesion (Bradley Beatson and Carolyn Nicholls)**

Carolyn Nicholls and Bradley Beatson were welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of Bradley's role of Housing and Cohesion Officer. Bradley has been in post since 19th October and has already done a number of walkabouts and is becoming familiar with Council systems. Bradley has created a letter for tenants which explains his role and the help and support he can provide. He has already established a presence in the community, familiarising himself with the area. People in the community seem keen to have a conversation with Bradley while he is out and about, which gives him an opportunity to explain his role. Whilst acknowledging that he has lots to learn, Bradley is clearly enthusiastic and is looking forward to the role and working with the Councillors in the future. It is likely that Bradley will be funded to do the HHSRS qualification, which will enable him to be able to categorise hazards and chase up problems with landlords once he is able to enter premises.

RESOLVED that Bradley and Carolyn be thanked for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. Councillors also expressed their gratitude at having both officers on board to support the work of the North Area Council.

4 **Young People's Resilience Grant - update**

The North Area Council Manager introduced this item and apprised Members of the current position regarding the outcome of the Young People's Emotional Resilience

Grant Panel. The opportunity will support Covid-19 Recovery in the short term and transition work in the longer term.

Since the last Area Council meeting, the, multi disciplinary panel of experts with reps from junior and senior school has been very busy. Two providers have been asked to come on board - YMCA and Ad Astra, with a geographic split. The model has been slightly adapted due to Covid and budgetary requirements. All schools identified for the projects have been offered flexible support but some are experiencing difficulty with bubbles etc. and keeping students and staff safe. New relationships and trust is being established between schools and our voluntary and community sector organisations, which will take time to embed.

It was explained that the 6 primary schools were identified and approached through looking at indices of multiple deprivation, free school meals eligibility, special educational needs and layered the statistical information on top of each other. The Area Council Manager also confirmed that funding given to Emmanuel Church was in the last financial year and has come to an end and so will not duplicate funding.

RESOLVED that Members note the progress in this priority area

5 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The North Area Council Manager introduced this report, providing Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed. Some projects have had to be flexed due to the impact of Covid. The report explains what this has looked like and where additional funding has been applied to projects.

Items of specific note included:

The Anti-poverty community outreach project has been waived for a further 12 months and may be put out to tender in the early summer of next year unless there is an opportunity for a further waiver. The Clean and Green service may be advertised as a new opportunity from April of next year with an adapted specification. Members have now met the new Housing and Cohesion Officer Bradley Beatson. DIAL's Warm Connections project is now in the 3rd year of delivery and may be retendered next summer. In terms of the Stronger Communities grant, some projects have had to be postponed or adapted so that they could continue to provide a service during the emergency situation where appropriate. Age UK has been working hard in the area, endeavouring to ensure that older people stay mentally and physically active whilst being as independent as possible. The project is to be extended until June 2021 after a hard winter. The grant opportunity for the Environmental Contract should be advertised at the end of the month.

Members were made aware of the adaptations to the budget contained within the report which have occurred as a result of projects requiring more funding or starting later than envisaged. A Member commented that substantial progress has now been made on the Fleets project and that the report should be published on the North Area Council web page to reassure residents.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and funding commitments;
- (ii) Members also note the update regarding the Housing and Cohesion Officer,
- (iii) Members note the updated table showing the proposed spend versus the current forecasted spend for the year, and
- (iv) The Fleets progress report be published on the North Area Council web page for the benefit of residents

6 Area Commissioning Performance Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing the Area Council with a comprehensive Performance Report for the period July – September (2020/21 Quarter 2) together with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

The report demonstrated how all the North Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives and making a massive positive intervention in people's lives, particularly during this very difficult time. Case studies demonstrated the difference that is being made to individual families.

Projects highlighted included the CAB & DIAL Community Outreach Project; Twiggs Grounds Maintenance and DIAL Social Isolation and Warm Connections project.

It was reported that Darton Cricket Club has not yet had the opportunity to use sports equipment purchased last year, it is anticipated that a report will be submitted by the end of June 2021. 'Reds in the Community' has struggled in some areas, the programme that started in October is now being delivered virtually. This will give an opportunity to engage virtually with Fit Reds, which is helpful for people who may suffer from low mood.

In terms of this year's grant funding, some remodelling has had to be done and providers have had to meet many challenges in this period. Members were provided with detailed information about the Emmanuel Church projects; CAB and DIAL; YMCA youth work and the Dementia café.

RESOLVED that the contents of the Performance Management Report be noted.

7 Covid-19 Recovery Older People's Resilience

The Area Council Manager introduced this report, which proposes to extend funding that will support older people in the COVID-19 Recovery Phase whilst trying to ensure that money contributed to the projects get well utilised. All providers are continually adapting their service delivery to reflect the current Covid safe working practises and lockdown restrictions. Really strong partnerships have been formed,

with partners talking to each other for the benefit of older people in the community, supported by the Health and Wellbeing group and the Community Matron.

An additional £2000 has been provided for winter warmer packs to be distributed to older people in the community. The packs will also include falls prevention and exercise information; reminiscence activities; toothbrush packs and information on local organisations providing help and support.

It was reported that when vaccines are rolled out, possibly as early as next month, there may be a role for the Area Council in terms of providing transport to vaccination centres. Once more is known, this will be brought to the North Area Council, as it is likely that older and vulnerable people will be a priority group.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council continues to fund Age UK Barnsley to provide support for older people in the North Area for a further 6 months; and
- (ii) Provides £2000 of additional funding for the Winter Warmer Packs.

8 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period. Members were asked to keep aware of what is happening in communities and to help to identify any projects which may need funding during this difficult situation.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2020/21, and
- (ii) Each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2020/21, in line with the guidance on spend.

9 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 8th September and 13th October 2020; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 16th September and 21st October 2020; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 8th September and 13th October 2020; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 19th September 2020.

Further updates included:

Darton East – There will be a solo Christmas lights switch on by Cllr Spence. Christmas trees have been funded for outside the Co-op in Mapplewell, at Woolley colliery and one at Windhill. Spring bulbs have been funded, planted by the Greenspace group across the area with the help of volunteers. There has also been a campaign to promote shopping locally in Mapplewell, which initially led to an upturn in business. It is hoped that this can continue.

Darton West – Three projects have been recently completed: the car park at Darton park has been well received and has led to a noticeable increase in use of the park; the Dearne Hall Road project is now complete with low fencing around some green space and Harry Road Rec now has new fencing which should help combat anti-social behaviour.

Old Town – 4 of the 5 Christmas trees have now been planted, a 9ft tree has been donated by a resident together with 500 crocus bulbs and 200 snowdrop bulbs donated by residents. Lights for the trees have been provided by Council and they will be dressed shortly. The community planter will be installed and planted up shortly. The Blackburn Lane play area has now been recovered and spring bulbs planted by the Yorkshire Wildlife Team.

St Helen's – Lots of community groups have been bidding for Covid recovery funding. £1687 has been returned from St Helens church as they no longer needed the funding which can now be put to good use elsewhere. Spring bulbs have been planted around the area. Christmas tree events will take place shortly but may be online. Laithes Chapel is planning to hold a memory tree service under Covid guidelines but if this does not go ahead people will still be able to put their own tags on. Activity packs and selection boxes have been agreed and will come from Good Food Barnsley CIC and will be distributed to families in need throughout the ward.

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

Chair

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Item 4

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
1st February 2021

Agenda Item: 4

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **That Members note the intention to advertise the Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22 opportunity.**
- 2.3. **That Members confirm that they wish to devolve funds to the Ward Alliances during 2021/22.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one-year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

Contract 2 commenced on the 14th September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13th September 2020.

The Area Council have agreed to continue to fund this project. Due to procurement pressures during Covid-19 the decision was taken to submit a waiver and extend the existing contract by 12 months until 13th September 2021.

N.B. If the contract is renewed this will require either a further waiver or open tender in May/June 2021.

3.1 The Clean and Green Service

Contract one was delivered by Forge Community Partnership commenced on the 14th September 2015. The initial two-year contract has now concluded.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2nd October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider is Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, who commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the end of September 2020.

N.B. The Area Council agreed in March 2020 that they wish to continue with an Environmental Education commission. Due to procurement pressures during COVID-19 a waiver has been submitted to extend the contract by 6 months to March 2021. The new contract opportunity is current out to tender at the time of writing.

- 3.2 Housing and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing) – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would fund a private sector housing officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The successful candidate started on the 22nd January 2018 and proved to be a great asset to the area. The officer left the North Area council at the end of June 2019 for a promotion within BMBC.

The new Housing and Cohesion Officer started in post on Monday 19th October 2020. The Area Council have committed to fund the post for at least 24 months.

In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

- 3.3 Health and Wellbeing – At the November 2017 meeting The North Area Council agreed to consider a Social Inclusion Project with a Prevention of Winter Deaths focus. This would complement the work of Housing and Energy Colleagues who are looking at developing a Housing and Energy Advice Hub with housing energy advice. Aligning a 3 year pilot in North Area would be a fantastic opportunity to combine resources and realise positive outcomes for residents in the North Area. A workshop of took place on the 10th of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14th May meeting.

The procurement process for this project was conducted during June and July 2018. DIAL Barnsley was the preferred provider when the process concluded. This contract is valued at £75,000p.a. (with a ceiling of £85,000) for two years, with the option to extend a third year. The contract commenced on the 3rd September 2018 and the project went live from 1st January 2019. The service is be called 'Warm Connections'.

It has been recognised that the existing hOurbank project that DIAL deliver in the North Area would complement the Warm Connections Service. The North Area Council has agreed to contribute £10,000p.a. for the duration of the Warm Connections contract.

N.B. The Area Council have agreed to extend the funding for the final year of the contract. This would enable service to continue until 2nd September

2021. A decision if they wish to recommission the service will need to be made no later than March 2021.

3.4 Stronger Communities Grant –

The total funding available for 2020/21 is £50,000. A total of 7 applications were received, totalling £107,554.00

At the Grant Panel on Friday 28th February 2020, four projects were recommended for funding however only one of the projects received the full grant amount that they originally applied for.

Successful projects:

- Emmanuel Methodist Church – Connections (**postponed until September 2020 due to Covid-19**)
- YMCA – Youthwork
- Making Space – Dementia Café (**project has been remodelled to aid Covid-19 Recovery and will commence in October 2020**)
- Citizens Advice Bureaux – Specialist Debt Advice

N.B. The Area Council requested that the CAB specialist debt advice service be extended for 6 months, from October 2020-March 2021.

It is intended to advertise the Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22 opportunity from 20th January 2021. The total funding pot is £40,000. It is recommended that the grant opportunity is tailored to assist with Covid-19 Recovery. With applications between £5,000 and £10,000.

3.5 Covid-19 Recovery

- Age UK – Supporting Older People in the North Area
To support Covid-19 Recovery the Area Council have awarded additional grant funding of £10,000 to Age UK to support older people who have been adversely affected by lockdown. The award is intended to provide an enabling service that will assist the local community to return to normal actively when it is safe to do so.

N.B. At the September meeting the Area Council requested to extend this provision by a further 6 months. January – June 2021, this has been negotiated.

3.6 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

The Area Council has profiled £20,000 to be devolved to Ward Alliances during 2021/22.

N.B. Members are asked to confirm this funding proposal.

3.7 Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People

In November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to fund a project for up to three years. The project entitled ‘An Empowerment Programme Enabling Resilient Transitions for Children and Young People Aged 8-14 Years’ was advertised as a competitive grant in early 2020. The process was unsuccessful. It was agreed in on the 16th March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

N.B. Note that this opportunity will have to be tailored to help address the fall out of COVID-19 lockdown and aid in the delivery of the COVID-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants went live on the 1st November and two providers are in place. However some aspects of delivery may be delayed due to the additional pressures of the pandemic.

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the end of 2019/20 there was a significant **underspend of £156,433 (this includes underspend from previous years).**
- 4.2. **The forecast for 2019/20 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **reduced to £122,517.** This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £32,595.
- 4.3. The Area Council acknowledged that although annual spend is above the annual budget there was still opportunity to develop and new project to address the area priorities. Keen to have a young people’s specific project in place a project has been developed. £90,000 per annum has been allocated to this project for the next three financial years, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- 4.4. Outlined annual commitments from April 2020 (Please note these have altered significantly due to Covid-19):

Contract	Proposed Spend 2020/21	Actual Spend 2020/21
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000	£16,500
Stronger Communities Grant	£50,000	£60,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ hOurbank)	£75,000 + £10,000	£75,000 + £10,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,000	£50,000
Fleets Nature Park	£20,000	£20,000
Older People & Winter Warmth	£0	£22,000
TOTAL	£460,000	£433,500

4.5. **As a result of delays to project during 2020 the underspend will be reduced but not as much as originally intended. It is recommended that some of this funding is used to increase the value of longstanding contracts with considerations for inflation.**

5. Commissioning programme from April 2020

5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 18th November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to the forward plan for the next two years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

6. Risks

6.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £60,000 over budget pa for from 2020/21 and 2021/22. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 would be feasible.

7. Next Steps

7.1. At the time of writing the Area Council Manager is preparing the Stronger Communities Grant Fund documentation for advertisement following today's meeting.

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

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Date:

07/01/2021

Appendix 1: North Area Council Proposed expenditure April 2020-March 2023

Project / Service	Annual Value				
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach <i>Retender Anti- Poverty</i>	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Housing Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Stronger Communities Grant	80,000.00	50,000.00	40,000.00	20,000.00	-
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ hOurbank) 2018-2020 (+1year) £75,000 + £10,000	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances <i>(where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000)</i>	40,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing - Resilient Transitions	60,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
The Fleets - Nature Park	30,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
TOTAL		460,000.00	460,000.00	430,000.00	390,000.00

Item 6

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

1st February 2021

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council
Manager

North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Supporting Covid-19 Recovery

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To approve the Stronger Communities Grant Panel's recommendation to make the grant funding available for 2021/22.

1.2 To agree dates for advertising and of the grant funding opportunity.

2. Recommendations

2.1. Members approve the recommendation to run the grants programme in 2021/22.

2.2. Members agree to the terms of reference, Appendix 1.

2.3. Members agree the value of the grant funding pot for 2021/22 of £40,000.

2.4. Members to confirm which councillors will represent each ward on the grants panel 2020/21.

3. Documentation and Process

Attached to this document please find the Grant Panel's Terms of Reference. Appendix 1.

4. 2019/20 Allocation

The panel have recommended the grant funding allocation for 2021 is £40,000. This is a reduction in the grant funding that was available for 2019/20. The grants available are from £5,000 to £10,000.

5. Grants Panel

The 2021/22 Grants Panel ward representation is as follows:

Darton East	Cllr Hunt
Darton West	Cllr Howard
Old Town	Cllr Lofts
St Helen's	Cllr Tattersall

6. Proposed dates

If the Area Council agrees to run the grant funding programme in 2021/22, the indicative dates are as follows:

Advertise grant opportunity	2 nd February 2021
Closing date for grant applications	26 th February 2021
Packs to panel members	4 th March 2021
Panel Evaluation Meeting	11 th March 2021
Notification of successful applicants	16 th March 2021
Projects commence from	1 st April 2021

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Date:
18/01/2021

Appendix 1:

NORTH AREA COUNCIL COMMISSIONING **STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT PANEL 2021/22** **COVID-19 RECOVERY - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Background

The North Area Council has made £40,000 of the area allocation available to help address local priorities. Awards will range from £5,000 - £10,000. This is a one-off grant funding opportunity, enabling projects to be delivered in the financial year 2021/22.

Membership

- The Stronger Communities Grant Panel will consist of four Elected Members, one from each Ward of the North Area Council.
- The Elected Members will be duly nominated by the ward they represent, and their position on the group be agreed through the North Area Council for an initial term of 12 months.
- The Area Council Manager will support the Stronger Communities Grant Panel in an advisory capacity and adopt the role of Chairperson.
- The Senior Link Officer will attend in an advisory capacity.
- The Stronger Communities Grant Panel will be facilitated and supported by the North Area Team.

Purpose of The Panel

The purpose of the Stronger Communities Grant Panel will be:

- To act as a funding decision sub-group to the North Area Council; making funding recommendations for the Stronger Communities Grant. These recommendations will enable the funding to be approved by the delegated officer.

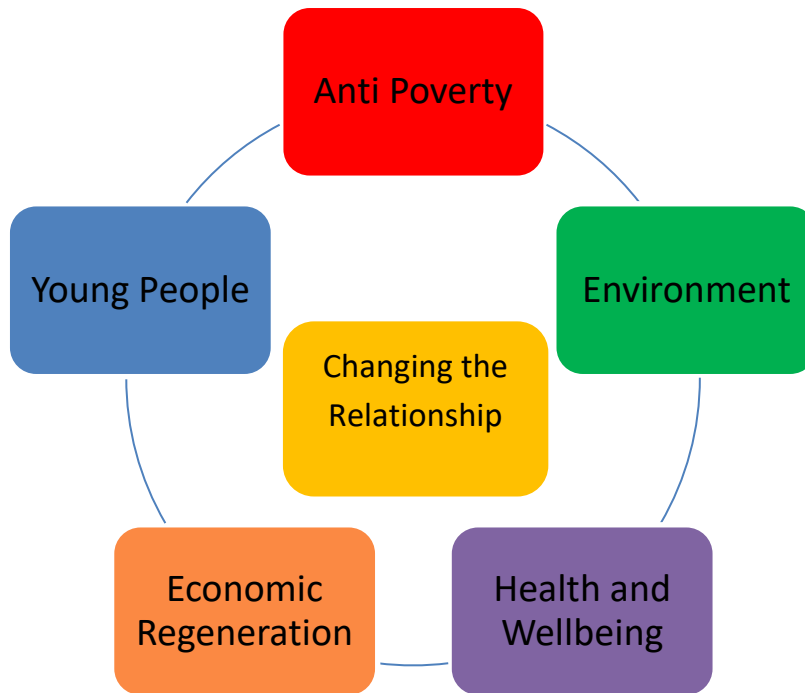
Aims and outcomes

Approved grants will be for the benefit of the North Area Council and will meet both the corporate and Area Council priorities. The aims and associated outcomes of the Stronger Communities Grant can be seen below. N.B. However in 2021, the grant has been adapted to support the Covid-19 recovery process.

The aims:

To ensure that the £40,000 Stronger Communities Grant, made available by the North Area Council, is fully committed and allocated as appropriate.

The Area Council priorities are:



Opportunities for Young People	Raise the aspirations of young people and increased their life chances Help to ensure that young people in the North Area reach a positive post 16 destination
Health and Wellbeing	Prioritise the reduction in health inequalities between different parts of the Borough Encourage people to implement the five ways to wellbeing into their lives: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Help Others and Take Notice. Support the many benefits of volunteering and foster our many and diverse opportunities for residents to gain new skills and experiences through volunteering
Anti-Poverty	Target young people, families and communities who may need advice and extra help in gaining the skills and experience they need to succeed
Environment	Maintain our parks and greenspaces for future generations through increased community stewardship
Economic Regeneration	Increase the skills of our current and future workforce Work with local businesses to plan for the future
Golden thread : Changing the relationship – Stronger Communities	Facilitate greater self-help Engage local communities in helping them shape decisions and services in their neighbourhood Ensure people of all ages have a much greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and Barnsley

Process and Best Practise

- Decision will be reached at a Panel Meeting via a collaborative discussion whereby majority decision can be reached.
- In cases where the panel is split and cannot reach an amicable decision, the project will either be deferred awaiting further information or it will be rejected.
- The Area Council cannot overturn the panel's recommendations.
- The Area Manager will report decisions of the Panel to the North Area Council for information.
- Safeguard public funds by being transparent, namely reporting decisions.

Roles and Responsibilities

Panel Members will be expected to:

- Make themselves available for panel meetings
- Read applications in advance of the panel meeting, independently score each application and make summary notes to ensure a concise and constructive conversation can take place at the panel meeting. (N.B. Unscored applications will not be considered in the moderation process)
- Enter into debate regarding the merit of each applications
- Make decisions on applications for the benefit of the whole North Area

The Chair will be expected to:

- Keep the panel to time
- Lead a constructive debate in relation to each application
- Will Have no vote in the decision-making process

Conduct and Values

- All members must act in the interest of the whole North Area.
- All members must be transparent about how decisions to award grants are made and be willing to share this information publicly.
- The panel should work in a non-discriminatory way, making decisions that represent and affect all sections of the community.

Decisions

Decisions made by the Stronger Communities Grant Panel will be final. There is no right of appeal by the applicant.

Sign off

We (members of the Stronger Communities Grant Panel) agree to these terms of reference.

Chair: _____ (Signed) _____ (Name)

Other names of members of the panel:

_____ (Signed) _____ (Name)

_____ (Signed) _____ (Name)

_____ (Signed) _____ (Name)

_____ (Signed) _____ (Name)



Appendix 2:

North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant

Working together to build stronger communities across Barnsley North Area

PANEL GUIDANCE 2021-22

Dear Panel Member,

Thank you for volunteering to represent your ward in this valuable exercise, designed to allocate funding to community based projects that will help to address both BMBCs Corporate Priorities and those of the North Area Council. This funding will be particularly important to help the North Area to begin its recovery from Covid-19. I hope this guidance will make this process as straightforward as possible.

Applications Received

The application deadline was: 12noon on Friday 26th February 2021.

X applications were received, totalling **£xx,xxx.xx**.

You should have received your panel packs week commencing 4th March 2021.

Individual Scoring

You will find all xx applications in your panel pack. Each with a scoring matrix attached.

Please complete a scoring matrix for each application (both a numerical score and comments on the reverse.) Bring this and the rest of your panel pack contents with you to the moderation meeting. For most of the packs there is supporting information which is not essential to the scoring process but has been provided by the applicants. Printing this seemed like a waste but I will email it to you so that you have an opportunity to look at this should you wish.

Completing this process in advance should save time at the moderation whilst still allowing for informed discussion to take place that will help you decide which projects have been successful in the process.

Stronger Communities Grants Panel Moderation meeting

I look forward to seeing you at the moderation meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact me.

Day: Thursday

Date: 11th March 2021

Time: 14.30 – 17.00

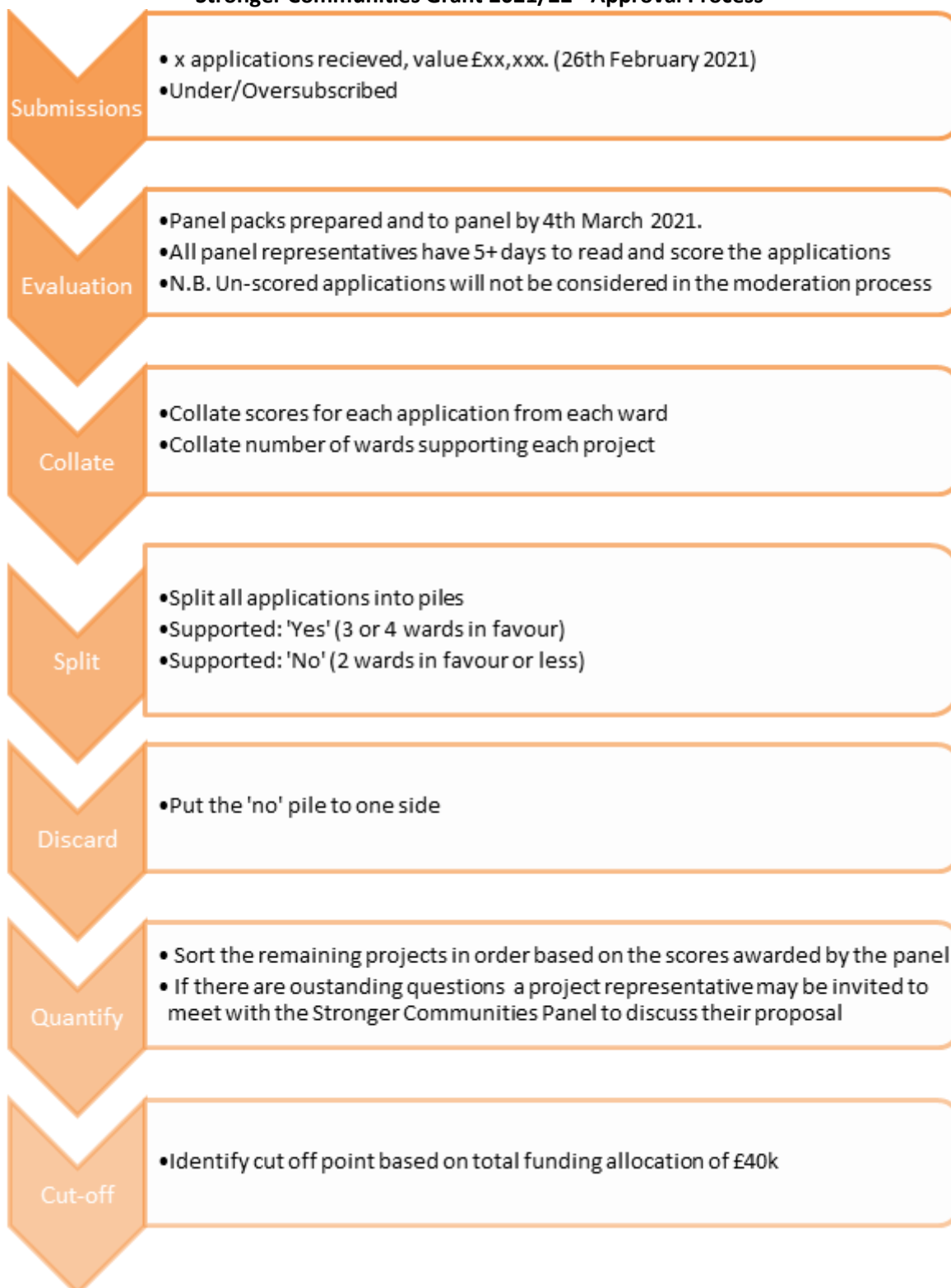
Location: Microsoft Team Meeting

Kindest regards,

Rosie

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North Area Council
Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22 - Approval Process



North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application - Scoring matrix



Name:	Representing Ward:
Project Number: Project Name:	Name of Organisation:

For all questions, please score out of five points unless stated otherwise.

Scoring Levels

- 1 = Little or no evidence to support the criteria
- 2 = Some evidence to support the criteria
- 3 = Sufficient evidence support the criteria
- 4 = Considerable evidence to support the criteria
- 5 = Strong evidence to support the criteria

Criteria	Score
The project clearly supports the North Area Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for Young People Health and Wellbeing Anti-Poverty Environment Economic Regeneration Changing the relationship – stronger communities 	Please indicate which of the priorities the project supports by indicating against the priority opposite <u>and</u> score below. Projects supports at least one priority - /1 Project supports an additional priority(ies) (extra point) - /1
The project clearly shows how it will North Area communities to recover from the impact of Covid-19	/5
The project encourages people to incorporate the five ways to wellbeing into their lives: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Help Others and Take Notice.	/5
The need for the project is clearly shown i.e. an evidence base for this project and local demand is demonstrated.	/5
The aim/purpose of the project is clearly defined.	/5
Project outcomes (what will change as a result of the project) are clearly stated and are deliverable.	/5
A wide range of beneficiaries will benefit i.e. The project is inclusive and open to the wider community.	/5
The project milestones are well considered and the implementation plan of the project is thorough.	/5
The proposal shows a good understanding of how to monitor the performance of the project, and how to record, measure and demonstrate that outcomes have been achieved.	/5
The evidence the applicant will produce as part of the monitoring process will enable the grants panel to understand what has been delivered.	/5
The project represents good value for money.	/5
Project expenditure is realistic and achievable.	/5
The project contributes to stronger communities, capacity building and sustainability by providing volunteering opportunities.	/5
Total	/62

N.B. Please note your comments/observations on the reverse.

Name:	Representing Ward:
Project:	Name of Organisation:

Other comments/general observations:

Panel Representative Signature:	
Date:	
Overall project score:	Project supported : YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
1st February 2021

Agenda Item: 7

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing project during the remainder of 2020/21, appendix 1.**

2.2 **That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2020/21, in line with the guidance on spend.**

3.0 Introduction

3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition, the Area Council has devolved £10,000 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2029/20.

3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding.

3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

4.0 2020/21 Financial Position

4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2020/21 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

4.2 Budget allocations for 2020/21

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2019/20	Additional DWB (Announced 10/2019)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£7,704.70	£0	£17,704.70
Darton West	£10,000	£11,276.69	£0	£21,276.69
Old Town	£10,000	£16,533.52	£0	£26,533.52
St Helen's	£10,000	£14,254.73	£0	£24,254.73

- 4.3 Please note that the additional £10,000 per ward that was due to be awarded following a briefing in October 2019 has been retracted to help address COVID-19 impact from a centralised position.
- 4.4 Please note that WAF which was allocated to community resilience projects in the first wave of COVID lockdown restrictions has been reimbursed and the budget papers from November 2020 reflect this.
- 4.5 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.
- 4.6 Please refer to Appendix 2 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2020/21. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities. Due to COVID-19 many of these meetings will need to be held virtually.
- 5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.3 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.
- 5.4 All Ward Alliance Funding forms for the year 2020/21 must be signed off by the Ward Alliance by early March (for 2021 this is 12th March 2021) to allow for timely processing.

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Appendix 1:

COVID19 WARD ALLIANCE RECOVERY PLAN

There is a desire for Ward Alliances to continue to conduct business in support of their community and residents. This recovery plan is intended to show the steps we will take to allow business to continue.

Whilst this plan is being issued to illustrate and inform our direction of travel, it is necessary to keep this fluid and under review. Progression through each step will only occur when the government guidance and local data tells us that it is safe to do so.

PHASE	MEETINGS	PROJECT DECISIONS
1 (current position)	No meetings held – projects agreed via email.	<p>Decisions taken on any projects via email objection (consensus assumed unless objection raised).</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p>
2 (explore this now for individual WAs)	<p>Where possible, Ward Alliance meetings to be held virtually using IT.</p> <p>Guidance and support can be provided to facilitate this.</p>	<p>Applications discussed and decided via virtual meetings. Ward Alliance members unable to join the virtual meeting are given chance to comment in advance.</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p>
3 (not currently possible)	<p>Ward Alliance meetings to be held observing social distancing.</p> <p>Larger venues may be necessary to facilitate this.</p> <p>Refreshments should be avoided.</p> <p>Where possible, WA Members should have the option to 'dial in' via IT.</p>	<p>Applications discussed and decided via the meetings. Ward Alliance members unable to join the meeting are given chance to comment via the 'dial in' option.</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p>
4 (not currently possible)	Ward Alliances begin to meet as pre-Covid arrangements.	<p>Applications are discussed and decided at the meetings.</p> <p>Projects begin to broaden out. Public events begin to be planned. The volunteer match element is reviewed.</p>
5 (not currently possible)	<p>Ward Alliances return to a standard way of operating.</p> <p>As part of our 'new normal' the option for members of the Ward Alliances to 'dial in' may wish to be retained.</p>	<p>Ward Alliance applications can be considered as pre-Covid arrangements including indoor and outdoor public events.</p> <p>Volunteer match element is reintroduced to ensure we facilitate volunteering and social action.</p>

Appendix 2:
2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

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

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council. The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2020/21 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation

£6,124.70 carried forward from 2019/20

£1,000.00 DE Community Garden unspent

£388.00 DE Family Fun Sessions

£880.00 Hanging Basket Income

£18,392.70 Total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £9,196.35	Allocation Remaining £18,392.70
Hanging Baskets 2020	£1705	£0	£7,491.35	16,687.70
Healthy Holidays 2020	£2000	£0	£5,491.35	14,687.70
Mapplewell Bowling Club	£240	£243.18	£5,491.35	14,447.70
Autumn Planting	£1,000	£540.40	£5,491.35	13,447.70
Community Notice Board	£1280	£0	£4,211.35	12,167.70
Shop Local project	£600	£0	£3,611.35	11,567.70
Christmas 2020	£1,000	£0	£2,611.35	10,567.70
Secretary Payment Q2	£41.70	£0	£2,611.35	10,526.00
Christmas Lights for Mapplewell	£2,250.00	£270.20	£2,611.35	8,276.00
Mapplewell and wider website	£2,700.00	£0	-£88.65	5,576.00
Secretary Payment Q3	£125.00	£0	-£88.65	5,451.00

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£9,081.14 Carried forward from 2019/20

£1,240.32 TDY unspent

£155.23 DW Remembrance unspent

£800.00 Hanging Basket income

£21,276.69 Total Available Funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £10,638.35	Allocation Remaining £21,276.69
Kexborough Notice Board	£824	£0	£9,814.35	£20,452.69
Litter Bins	£1,000	£0	£8,814.35	£19,452.69
Poppy Project	£732.45	£0	£8,081.90	£18,720.24
Dearne Hall Road	£3655.40	£0	£4,426.50	£15,064.84
Christmas Tree Lighting	£1500	£0	£2,926.50	£13,564.84
Christmas in DW	£3800	£0	-£873.51	£9,764.84
Q 2 secretary payment	£84.00	£0	-£873.51	£9,680.84
Christmas Activity Packs	£2,000.00	£0	-£2,873.51	£7,680.84
Xmas hamper appeal	£300.00	£0	-£3,173.51	£7,380.84

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation

£12,0777.52 carried forward from 2019/20

£4,456.00 Old Town Christmas Tree Unspent

£26,533.52 Total Available Funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £13,266.76	Allocation Remaining £26,533.52
Fresh ground Volunteer Group	£280	£405.30	£13,266.72	£26,253.52
Blackburn Lane Play Area	£3,000	£0	£10,266.76	£23,253.52
Community Planter	£1,000	£702.52	£10,266.76	£22,253.52
Spring Blubs	£1185	£0	£9,081.76	£21,068.52
Christmas Activity Packs	£2,000	£0	£7,081.76	£19,068.52
Spring Blubs 2020	£346.47	£0	£6,735.29	£18,722.05
Connections Project - Christmas Gifts for the Elderley	£1,000.00	£1,134.84	£6,735.29	£17,722.05
Good Food Barnsley Christmas Packs	£585.00	£0	£6150.29	£17,137.05
Care leavers Christmas Dinner	£200.00	£0	£5950.29	£16,937.05

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation

£9,820.48 Carried forward from 2019/20

£148.40 St Helen Hanging Baskets 18 unspent

£145.00 St Helens Clean and Climb 18 unspent

£355.00 St Helens Christmas Events 18 unspent

£1,000.00 St Helens Christmas Trees unspent

£308.25 St Helens Spring Clean unspent

£449.00 St Helens Gala unspent

£2,028.60 St Helens Christmas Event 19

£1,687 Covid income

£25,941.73 Total Available Funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £12,970.00	Allocation Remaining £25,941.73
Athersley Carers – Blooming Men	£707	£200	£12,970.87	£25,234.73
Ad Astra – Free school Meals – Covid 19	£500	£0	£12,470.87	£24,734.73
Hanging Baskets 2020	£2035	£0	£10,435.87	£22,699.73
Secretary Payment Q1	£125	£0	£10,435.87	£22,574.73
St Helens Church Covid Recovery	£1187	£6755	£10,435.87	£21,387.73
Athersley Community Association and Football Club	£3,000	£1013	£10,435.87	£18,387.73
Ad Astra After School Club	£2,000	£2296	£10,435.87	£16,387.73
Spring Blubs	£1185	£0	£9,250.87	£15,202.73
Maintenance Work	£700.00	£0	£8,550.87	£14,502.73
St Helens Community Christmas Trees	£2,254.00	£0	£6,296.87	£12,248.73
Q3 Secretary Payment	£125.00	£0	£6,296.87	£12,123.73

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Item 8

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 1st February 2021**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to 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 (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during November and December 2020.

Appendices:

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

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

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22ND January 2021**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
Tuesday 10th November – 6 PM
Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Apologies:

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt proposed as chair.

- 2. Declarations of Interest – None**

- 3. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved**

- 4. Matters Arising - None**

5. Financial Update

Balance is £6,946. £960 to be added to the balance from the hanging basket plaques. No invoices received from the café at the village hall. This needs to be chased up.

6. Applications for Funding

£2,250. Christmas lights installation and removal for Mapplewell village – approved.

7. Ward Action Plan

The ward alliance would like to support families and children who may be in need. The ward alliance discussed what could be given out to help. They agreed

nothing should be given out directly in class. A ward alliance member asked if it would be possible to supply each child with an activity pack and a selection box. In the three local schools, there would be 1,016 children so the total cost would be around £1000.

A ward alliance member explained there would be no winter warmer event this year due to the coronavirus restrictions.

A ward alliance member asked if we could support a local business by funding them £150 which would be available via ten £15 fruit and vegetable boxes from Morris' fruit and veg. These could be advertised by Morris' fruit and veg to go to the families who have the greatest need in the community. All members agreed that this was a good idea. A member agreed to contact Morris' fruit and veg.

8. Darton East website-

The website has gone in for approval and there will be two ways to access it.

9. Christmas-

All trees have been ordered and all tree lights have arrived. Approval received for a sleeve at Windhill. The cost of the sleeve will be £500-£600. We also need to apply for a 171 license which will be a one off cost of £207. The tree can then be up at Windhill every year. All lights need to be checked to ensure that there is enough. The trees will be situated at the Co-op in Mapplewell, Windhill and Woolley Colliery.

The village lights will be installed and switched on around the 27th to the 28th of November. All Christmas trees will also be up by the 27th to the 28th of November. The timers will need to be set for the tree at Windhill and two people are needed to set them and turn them on.

Final numbers were given for prizes needed for the school Christmas colouring competition.

10.AOB

A member wanted to raise possible drug dealing in the area. Mainly behind the Co-op and behind the church on Blacker Road. The member was told to go onto the South Yorkshire police website to report the incident. The member was told to ask the police to proactively patrol those areas and also behind the village hall.

There will be a road closure on Sackup lane from the 16th of November 2020 for approximately three weeks. This is for repairs to the water network and will be between High street and Kingsway.

The COVID situation in Barnsley is that cases are increasing. Currently, there are 507 cases per 100,000 people. This is a fluctuating plateau. Barnsley hospital is incredibly busy with more patients now than in the first wave of the virus. The safer neighbourhood team are trying to work with youths congregating in the area. The coronavirus is increasing in over 65 year olds but is spread across all age groups and parts of Barnsley. Mapplewell and Staincross have one of the highest rates in Barnsley.

New COVID Marshall's have been recruited and have been visiting venues in the area. This is an important role. A member suggested they should have been recruited earlier.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 08/12/20 at 6 pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance

'CAN DO-WILL DO'

Tuesday 8th December 2020 – 6 PM

Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
David Oates - Local Business Man
Leyla Brooke- neighbourhood engagement officer
Gerard Morrall

Apologies:

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt proposed as chair. Leyla Brooke and Gerard Morrall welcomed to the meeting.

6. Declarations of Interest – None

7. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved

8. Matters Arising – None

9. Neighbourhood engagement officer- Leyla Brooke introduced herself as the new neighbourhood engagement officer for Barnsley North. Her role is to support

and give guidance to businesses, residents and community groups regarding COVID 19. She can answer any questions, sign post to befriending services and help with looking at ways businesses can open up in a COVID secure way. She confirmed that she needed support with community intelligence. She works closely with public health, she explained there were outbreaks here and there when people misunderstand guidance or have mixed feelings towards it. Her workload is spread evenly across the four wards that she covers. The most recent outbreaks are 0-18 year olds. They need to understand the difference between school bubbles and how bubbles work outside of school. Her email address and contact number will be forwarded to all members.

6. Financial Update – Balance is just over £6500. There is still some money left in the working budget pots. If any projects need support please tell them to get their applications in. The website has been signed off and approved. A sub-group will need to be set up to share responsibility of the website and have access to the website.

7. Applications for Funding – none.

8. Ward Action Plan

The priorities for the ward action plan will need to be looked at again in February. At the ward briefing, it was reported that there was a spate of rogue traders going around knocking on doors. This seems to have calmed down recently. The ward alliance may wish to do something around cold calling.

A leaflet could be put together and placed in the arrow magazine. The leaflet could be targeted to the Darton east residents. A member offered to design a leaflet and email it around to all members and bring it to the next meeting. A member mentioned the possibility of giving out good neighbour cards and no cold-calling stickers.

A member explained they would like to continue with the kids' events next year. A member mentioned a trip for the kids would be nice but it was explained that the ward alliance could not fund trips.

A member asked if the ward alliance would like to ask for sponsors again for the hanging baskets next year. Members agreed it was a good idea.

9. Darton East website-

Caroline Hague, David Oates and Steve Hunt were all happy to help with the website. The website will be added to the action plan. In January the sub-group will need to decide when to meet to discuss the Darton East website.

10. Christmas-

There are three Christmas trees, one at Windhill, one at Woolley colliery and one at the co-op in Mapplewell.

It is not possible for each school in the area to receive selection boxes for each pupil. It would be too expensive to fund this project.

Morris' fruit and veg shop should be advertising 10 x £15 boxes funded by the ward alliance.

11. AOB

A member explained that a couple of years ago they met with residents regarding a foot path between Hill End Road and Spey Close. The member has recently received an email to say the footpath will be advertised in the chronicle and opened to the public.

A member explained an application had been received by planning. The application number is 2020-1008. The application is to extend the property of 5 Cranbourne drive over the footpath. If the application is not opposed the footpath may get taken over.

A member asked if anyone knew of any vulnerable people who needed a supply of dog or cat food, they were advised to contact the local vets, local rescue centres, fair share and Barnsley food bank project.

A member confirmed they had reported drug dealing activity to the South Yorkshire police and patrols would be put in place. The police have also been asked to support around the co-op area in regards to anti-social behaviour.

A member asked the neighbourhood engagement officer how schools in the area were dealing with coronavirus. She explained they were all dealing with it differently.

A member explained that the Sackup Lane road closure has been extended for another week. The works should now be completed by the 24th December 2020.

A member also mentioned that a bollard had been knocked down in the village centre by a vehicle going up Greenside. A similar incident occurred in early November. Highways have been informed. This is a health and safety issue. The bollards are there for safety of the residents and to stop illegal parking.

A member explained the area around Apple-yard's is a problem for illegal parking. Parking enforcement have been made aware but they have limited resources. There is a new carpark at the back of the Methodist church on Blacker Road. This will hopefully help with any parking issues in the village.

A member explained there was an ongoing issue with flytipping on Woolley Colliery road. They continue to report it and are hoping some surveillance cameras can be put up in the area. A member put forward a suggestion for some big blocks to be put into the entrance of the fly tipping area to deter people from fly tipping.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 12/01/21 at 6 pm

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 18th November 2020. At 5.00 pm.

(Virtual Discussions).

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Jason Gardner, Tom West, Christina Carroll, John Ryan, Dominic McCall, Bobby Medlam, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Plant, Nicole Whitford.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting, Wednesday, 21st October 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matter Arising.

Richard gave update of Parks Review, Agenda item next meeting.

Rebecca to investigate costings for replacement bench at Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Rebecca to contact Twiggs re: litter pick across Ward Parks and Recreational Areas.

Rebecca to chase up new litter bins at Gawber Shops.

Rebecca to contact Redbrook TARA re: 2 Planters at Redbrook, Roundabout, to tidy and possible planting.

Tom and Jason are willing to engage students in Parks development and future tree and autumn bulb planting. (Future Development).

Sharon to contact Barnsley Business Village for possible future planting of Spring bulbs and Planters. (Future Development).

Rebecca to supply Cllr information for Ward Notice Boards.

Rebecca and Tom to complete WAF, re: Ward Alliance contribution for Horizon Christmas Hampers. £300.00. Agreed.

Rebecca to send Application Form to Bobby Medlam re: full membership to Darton West Ward Alliance.

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Vicar at Darton Church, for WAF to be completed re: costings and supply of outside water tap for local residents use in Church graveyard.

3 Ward Action Plan.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan, this was discussed and any amendments made. (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

A 2020/2021 Budget was discussed.

Current Budget. £9,438.22.

B WAF Applications.

None received.

C Children's Holiday and Food provision. Working Budget of £2000.00 Agreed.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress.

CLlr Trevor Cave updated the group of progress being made.

Extremely positive comments about the project (Agenda item).

6 North Area Council Update.

Nothing to Report.

7 A.O.B.

Bobby updated work being undertaken on behalf of the young People of Barnsley and the Youth Council.

Tom West updated his professional role re: Special Needs Students.

Time and Date of the next meeting.

Members please note.

Sub Group Meeting Tuesday, 8th December 2020, at 5.00 pm.

Virtual Meeting. All welcome.

Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday, 9th December 2020 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual meeting.

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting.

Wednesday, 9th December, 2020, at 5.00 pm.

(Virtual Discussions).

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Dominic McCall, Bobby Medlam, John Ryan, Tom West, Jason Gardner, Annabelle Watson, Nicole Whitford, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Plant, Christina Carroll.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye. Layla Brooke.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting, Wednesday, 18th November 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Trevor to monitor application from Vicar of Darton Church re: WAF submission for external water tap.

Trevor to include developments of Parks Survey in the Ward Action Plan.

Richard to contact Jo Birch and Russ Bowland for possible site meetings re: future tree planting at Kexbrough, Barugh Green and Wood View recreational grounds. Cllrs to be notified of date.

Jason and Tom to engage students to support future environmental programmes across the Ward.

Tom to organise available Cllr and Ward Members for Horizon Christmas Hamper Photograph re: Donation, Ward Alliance Support and inform of time and date.

Rebecca to monitor additional litter bins for Gawber.

Rebecca to supply Cllr information for Ward Alliance Notice Boards.

Rebecca to look at costings for Toddler equipment for Gawber and Barugh Green play areas.

Rebecca to look at costings for Dog Fouling Signs.

Sharon to update of possible future bulb planting and Planters at Barnsley Business Village after their next meeting.

3 Ward Alliance Action Plan Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan, these were discussed and amendments made. (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

A 2020/21 Budget was discussed.

Current Budget Remaining, £7.054.22

B WAF Applications.

Care Leavers Christmas Dinner. Agreed.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of the excellent progress being made. Most aspects now in place. Public response extremely positive. Agenda item next meeting.

6 North Area Council.

Cllr Alice Cave updated of the Groups last meeting.

(a) Members agreed to support the Elderly across the North Area.

(b) Cllr Alice Cave informed North Area Council members of the work of the Darton West Ward Alliance.

7 Parks Survey.

This was discussed at length and now forms part of the Ward Action Plan.

8 Active Travel. (Agenda item).

9 A.O.B.

Jason interested in the Darton Park Tiles Programme. (Contact person Cllr Trevor Cave in the first instance).

Tom, Jason and Bobby to look into Social Media Initiatives. (Agenda item).

Bobby to supply his Ward Alliance Application using the normal channels.

Tom thanked Cllrs and Ward members on behalf of Horizon for their support of this Year's Christmas Hamper donation.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) thanked all members for their contributions and involvement for 2020.

Date and Time of the next Meetings.

Members please note.

Sub Group Meeting Tuesday, 12th January 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual Meeting. All welcome.

Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday, 13th January 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual meeting.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Minutes of 13th October 2020

1. In Attendance.
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk.
2. Apologies.
John Love, Sheila Lowe.
3. Minutes of last meeting, agreed.
4. Funding Applications.
 - 4.1 Christmas Holiday Packs. Lee has provisionally contacted the three primary schools in the Old Town area, the schools are able to identify at least 30 children that would benefit from these packs. £2000 sum agreed. To review cost if required.
5. There was a suggestion that donations be made to local care homes, however it was advised BMBC had provided Communication Devices to Care Homes in the Borough.
6. We discussed the food bank at Emmanuel Church and at Tesco's, the food from these are collected and distributed borough wide, so does not guarantee that the food goes to Old Town residents.
7. Cameron Stirk to speak to the workers from Emmanuel to identify any elderly people who may require support in the Old Town area and will feed back to the Ward Alliance.
8. Spring Bulbs are on their way, discussed planting Daffodils near to the Information Boards at The Fleets and nr the Way markers near to Willowbank. Areas near Sugdens rec to be identified to plant bulbs.
9. Cllr Lofts brought up the subject of a further notice board nr Sugdens Rec. It was highlighted that the noticeboard relating to the Bomber Crash is looking tired. There are deeds available which relate to Sugdens Rec; it has a lot of history on it so Gill Nixon will work on some information for a notice board.
10. AOB
11. Christmas Trees, Clive Pickering to circulate pictures of the trees, there are no guarantees that the trees can be protected from Vandalism.
12. Lee Swift informed the Ward Alliance that a North area Team officer, Layla Brook, has been appointed to advise businesses regarding 'Keeping Covid Safe'. There has also been a housing officer appointed, Lee will ask them to attend a meeting to introduce them to the Ward Alliance.
13. There was some discussion regarding the work being undertaken at 'The Fleets', that the grass under the newly planted trees has not been cut, there was also concern expressed that the tarmac path was not in a good state. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been undertaking work there although this was difficult as the worker had been 'furloughed' due to the Covid 19 situation. The worker from Yorkshire Wildlife is now back working and will be there on Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.

14. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 10th November 2020 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

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15. In Attendance.

Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk.

16. Apologies.

John Love, Sheila Lowe.

17. Notes of the last meeting were agreed with the following amendment to item 13;

Concerns were expressed regarding the perceived lack of work being undertaken from 2018 onwards, which was compounded by the COVID pandemic. It was highlighted that the YWT manager has been off sick for a prolonged period of time, this coincided with a change of management at Barnsley College. A report will be made available as soon as the situation will allow.

Funding monies, £20,000 from 106 money.

£20,000, North Area subsidies for 2020/21 work and further £10,000 from North area for next year.

Agenda

18. Funding Applications.

4.1 Fare Share in Barnsley are providing packs for families, which will be Christmas Themed.

Various activities will be in the pack with an age appropriate book at cost of £6.50 each.

Summer Lane, Gawber and Wilthorpe primaries have all agreed, St Mary's and Burton Road have yet to agree. Costed for 90 packs. Clarified that Fare Share will do the activity packs and Ward Alliance will do food packs. Gill Nixon queried whether Horizon School had been approached, Lee to discuss with them. **Agreed**

19. Elderly packs, Carol Cotton from Emanuel church will be sending out packs, please let Cameron Stirk know of any elderly that may be on their own at Christmas. Cameron and Carol are to contact Age Concern, Help The Aged and Crossroads. 100 packs to distribute, please email Cameron with suggestions, e.g. elderly, on their own no immediate family and low income/means, over 50. Cost £1,000. (£10 per person). **Agreed.**

20. AOB

21. Research project. Cllr Lofts brought to the W.A attention a research project by MSc Forensic Psychology Students at Sheffield Hallam University, who are doing research on behalf of South Yorkshire Police, wanting public opinion on the public's perception of the Police. The survey will be online and approx. 10 mins long. It was felt appropriate to include on the W.A. website, Cllr Lofts will forward details to Bill Gaunt for inclusion. **Agreed.**

22. Leak on Sugden's Rec, Yorkshire water are currently doing repairs.

23. Social Media page for W.A. this was discussed, Lee Swift to liaise with those who expressed an interest.

24. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 8th December 2020 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

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25. In Attendance.

Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk, John Love and Leyla Brooke (Neighbourhood Engagement Officer)

26. Apologies.

Sheila Lowe.

27. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

Agenda

28. Leyla Brooke attended the meeting to introduce herself and her role, this covers all four areas in the North area along with a Public Health Role. Her role is to give advice to businesses regarding Covid 19, particularly if outbreaks of Covid occur she can provide advice and support. She can help to get community groups up and running, along with licensed premises to ensure they are safe and secure. She is also available to help residents with any concerns regarding Covid they may have.

29. B.G. raised a concern regarding the Bomber Commemoration event in January and whether it can go ahead due to Covid restrictions, it was agreed that Bill would contact Tom Parnham regarding this and Tom to contact Layla, may be appropriate to have a group of six who can socially distance.

30. C. S. has emailed people who would value a meal at Christmas.

31. Funding Applications.

7.1 Incredible Edible Planter Plaque, this will cost, L.H. reported that Darton East have a plaque (Provided by Darton East W.A.) L.S. is to look into the cost approx. £977.00, provisionally agreed by the W.A. To feedback to next meeting.

7.2 community Recovery College, funding for electric bike, B.S. asked for clarification regarding this group and who they were, Clive clarified this. J. L. would support this application. G.N. queried if they were NHS then would W.A. be able to support, all present felt it appropriate. Agreed that L.S. would investigate safety re hats etc. Approved subject to Lee and Rosie confirming that the application fits the criteria of the application. C.S. Other equipment may be provided by other funding sources.

7.3 Food Parcels and Activity Packs. All primary school in the ward along with burton Rd and Gawber Rd, as well as Horizon Secondary School. Lots of Food and Lots of Activities. Families will get a letter which is to be handed to school in exchange for parcels. ASDA has helped a great deal.

32. AOB

33. Newsletter, print deadline is the end of January. May be an opportunity for a piece in the Newsletter regarding the bat Colony in Old Town.

34. Sugdens Rec, work has now been completed by Yorkshire Water.

35. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 12th January 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 19th November 2020, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present : Cllr Leech (Chair), Cllr Tattersall, Cllr Platts, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Madge Busby, Michelle Cooper.

By Invite : Leyla Brook (Neighbourhood Engagement Worker)

Apologies : Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Pooja Ramchandani, Neil Wright
Due to the current circumstances and the Ward Alliance having to carry out meetings online some members had issues joining the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given and everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Leyla introduced herself and explained that she will be working with businesses during Covid to help them understand local restrictions and how they are able to operate during this time, she will also be helping community groups so they are able to continue running during/after the pandemic.

Funding Applications: Community Christmas Tree Lights and Gift Packs. Lee explained that due to Covid restrictions there will be no Christmas events taking place this year but feels that Christmas Tree lights still need to be lit to help lift peoples spirits and maintain their Health and Wellbeing. It has also been decided to give out a Christmas Activity pack to certain children in the community. This funding application is for £2,254 and will be to fund new Christmas trees, lights and activity packs. The bid was discussed between the members and the full amount was agreed.

Covid Engagement Worker: There was a general discussion between Leyla and the members regarding current restrictions in the area and the increasing number of Covid cases in the borough. Lee to distribute Leylas number to members so they can report any businesses running against restrictions or anyone holding parties. 101 can also be used to report any concerns.

Events: Due to the current Covid restrictions all Christmas events have been cancelled. Cllr Tattersall explained that a Memory tree service may be able to take place once the current restrictions have been assessed, this will probably take place outside. Cllr Tattersall asked for

the dates in December everyone would be available to attend so she could pass them onto the Reverend at the Church so a date can be arranged.

There are no decisions made as of yet due to current lockdown restrictions for the lights switch on at the Church, community shop or New Lodge Community centre but these will be forwarded as soon as any are made.

Cllr Leech said he had been asked to be Santa on the 15th December at Athersley North Primary School if restrictions allow.

Any other business: The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record. Spring bulbs arrived and have been planted as agreed upon.

Ad Astra also delivered bulbs to residents in the Ward.

Lee was thanked for organising.

Honey Pot Cafe have planned to stay closed until next year and will look to obtain funding next year.

Cllr Platts to contact Laithes Day Unit and Lindhurst Lodge to see if they require and help or support.

St Helens Summer Gala - awaiting Covid restrictions near to time. Rebecca happy to organise next year's Gala if we are able to hold one.

Bench at Poundstretcher - still awaiting updates. Plaques have been collected. Cllr Tattersall thanked for this. TWIGGS are completing the rest of the work, turfing the rest of the area.

Bench at St Helens Church is still awaiting the Plaque to be fitted which will be sorted once we are able to within Covid restrictions.

New Lodge Co-op store is due to reopen on 26th November at 9am. Cllrs are welcome to attend so long as social distancing rules are maintained.

Lee to distribute Financial report at a later date.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 5pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

Lee Swift to send out invites to the meeting closer to the time.