

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 19 July 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 24th May 2021 (*Pages 3 - 6*)

### Items for Information

- 3 Twiggs - Programme of Engagement (John and Wendy Twigg)
- 4 Public Health Covid-19 (North Area)

### Items for discussion

- 5 Health and Wellbeing Workshop Outcomes (*Pages 7 - 18*)

### Items for Decision

- 6 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (*Pages 19 - 26*)
- 7 Priority Working Groups (*Pages 27 - 30*)

### Ward Alliances

- 8 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (*Pages 31 - 38*)
- 9 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (*Pages 39 - 60*)  
Darton East – held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Darton West – held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021  
Old Town – held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
St Helen's – held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

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## MINUTES

### Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, Crisp, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Platts and Tattersall

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

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

### 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 15th March, 2021 (Nac.24.05.2021/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 3 Housing Cohesion Officer Update - Bradley Beatson (Nac.24.05.2021/3)

Bradley Beatson gave an update about his recent work. It was highlighted that much of his work involves dealing with issues capable of having a detrimental effect on other, including Anti-Social Behaviour, environmental issues, property/housing conditions - private sector housing, fly-tipping, littering and social issues. Bradley works closely with other agencies (SYP, SYFRS, Adult & Children's Social Services, landlords / letting agents), voluntary agencies and with local residents within communities. Bradley has also been instrumental in facilitating the North Area Action Days that take place each month in all four wards. A number of case studies and photographs were shared, highlighting the work Bradley had been involved in. It was felt that a social media presence to raise the profile of the good work being done in communities might be beneficial. Legislation and enforcement is effective at resolving issues locally, when balanced with support for individuals.

**RESOLVED** that Bradley be thanked for his attendance and contribution and for the hard work and persistence he has shown in carrying out his role to sustain safe and pleasant communities.

### 4 Public Health Covid 19 Update - Lucy Butcher and Leyla Brooke (Nac.24.05.2021/4)

Leyla Brooke was welcomed to the meeting and gave a Covid-19 update. It was reported that although Barnsley is relatively stable, all age case rates are almost three times the national average and Barnsley is in the top ten local authorities with highest rates. There has been a rise amongst the 10 to 19 age group this week, with

a school outbreak and related household clusters driving rates in some wards. A further rise in rates is expected if further household mixing is permitted over the coming weeks. The highest number of cases (53%) remain in 10-39-year olds. The number of 40-59-year olds fell this week to 38, making up 22% of all cases. It is essential that the public health messages of 'hands, face, space and let fresh air in' continue to be reiterated to keep the road map moving forward. Testing continues, with mobile testing also available. Details of centres are on the website. Work is underway to target vulnerable and vaccine-hesitant groups through community engagement for both testing and vaccinations. Extra work is done in problem areas to dispel myths and encourage uptake of the vaccine. Work is done with Communications to try to understand why residents are reluctant to have the vaccine, which has to be handled carefully. Younger people seem to be concerned about infertility, the fear of being implanted with a 'chip' and tracking. Some believe that if their parents have had Covid and have recovered they do not need to be vaccinated. Information leaflets are also provided in other languages. Everybody can now access free home testing kits. 57 pharmacies have signed up to the testing services, with 12,500 tests collected since March 2021. Vaccination levels have improved, with 140,000 residents having received at least one vaccination and 74,000 having received their second dose. Those aged 30 to 35 are now eligible for vaccination. NEOs and Covid Marshalls continue to work closely with each other, with a focus on licensed premises recently. Work has now begun with the hospitality sector to provide support and guidance. It is a legal requirement to provide a QR code for customers, with the possibility of a £1000 fixed penalty notice if not displayed.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the update and Leyla be thanked for her attendance and contribution

## **5 Health and Wellbeing Workshop Outcomes (Nac.24.05.2021/5)**

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an update with regard to the Health and Wellbeing priority, making Members aware of the current position of the review and of the current direction of travel for commissioning in the North Area. The multi-agency North Area Councils Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group met on the 23rd April to reflect on the existing Social Isolation and Cold Homes project. The workshop considered if this was still a relevant priority area for the North Area's commissioning focus. Aims and objectives of the project were outlined together with potential beneficiary groups, anticipated outputs and outcomes. The Area Council Manager also updated Members with regard to current commissioned projects, some of which already have a health and wellbeing link. A discussion took place around who the beneficiary groups should be, the need for more information and whether it would be possible to include all groups in terms of Covid-19 recovery for the community as a whole.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Members note the procurement progress to date, and
- (ii) Members agreed to focus on young people whose employment prospects have been affected by Covid-19 and older people who have become increasingly isolated and

- (iii) A further workshop be arranged to clarify the project direction, using Microsoft Teams.

## **6 Performance Report (Nac.24.05.2021/6)**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing a comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report, including cases studies which demonstrated the impact various projects were having within the North Area Council area. It was also reported that Twiggs will attend the next Area Council meeting in July and supplementary information about the work they are doing will also be provided.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) the update be noted, and
- (ii) Twiggs be invited to attend the next Area Council meeting in July.

## **7 Priority Working Groups (Nac.24.05.2021/7)**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, requesting that Members give some thought to ward representation on each of the Priority Working Groups.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The Area Council Manager provide a list of current working groups and
- (ii) Members decide between them who will be the relevant ward representative for each of the working groups.

## **8 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (Nac.24.05.2021/8)**

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

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position and the existing funding commitments;
- (ii) Members confirm the extension of the Housing and Cohesion Officers post for a further 12 months from the 19th October 2021 at a cost of £35,000p.a.,
- (iii) Members be provided with a scope of service for the Twiggs contract
- (iv) Members note that Twiggs have assigned new team members to the North Area and that staff are currently undertaking area familiarisation and stakeholder consultation to plan a programme of work;
- (v) The North Area Council submits a waiver application for the Youth Resilience Grant providers to continue to deliver the programme for a further 12 months at £90,000 p.a. and that
- (vi) underspend is used to re-profile contracts that are re-tendered in line with inflation

## **9 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (Nac.24.05.2021/9)**

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the financial position of the Ward Alliance Budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period at the beginning of the new financial year.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) the update be noted and
- (ii) the Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2021/22, with each Ward prioritising the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2021/22, in line with the guidance on spend.

## **10 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (Nac.24.05.2021/10)**

The North Area Council received the notes of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliance meetings for information purposes. Members were reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council. The following additional updates were provided:

*Darton East* - There has been a lot of interest in the hanging baskets. Litter has been a huge problem but the ward is now seeing more people volunteering, with an increased demand for litter picking equipment.

*Darton West* - There is a meeting tonight, with members looking at potential work for Twiggs. Darton Bowling Club are having an open day this Friday with Members invited and the Mayor in attendance. A new fence has been erected at Harry Road Rec to combat anti-social behaviour. This seems to be working well at the moment. The ward has also seen an increase in littering and volunteering, which is a credit to local communities.

*Old Town* - Money has been spent on a defibrillator and litter picking equipment, and on a replacement container for football equipment at Pogmoor. Litter picking has also increased. One member has been involved in developing work with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust regarding tracking of crayfish in the river (has licence).

*St Helens* - The ward has also seen an increase in regard to volume of litter during the lockdown. The Regimental Memorial bench will be installed outside Poundstretcher shortly, with thanks expressed to Cllr Leech for persevering with this issue. Hanging baskets are to be installed next week. The February half term food packs were well received.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances and updates be noted.

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Chair

# Item 5

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Agenda Item: 5**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

### **Health and Wellbeing Priority Loneliness and Isolation Workshop Feedback and New Grant Recommendation**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The North Area Councils Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group met with specialist officers on the 25<sup>th</sup> June to participate in discussions. This report highlights some of the key points raised.
- 1.2 Following the workshop the Area Manager has produced a draft grant guidance document for the Area Council's consideration and comment.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **Members to note that procurement progress to date.**
- 2.2. **Members are required to decide if they wish for the proposed 'Connecting Communities Grant' to be advertised for an Autumn 2021 start.**
- 2.3. **Members are required to confirm the cohort for funding.**
- 2.4. **Members are asked to confirm if they wish to increase the budget for this grant to £100,000 p.a. for two years.**
- 2.5. **Members are required to agree who the representative would be from each ward on the Grant Panel.**

#### **3. Background**

- 3.0 Between the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 until 2021 DIAL have delivered a social isolation and cold home project entitled 'Warm Connections'. Part of the contract included the delivery of Home Energy Assessments, an energy switching service and advice regarding the modification of behaviours in relation to efficient use of household resources. This provided the organisation with valuable experience and evidence to help secure the Energy Redress funding. As a result, Barnsley Residents will benefit from an additional £265,441.45 of service provision (this is more than the Area Council's original investment in this project).
- 3.1 In early 2021 the North Area Council reviewed its commissioned services commitments and made the decision to cease the funding to the Warm

Connections contract in favour of a project that was tailored to help support the recovery from Covid-19.

#### **4. Developing new provision**

- 4.1. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 representatives of the North Area Council met for a workshop to receive information from service specialists from Business Intelligence, Housing and Energy and Public Health. Councillors in attendance included: Cllrs Leech (Area Chair); Hunt, Lofts, Newing and Platts. Supporting Officers included: Jen McPhail, Donna West, Emma Robinson, Lucy Butcher, Katy Ashworth and James Farrimond.
- 4.2. Information received included demographics, health and causes of mortality, deprivation, fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. The group also considered the factors contributing to fuel poverty, cold homes and the groups most at risk of fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and social isolation.
- 4.3. The group also considered the provision that already exists to help address the issues listed above and officers talked through examples of best practise.
- 4.4. Councillors consider the examples of case work they are currently undertaking and reflected on the impact of Covid-19 over the past 12 months and how the community have been affected. It was felt that now there is a Roadmap to Recovery and the vaccination programme is well underway that the Area Council could have a greater impact on social isolation than it could on fuel poverty and Excess Winter Deaths at this time.
- 4.5. During the workshop there was an emphasis on physical and emotional wellbeing and a need to help people re-establish their own personal sense of purpose within communities.
- 4.6. As the discussions concluded the group agreed on the following points in section 7 that would help to define the specification.

#### **5. Workshop (23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021) Outcomes:**

##### Beneficiaries

The councillors in attendance wanted funding to support demographic groups that had been disproportionality adversely affected by Covid-19. Based on their work in the community, the attendees identified three groups that they thought would benefit most from the funds available:

- Men struggling with low mood (suicide prevention)
- Younger people who have been furloughed
- Older people who have been isolating

##### Aims and Objectives

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Increase the confidence of individuals
- Improve the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals
- Re-connect communities



### Suggested Outcomes

- Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the community
- Support individuals to take pride in the skills that they possess and actively participate in new learning opportunities
- Increased confidence, sense of purpose and pride of individuals
- Enable individuals to feel more connected with their communities
- Highlight the health and wellbeing of individuals as a 'whole community issue'.
- Enable socially isolated and vulnerable people to have greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and the wider Barnsley community
- Inclusion and support of Volunteers in the service / project delivery, providing opportunities to use their skills, knowledge and expertise to help others to live their best life
- Individuals are supported to improve their health and wellbeing
- Community capacity building is imbedded in the project

### Project Outputs (not exhaustive)

- No. Individual Needs Assessments
- No. of isolated people supported to access local amenities and community provision
- No. of isolated people learning new skills
- No. of new community groups established
- No. Volunteers Recruited
- No. of volunteers trained in a community capacity building role
- Number of people supported to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Number of referrals to Area Council Funded provision
- Number of referrals to services providing advice and guidance

### Additional Considerations

- Workshop attendees specified that any additional provision should be community based.
- Improved mental wellbeing
- Improved physical wellbeing
- The Area Manager advised that an outcome monitoring tool would be beneficial to measure the soft outcomes being identified.

### Resourcing / Area Council Input

- Duration – 2 years minimum (2 years + 1 year)
- Financial contribution, up to £85,000 p.a.
- Price / Quality Split (for full tender evaluation purposes) – 20/80

6. Further research and discussions with specialists:
  - 6.1. Following a recommendation from Lucy Butcher at the April workshop. During the May Area Council meeting it was agreed that the Area Manager, Emma Robinson and the Area Chair would meet with Ben Brannan who is involved in the Mental Health Partnership meeting and Stuart Rogers who is leading on Sport, Physical Activity and Mental Health.
  - 6.2. The Area Council agreed in May 2021 to focus on:
    - Young people (18-35) who had suffered effects on career prospects and employment opportunities
    - Older people 55 years plus (particularly people who had been required to self-isolate for long periods of time)
  - 6.3. From this meeting it was clear that there were opportunities for the North Area to compliment the work of the Mental Health Partnership and the Sport Physical Activity and Mental Health Group. The link between physical activity and mental wellbeing was discussed and Stuart Rogers highlighted research that has identified that not only do people benefit from the endorphin release from participation in physical exercise but that the dopamine release from attending a group activity was extremely important. This highlights the importance of social connectedness for emotional wellbeing.
  - 6.4. It was recommended to include a link to the Barnsley 'What's Your Move' Campaign to encourage resident to be more physically active.
7. Refining Requirements Workshop 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021
  - 7.1. A further workshop was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This workshop was attended by Cllr Platts, Cllr Hunt and Cllr T Cave. Officers included, Tom Smith, Emma Robinson, Emma white, Lucy Butcher, Tim Whittam, Katy Ashworth and the Area Manager.
  - 7.2. A discussion about young people and employment and training opportunities took place at the beginning of the meeting. Tom Smith advise that young people have been disproportionality affected by the pandemic in terms of skills and employment. This is well recognised and there is a huge effort already underway to support this group. BMBC and the Department of Work and Pensions are just about to launch a Youth Employment Hub with significant resources. As a result, it was agreed that the North Area Council should concentrate funding on older people at this time.
  - 7.3. Emma Robinson provided detailed statistics regarding mental health and wellbeing:
  - 7.4. Older People Information:

Social isolation is a significant consequence of COVID-19. A general population survey (Ipsos MORI, 2020) revealed widespread concerns about the effects of social isolation and distancing, **including increased anxiety and depression.**

    - One in three (34%) older people agree that their anxiety is now worse or much worse than before the start of the pandemic
    - Some older people told us that they are feeling down, have lost pleasure and purpose in their lives, and feel as if every day is the same. We were sometimes told that there is nothing for them to look forward to and sadly a proportion even questioned whether their life is worth living.

### **7.5. Younger People / Working Ages**

- Public Health England's Wider Impacts of Covid on Health (WICH) Tool identified Age group with largest increase in anxiety levels (England) is 25-34 year-olds (+15.2% increase)
- Age groups with largest increase in low happiness score (nationally) are 25-34 year-olds (8.7% increase) and 35-44 year-olds (+5.9%)

### **7.6. WICH Tool – Loneliness Data April 2020-April 2021**

- It is the younger age groups (16-34) who have consistently had higher percentages of respondents who report that they are 'often lonely'.
- Lower income groups also tended to report higher levels of loneliness between April 2020 and April 2021.

### **7.7. Workshop 2 - Summary**

At the end of the workshop it was concluded that the Councillors in attendance wished to:

- Offer a grant opportunity for up to 2 years initially
- Focus on supporting Over 50s
- Re-engage people in group activity
- Build confidence in self
- Address physical decline (identified that this can prevent community participation)
- Increase physical strength and mobility – prevent falls
- Support the link between physical activity and mental wellbeing
- Ensure that physical activities have a social side – 'cuppa and a chat'
- Councillors in attendance (Cllr Platts, Cllr Hunt and Cllr T Cave) requested to represent their wards on the grant panel.
- It was suggested that the grant be called 'Connecting Communities'.

## **8. Financial Commitment**

- 8.1.** It is recommended that the Area Council utilise the £85,000.00 per annum that was committed to this priority area for a period of 2 years.
- 8.2.** It is also recommended that the £20,000 funding allocated for Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23 is combined into this grant fund.
- 8.3.** The Area Manager has secured additional social isolation funds that can be incorporated into this priority and ensure that a total grant budget of £100,000 can be committed to this priority per annum for two years.

## **9. Procurement Process**

- 9.1.** The working group have agreed that they wish this opportunity to be advertised as a competitive grant.
- 9.2.** Suggested value is £10,000 up to £40,000 per project per annum. This would ensure at least 3 quality projects.
- 9.3.** It is recommended that the grant process is supported by the BMBC Procurement Team and is advertised on YORtender.
- 9.4.** A Councillor Grant Panel would need to be formed.
- 9.5.** The Area manager has drafted a guidance document to address the loneliness and social isolation priority. Please refer to appendix 1.

**10. Next Steps**

**10.1.** Refer to the recommendations 2.1-2.5. and reach decisions on reach one.

**10.2.** Enable the Area Manager to make preparations with the Procurement Team to advertise the opportunity and arrange the Grant Panel.

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**5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

## Appendix 1.

1	<b>What is the North Area Council Connecting Communities Grant Fund?</b>
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The North Area Council Connecting Communities Grant Fund has been established by the North Area Council to address the need for an overall co-ordinated Social Isolation and Loneliness Programme for the North Area delivering over the next 12-24 months. The Grant is intended to help individuals and communities to recover from the longer-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The North Connecting Communities Fund is primarily aimed at community groups, charities and social enterprises, and could help such organisations develop their capacity to bid for future procurement opportunities.

The Fund is available for a 24-month delivery period only (November 2021 – October 2023). Projects should be delivered within the North Council area and all beneficiaries/participants should live within the North Council area. The 4 wards are: Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helen's.

Social isolation and loneliness are complex issues that cannot be dealt with in silos. The following summarises the issues across the North Area;

- Loneliness and isolation is an issue across the lifespan and is having a significant impact on people's wellbeing.
- Feeling of loneliness and isolation has been evidenced to have a long-term detrimental impact on long term mental and physical wellbeing.
- Many support groups exist throughout the North Area and Barnsley borough, but they are disparate, unconnected and do not systematically share learning with each other.
- Information about local groups is available on the Live Well Barnsley website but many people don't know where to look and rely on word of mouth.
- Engaging participants is difficult, and it can take many months or years for a group to become vibrant.
- 'Group Leaders' are often without support and as such sustainability and succession planning is an issue.
- Access to appropriate spaces and funding can be problematic.
- Befriending schemes are successful for very isolated people with complex needs when the community is involved, and sufficient local volunteering capacity is available.
- Older people who have been shielding throughout the pandemic have reported an increase in depression, deterioration in mental health and experienced physical decline.
- There are groups of people, such as middle-aged men who do not engage with traditional solutions.
- People with long term health conditions and their carers are more susceptible to social isolation and have been without access to support and respite during the pandemic.

## Target Group

The service will be aimed at lonely and/or isolated people and potentially where social isolation and loneliness has been exacerbated as a result of Covid-19. It is anticipated that a significant proportion of the clients accessing grant funded provision will be older people over 50 years and adults living with long term health conditions.

We are looking to fund a programme within the North Area, enabling an integrated approach that will assist local people to be more mentally and physical active. We welcome applications that support the following principles:

- The right to citizenship, responsibilities and opportunities.
- Valued relationships and personal networks.
- Access to relevant, timely and accessible information to inform decision making.
- Recognising and nurturing individual, family and community gifts and assets.
- Recognising the natural expertise and leadership of people/families labelled as vulnerable.
- The right to plan, choose and control supports/resources.
- The value and complementary nature of formal services as a backup to natural supports.

In order to achieve the goal of combatting social isolation and loneliness across the wards that make up the North Council Area, strategic and coordinated transformational change is required.

Aims and Objectives of the Connecting Communities Grant Fund:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Increase the confidence of individuals
- Improve the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals
- Re-connect communities

## **2 Who can apply to the North Connecting Communities Grant Fund?**

Who can apply?

- Any voluntary or community group which is locally led and run
- Registered Charities
- Social Enterprises & not for profit organisations
- Any group or organisation applying must have a good knowledge and understanding of the demographics and local needs of the 4 wards that make up the North Council area.
- Any group or organisation applying should have a written constitution and independent bank account

## **3 What is the Application Process? – DATES TO BE CONFIRMED**

The application process for this programme are as follows:

- Application packs live on YORtender: - dependant on Procurement teams availability – ideally August 2021
- Deadline for proposals: 12 Noon, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Project proposals submitted and evaluated by the North Team against grant requirement criteria: September 2021

- Organisations that meet the criteria may be invited to present their proposal to a grants panel in October 2021. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form.
- Grants to be awarded: October 2021
- Social isolation programme delivery to start: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

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**How much can be applied for? – TO BE CONFIRMED**

- A total of £100k per annum is available for the Connecting Communities Grant Panel to allocate, ensuring that the successful proposals provide coverage and a spread of provision across the four wards that make up the North Council area.
- Applications will be accepted to fund projects between £10k - £40k *per year* for a maximum of 2 years, subject to annual review.

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**Please ensure that you consider the following points and include details in your application to help the Grant Panel fully understand your proposal:**

1. Applications must demonstrate how services will be delivered
2. Applications must provide clarity about when and over what period of time your proposal will be delivered.
3. Applications must explain who will be delivering the provision and what experience the individuals have in this area of expertise
4. Proposals should provide coverage and a spread of provision across the four wards. This may well be a mix of different projects;
5. Provide clarity about the specific wards/areas/neighbourhoods to be targeted by your proposal.
6. Proposals should not duplicate but complement existing provision, should add value and aim to link with other services procured by the North Area Council and the wider council and health partners;
7. Delivery locations should respond to local knowledge and intelligence, including information from local Councillors and other key stakeholders.
8. Enable socially isolated and vulnerable people to have greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and the wider Barnsley community
9. Ongoing consultation and co-production conversations should take place to ensure that ongoing delivery reflects their views
10. Demonstrate your ability to develop, implement and effectively manage your project, including financial management.
11. Providers are encouraged to join forces and match skills and experience i.e. proven skills and experience around outreach matched with a provider with a track record in delivery and outreach;
12. Where possible, work experience placements, apprenticeships and the use of local labour.
13. Consideration given as to how the project might continue after this funding comes to an end.

Innovative solutions are being sought to improve the health and wellbeing of adults living in the North Council area by reducing loneliness and isolation. The Connecting Communities Grant Panel is interested in applications that will achieve the following outcomes:

1. Proposals should be for activities / projects providing appropriate opportunities and interventions to reduce social isolation
2. Support individuals to take pride in the skills that they possess and actively participate in new learning opportunities
3. Increased confidence, sense of purpose and pride of individuals
4. Enable individuals to feel more connected with their communities
5. Highlight the health and wellbeing of individuals as a 'whole community issue'.
6. Improve the mental wellbeing of participants
7. Improve the physical wellbeing of participants. Contributing to the Barnsley 'What's Your Move Campaign'
8. Support the North Area to be an increasing 'Age Friendly' community
9. Where possible interventions will have an evidence-based rationale for reducing isolation and loneliness within communities
10. Creative solutions are sought to encourage new and different people to participate in the activities provided as part of the programme i.e. those who are most hard to reach
11. Provide information about how you will encourage people who need it most to access your project/sessions. Providing opportunities for people to use their skills, knowledge and expertise to help others to live their best life
12. Promoting social action, volunteering and addressing sustainability should be an integral part of any proposals

In addition, sustainability, community support, self-reliance, resilience and reciprocity should, therefore, be built into the service design and delivery.

We are keen to see the involvement of local people, groups and social enterprises in this service, not only through volunteering and stakeholder engagement, but also through partnership arrangements at a local level, where appropriate.

All projects must benefit older and/or vulnerable residents in the North Area and meet the requirements of the framework outlined above.

Groups applying should preferably be based within one of the four wards that make up the North Council area or within the Borough.



The proposed service / project will also contribute to building the social capital agenda by:

- Supporting people to take part in the local community, having social contact and experiencing friendships, which is critical to a good quality of life, health and wellbeing.
- Motivating and incentivising volunteers to 'give something back' and becoming valued contributors by providing opportunities to use their skills, knowledge and expertise to help others live independently.
- Promoting a positive image of vulnerable and older people.
- Working with other service providers in an integrated way to tackle some of the key issues which prevent people at risk of social isolation and loneliness from living healthy, active lives.

Project delivery should take place between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

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### **Capacity Building - SECTION TO BE CLARIFIED**

We understand that VCSE groups are so busy doing their day to day work and supporting their service users that they don't always have the time or the money to spend on outcomes measurement.

For this reason, the North Area Council, in collaboration with Public Health colleagues, would like to offer extra resources to successful applicants by funding access, training and support to use the Outcomes Star (Community Star) tool in order to measure the difference that their interventions are making.

<http://www.outcomesstar.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Community-Star-Scales-Preview.pdf>  
<http://www.outcomesstar.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Community-Star-Guidance-Preview.pdf>

We would like organisations to be able to measure and report on the success of their project against the following key areas of distance travelled. Each of the key areas above are underpinned by a five-stage Journey of Change. We are (of course) happy for organisations to use any existing distance travelled tools:

1. Feeling safe
2. Getting to know people
3. Making a difference
4. Building a healthy lifestyle
5. Making greener choices
6. Confidence and learning

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) Council Plan 2021-2024

Healthy Barnsley Priorities:

- People are safe and feel safe
- People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible
- We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

North Area Council Priorities

- Health and Wellbeing
- Anti-Poverty
- Children and Young People
- Creating a cleaner, greener environment in partnership with local people
- Resilient Communities

The grant fund will also contribute significantly to the #Keep Barnsley Moving, Covid-19 Recovery and Renewal Strategy which includes 5 key themes:

- Health and wellbeing
- Business economy
- Community resilience
- Education and skills
- Infrastructure and the environment

# Item 6

## BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Agenda Item: 6**

**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. **Councillors are requested to note the update regarding the Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project contract renewal.**
- 2.2. **Councillors are requested to note the update regarding the Housing and Cohesion Officers contract.**
- 2.3. **Following the presentation of Agenda Item 7. Members are asked to reach a decision on the advertisement of the 'Connecting Communities' grant proposal and the commitment to two years funding.**
- 2.4. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the funding commitments.**

#### **3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment**

##### **3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project**

Contract 1 commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The Area Council agreed to continue to fund this project in September 2019. Due to procurement pressures during Covid-19 the decision was taken to submit a waiver in the summer of 2020 and extend the existing contract by 12 months until 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**UPDATE: The Area Manager submitted as waivers as requested by the Area Council. This has been approved and new contract is in place for a further 12months delivery.**

**Risk: The Area Manager will update Members regarding the universal core offer of welfare advice is currently taking place. Any duplication will be highlighted at the earliest opportunity.**

3.1 The Clean and Green Service

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

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider is Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, who commenced service delivery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. On the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Following a successful procurement process Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Have secured the new contract. This is two years in duration with the opportunity for a final one-year extension. The new contract commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 current Housing and Cohesion Officer started in post on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UPDATE: The Area Council Manager has arranged for the contract to be extended until March 2022. If the post does not become a core provision of Safer Communities in the current review the Area Council will be able to extend the contract again until 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

**Risk: The Area Manager is aware that the universal core offer of housing support is currently under review within the Safer Communities Service. As such the Area Manager will keep the Area Council updated and ensure that the funding of the post is managed in accordance with any changes in the structure of the Safer Communities Service.**

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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and the project went live from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The service is be called 'Warm Connections'.

At the March 2021 meeting of the Area Council the decision was made to review this priority area and hold a workshop to consider how this funding should be spent moving forwards.

***UPDATE: The Area Council's Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group has met for a workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and again on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The priority working group have recommended that at grant programme is advertised to help address social isolation in 50+ age group. Item 7 provides a full update.***

***DECISION: The Area Council is asked to consider increasing the budget from £85,000pa to £100,000pa for two years. This will be made possible by ceasing to fund the Stronger Communities Grant at the end of March 2022 and additional funding secured by the Area Manager.***

### 3.4 Stronger Communities Grant –

The total funding available for 202/221 is £50,000. Each grant has an upper limit of £10,000. A total of 6 applications were received, totalling £55,772.06.

At the Grant Panel on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, five projects were recommended for funding.

Successful projects:

- North West Church – Reconnect Building Resilience and new confidence with older people - £10,000.00
- Ad Astra – 5 Star Well Being: Gender Based - £8640.00
- Reds in the Community – Transition with the Reds - £8,638.06
- Age UK Barnsley – Covid Recovery North Area - £10,000.00
- Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group – Barugh Green Social Club, weekly afternoon tea dance - £2,721.94

**N.B. The Area Council is still expecting a final report for two projects that were postponed due to Covid-19: Reds in the Community – Adults and Darton Cricket Club's Training Facility.**

### 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 2020 meeting the Area Council requested to extend this provision by a further 6 months, January – June 2021.**

**This work has continued with funding from the Stronger Communities grant 2021/22 and provision runs till November 2021.**

**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 confirmed this decision on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

**N.B. This opportunity has been 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 1<sup>st</sup> November and two providers are in place.**

**The Area Council has committed to fund this work for up to three years. Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions caused delays and for a time schools would not permit external partners into schools. The providers are now working within 4 schools.**

**UPDATE: The Area Manager can confirm senior officer sign off for the further 12month grant agreement as agreed by the Area Council in May 2021. The project will continue until October 2022.**

**4. Financial Position**

**4.1. At the end of 2020/21 there was a significant underspend of £130,266 (includes underspend from previous years). The budget was varied during the 2020/21 year due to Covid-19 adjustments.**

**4.2. The forecast for 2021/22 shows that the underspend (including underspend from previous years) will reduce to £63,266. This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £67,000.**

4.3. Outlined annual commitments from April 2021:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Proposed Spend 2021/22</b>
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£40,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+hOurbank) – 6 months remaining on contract	£40,000
Health and Wellbeing Project (*Under development)	£45,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,0000
Devolved funds to Ward Alliances (£5k per WA)	£20,000
Fleets Nature Park	£10,000
Age UK Support for Older People	£,7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£467,000</b>

4.4. Provided that the Area Council continues to commit funding as outlined in Appendix 1, the total spend profiled for 2021/22 is £467,000.

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 overall grant value for the new ‘Connecting Communities’ grant fund over a 2 year period.**

**5. Commissioning programme from April 2021**

5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 the North Area Council agreed to the forward plan for years 2020/21 and 2021/22. Following today’s meeting this programme of spend is set to change.

**6. Risks**

6.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £67,000 over budget pa for 2021/22. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 would be feasible.

**7. Next Steps**

- 7.1. Following a decision on 3.3 Social Isolation 'Connecting Communities' Grant. The Area Manager will work with the Procurement Team to advertise the opportunity. The Grant Panel will be updated and invited to participate in the allocation of funding.**
- 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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**07/07/2021**



## 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 (where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000)	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	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		460,000.00	460,000.00	430,000.00	390,000.00

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# Item 7

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Agenda Item: 7

Report of the  
North Area Council Manager

### NAC Priority Working Groups

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

To ensure highlight the purpose and function of the *Priority Working Groups* and ensure that each ward is represented on each of the working groups.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That the North Area Council Members adopt at least one priority or project per member.**
- 2.2 **In doing so the representative agrees to participate in priority working groups to ensure that each ward is represented in planning, development and delivery of projects that benefit the North Area as a whole.**

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The working groups have proved invaluable to ensure that each ward is represented in the planning, development and delivery of Area Council services and projects designed to benefit the North Area as a whole.
- 3.2 The priority working groups allow responsibility for Area Council work to be shared across all the Members of the North Area Council, increasing understanding and ownership.
- 3.3 It also means that Area Council members can act as project sponsors and/or advocates to enable learning to be shared with their Area Council colleagues.
- 3.4 As a result, local members possess knowledge and understanding of how the Area Council is contributing to BMBC's Corporate Priorities.
- 3.5 The Priority Working Groups defined in Appendix 1 provides the updated list of responsibilities.

#### **4.0 Working Groups**

Volunteers are sought for the following priorities and projects:

- a) Opportunities for Young People
- b) Health and Wellbeing (representation for Connecting Communities TBC)
- c) Environment
- d) Anti-Poverty
- e) Economic Regeneration
- f) Communications Editorial Group
- g) Stronger Communities Grants 2022/23

## **5.0 Next Steps**

- 5.1 Area Council Members are requested to confirm with the Area Manager their preferred Priority Working Group representations. The allocated responsibilities are intended to be strengths based and inclusive.

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## Appendix 1.

### NORTH AREA COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

#### PRIORITY WORKING GROUPS

Each working group will include a Member representative from each Ward within the North Area. The representatives will be instrumental in the development and monitoring of projects that will address North Area Priorities. (Agreement sought at the July 2021 Area Council Meeting.)

##### Young People

DE     Cllr Crisp  
DW     Cllr T Cave  
OT     Cllr Newing  
StH     Cllr Tattersall

##### Economic Regeneration

DE     Cllr Hunt  
DW     Cllr T Cave  
OT     Cllr Pickering  
StH     Cllr Leech

##### Health and Well-being

DE     Cllr Crisp  
DW     Cllr A Cave  
OT     Cllr Newing  
StH     Cllr Platts

##### **Connecting Communities 2021-2023 - TBC**

Chair   Cllr Leech  
DE     Cllr Hunt  
DW     Cllr T Cave  
OT     Cllr Newing

##### Environment

DE     Cllr Spence  
DW     Cllr Howard  
OT     Cllr Lofts  
StH     Cllr Leech

##### **SCG Grants Panel 2022/23**

Chair   Rosie Adams  
DE     Cllr Hunt  
DW     Cllr Howard  
OT     Cllr Lofts  
StH     Cllr Leech

Support, facilitation and specialist advice:  
North Area Team and Tom Smith

##### Anti -Poverty

DE     Cllr Hunt  
DW     Cllr T Cave  
OT     Cllr Newing  
StH     Cllr Leech

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# Item 8

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Agenda Item: 8

Report of the  
North Area Council Manager

### **Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

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

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2021/22, appendix 1.**
- 2.2 **That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2021/22, 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 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22.
- 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 2021/22 Financial Position**

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2021/22 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2021/22 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

#### 4.2 Budget allocations for 2021/22

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2020/21	Additional DWB (Announced 09/2020)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,781.00	£5,000	£19,204.16
Darton West	£10,000	£1,289.04	£5,000	£19,567.49
Old Town	£10,000	£10,717.28	£5,000	£26,674.53
St Helen's	£10,000	£7,628.13	£5,000	£23,393.83

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

4.4 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 2021/22. 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 2021/22 must be signed off by the Ward Alliance by early March 2022, 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:**

### **2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

For 2021/22 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 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2021/22 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.

Due to the extraordinary times as a result of COVID –19 pandemic, the non-match funding element of allocation has been suspended.

## DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£1,423.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£2,781.00

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<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>£19,204.00</b>
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Litter Bin 0393 Relocation	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£19,079.00
2	Cold Calling Stickers	£860.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£18,219.00
3	Litter Picking Equipment	£343.30	£657.60	£9,602.00	£17,875.70
4	Children's Activities 2021	£1,000.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£16,875.70
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£548.00	£9,602.00	£16,328.50
6	Happiness Hamper	£600.00	£0.00	£9,002.00	£15,728.50

## DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£3,512.40
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£1,289.04

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<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>£19,801.44</b>
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Q4 Secretary Payment - Richard Haigh	£125.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£19,079.00
2	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£5,343.00	£9,900.72	£18,219.00
3	Replacement Bench - Wilthorpe Redbrook	£1,300.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£17,875.70
4	Children's Activities 2021	£500.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£16,875.70
5	First Stage Summer School	£844.40	£3,781.06	£9,900.72	£16,328.50
6	Happiness Hamper	£400.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£15,728.50

## OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£868.17
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£10,717.28

**Total Available Funding** £26,585.45

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Container for Pogmoor Recreation Ground	£4,668.00	£0.00	£13,292.73	£21,917.45
2	St Pauls Afterschool Club	£700.00	£3,836.00	£13,292.73	£21,217.45
3	Defibrillator for Old Town	£999.00	£0.00	£13,292.73	£20,218.45
4	Barugh Green Social Club, weekly afternoon tea dance.	£780.00	£0.00	£13,292.73	£19,438.45
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£548.00	£13,292.73	£18,891.25
6	Smithies Noticeboard	£1,400.00	£0.00	£13,292.73	£17,491.25

## ST HELEN'S WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£765.70
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£7,628.13

**Total Available Funding** £23,393.83

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Secretary Payment Q4	£125.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£23,268.83
2	St Helen's Guides in Athersley	£500.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£22,768.83
3	Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group	£780.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£21,988.83
4	Repainting Seating Area - Smithies Rec Play Area	£825.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£21,163.83
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£0.00	£11,696.92	£20,616.63

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# Item 9

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Agenda Item: 9**

**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 April, May and June 2021.

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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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6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

## **Appendix One:**

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**‘CAN DO-WILL DO’**  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 6 PM  
Teams Meeting

### **Present:**

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Janine Williams – Local resident

### **Apologies:**

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
David Hilton – Green space  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
David Oates - Local Business Man  
Cllr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Gail Charlesworth – Darton East Ward Councillor

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 £19262.16.**

**6. Applications for Funding –**

Green space litter picking equipment - £343.30 – Approved

No cold calling project - £860.00 - Approved

**7. Ward Action Plan**

Members agreed to look at the priorities and the plan for April 2021 onwards.  
Members agreed 5 priorities.

1) Ears and voice of the community:

- Facebook page – Admin rights sent.
- Website – underway and a full committee in place.

2) Environmental:



- Sponsored hanging baskets
- Bulb planting
- Litter picks
- Education talks

3) Young people:

- Disco
- School holiday activities

4) Health and well-being:

- Wellbeing and health event
- Promoting events/fitness
- Reds in the community

5) Older people:

- Winter warmer
- Health Event
- Over 55's club
- Social club

Community events:

- Christmas
- History and heritage trail

## **8. Darton East website-**

A separate meeting has taken place. The website is underway and the headers have been changed. They are trying to get some more information for St Teresa's Catholic Church. The next meeting for the website is 27/04/21 at 6pm.

## **9. AOB**

Ibberson memorial gardens – A member had spoken to Carl Snowden and the latest update is that plans are in place but the Greenspace group have not been meeting at the moment due to COVID.

Drug dealing- Conversations have taken place with the neighbourhood police team and an operation is underway. Locations and addresses are known. Suppliers are coming in from Leeds and Bradford. It is difficult to keep track of all vehicles coming in to the area. It is not an easy operation. Landlords can not currently evict problem tenants due to COVID rules change. Communications will be sent out from the police and council about reporting drug dealing.

Cllr Gail Charlesworth is standing down at the local elections. Thank you to Gail for her hard work and everything she has done for the local area and ward alliance.

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 11/05/21 at 6 pm.**

**Darton East Ward Alliance  
'CAN DO-WILL DO'**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 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  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
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**Apologies:**

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
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Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
David Oates - Local Business Man  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor

Councillor Steve Hunt proposed as the chair for the next 12 months and Councillor Harry Spence as vice chair.

**2. Declarations of Interest – Helen Altun**

- 3. Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved. A question was asked regarding older people – the over 55's will be on a Friday afternoon. The village hall need to speak to Nora who runs it. Nora is due to retire.  
Normally the over 55's club stopped over the summer holidays. The village hall ran it as a social club two years ago during the school holidays.  
A social club could be combined with other special needs groups of all ages.  
The village hall will talk to Nora to see when she would like to start it up again.

- 4. Matters Arising** – The ward action plan needs to be on every agenda to be discussed. A member asked what happens if members do not attend meetings and have not attended for a while. Due to the current situation some leeway has been given. But normally if a member does not turn up to three meetings they would be taken off the ward alliance group. Hopefully it won't be too long before members can meet face to face.

**5. Financial Update** – Balance is £17933.86

## **6. Applications for Funding –**

Twiggs Volunteer tool bank £547.20 – Approved. A question was asked to check if the tools were just for the Darton East Ward and it was confirmed they were. The group have applied to each ward alliance group for tool banks for each area. 90% of the volunteers do not have their own equipment so the tools will be loaned out to them.

Happiness Hamper's Project £600 – Approved. Questions were asked about a bank account and refrigeration of products and all questions were answered.

Butterflies Dementia Group - £780.00 – Questions were asked as it was unclear from the information in the funding application. The group would like a breakdown of costs and how it's made up and a bit more clarity. Deferred to next meeting.

Working budget for children's activities - £1000 Approved.

## **7. Ward Action Plan**

### **1. Ears and voice of the community:**

- Facebook page is up and running – Admin rights for five member's set up. It would be nice to feature the ward alliance members with a picture and an introduction. Pictures and introduction to be sent to Rebecca from all ward alliance members.
- The Facebook page could publicise all the approved applications for funding.
- Website – subcommittee meeting every month. Jo at The Darton Arrow will put 400 words in the Arrow to support it. 100 businesses are on the website already and the next meeting is 25/05/21.

### **2. Environmental:**

- Sponsored hanging baskets – 42 hanging baskets in total and 34 are sponsored. New brackets will be going up at the end of May/beginning of June.
- Bulb planting
- Litter picks
- Education talks – Twiggs are firmly active in the ward and a tour of the ward has been completed. They will be attending the June Ward alliance meeting.
- The second phase of the bin project was mentioned and an update is to be provided, delay suspected due to covid.

### **3. Young people:**

- Parents are now ready to get out with children. There has been a high demand for the parent and toddler groups at the village hall.
- During the May half term holidays there will be a socially distanced activity in the park with Twiggs pumpkin seed planting.
- A pop and crisp stall once a week in the park with garden games to lend out was an idea brought forward for the summer holidays. A member asked if community 10,000 was still running and it was explained it was but not at the moment due to current restrictions. A member asked if you had to have food

and hygiene certificates to do an event in the park and you don't if everything is pre packed.

- Disco – This would be a great idea when current restrictions are lifted.
- A working budget was agreed of £1000 and Rebecca will find out who to email regarding community 10,000.

#### 4. Health and well-being:

- Wellbeing and health event to be put on later in the year.
- Promoting events/fitness – to contact Jonathan Rowland.
- To contact Reds in the community.

#### 5. Older people:

- Luncheon club at the Village hall – if less than 20 people it is not viable for the café to run.
- The chair exercise host is not coming back to the village hall at the moment. The village hall may try and find someone else as the elderly are asking when it is coming back.
- Winter warmer
- Health Event
- Over 55's club
- Social club

#### Community events:

- Christmas
- History and heritage trail – there is a possibility of some funding from principal towns. A member is trying to make contact with a local history group.
- The civic theatre is hoping to bring a couple of plays to the Village hall.
- Another theatre company may also come to the Village Hall.
- A comedy show has been provisionally booked for October at The Village hall.

#### 8. AOB

There is now a newly resurfaced car park behind the church on Blacker Road. A sign will be going up shortly which is on order.

The fountain parade car park is now a 3-hour maximum stay car park, to try and provide more available spaces for shoppers in the village.

The sign at Woolley was put in the wrong place. This will be taken up with the supplier and moved as soon as possible.

The Great British spring clean is from 28/05/21 – 13-06/21. A million-mile pledge has been put forward. Hours and minutes pledged will be converted in miles walked.

The North Area team have pledged 24 hours of litter picking.

The Village Hall will be proud owners of a community fridge. Surplus food will be put in for people in need. This also helps to reduce food waste. It is still in initial stages but volunteers will run it and it will be starting over the next few months. Businesses and people can donate to it. All volunteers will go through level 2 hygiene standards.

19/05/21 – This is the local neighbourhood police team action day. There will be a pop up police station in Mapplewell. The police will be working with other organisations. Going forward if ward alliance members would like to attend this will increase awareness of the group and off the website and Facebook page.

Meeting closed. - **Next meeting 08/06/21 at 6 pm. Location to be confirmed.**

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**‘CAN DO-WILL DO’**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 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  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Janine Williams – Local resident  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
John Twigg – Director of Twiggs  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

**Apologies:**

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
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David Oates - Local Business Man  
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor

**10. Declarations of Interest** – Harry Spence regarding the planter in the village.

**11. Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved. The government advise at the moment is to continue meeting virtually.

**12. Matters Arising** –None

**13. Twiggs** - John Twigg introduced himself and the group introduced themselves to him. He explained that the contract was education based and it is a different way of working this year. He explained there was a massive increase in the number of volunteers in all areas of Barnsley but especially in the North area. 4500 bags of litter had been picked up so far.

He explained that The keep Barnsley tidy is a good web page to look at and explained the great British spring clean was last week and this week.  
He explained that independent involvement had far exceeded any expectations.

He explained the different areas being targeted.

He explained that accreditations are being delivered and the principle they follow is awards for all.

The members of the group from the village hall asked Twiggs for some time to be allocated to the village hall and they would get some volunteers to help. John Twigg explained he would get back to the village hall with some times and dates.

John explained that their normal pattern of work is Monday to Thursday spending one day at each ward and then Friday is a floating day and can be spent in any ward.

A group member wanted to congratulate Twiggs and Greenspace for litter picking and explained that it was a good idea to educate people.

A special thank you was also given to Harry and Jude for helping Harry with a project.

A member asked if Twiggs would work together with neighbourhood services and John explained that was no problem.

John was asked how they pick the areas to work on and he explained they look at maps of the area, look at what other groups in the area do and try to fill in the blanks.

Anyone can get in touch with Twiggs to nominate an area of concern.

A member asked if Twiggs could get involved with overgrown public footpaths and right of ways but John explained they do not get involved in jobs already assigned to other groups or the council.

There is also an open invitation for schools in the area to get involved with Twiggs.

**14. Financial Update** – Balance is £16933.86. The children's working budget of £1000 had been approved.

Twiggs are deciding how to proceed with their application for monitoring and the happiness hampers project needs public liability insurance before it is signed off.

**15. Applications for Funding –**

Butterflies Dementia group - £780.00 Approved. The other three areas have approved there application and they have also received additional funding from a stronger communities grant.

**16. Ward Action Plan**

6) Ears and voice of the community:

- Facebook page is up and running – Admin rights for five member's set up. Need more likes.

7) Environmental:

- Sponsored hanging baskets – Not up yet but should be going up shortly.
- Bulb planting will be coming up soon. Consider where the bulbs are planted and what is planted. Bulbs should not be planted in the centre of greenspace as neighbourhood services will not cut daffodils down and the area becomes messy. The bulbs may need replanting into different areas. A member said they would speak to the chairman of Greenspace and Neighbourhood Services.
- Litter picks ongoing.
- Any projects or litter hotspots can be sent through to Twiggs.

8) Young people:

- School holiday activities – a working budget of £1000 has been approved. A separate meeting will be required to look at dates to run the events.
- The pumpkin planting was very popular.
- Beat the street launches on 10/06/21 for 6 weeks.

9) Health and well-being:

- Ballroom dancing, Zumba and Kung Fu are all going really well at the village hall.

10) Older people:

- Luncheon club at the Village hall – ongoing based on demand.
- Over 55's club will be taken over by the village hall after speaking to the treasurer and the chairperson.

The no cold calling stickers are in production and should be completed by the end of the week. We will then need to decide how to distribute them.

Community events:

- History and heritage trail – A member said they had made contact with Darton local history group and they had done some work on Darton East so more to report next month.
- Two plays will be held at The village hall in October.

## 17. AOB

Environmental enforcement – Parking, litter and dog fouling tickets will be given out in our ward once enforcement is put in place by the council which will run up to next April.

Devolution – contracts will be awarded and funding starts from August. There is a pot of funding available for our local area. An idea for something to be run in the village hall for people over 19 was suggested.

Darton Arrow website was featured in The Darton Arrow.

A planter was put in place by the phone box on Spark Lane but no one would look after it so it was moved to outside the photograph studio on Greenside and looked after by the owner.

The owners have now changed and need the planter to be removed to accommodate table and chairs outside their shop.

Enquiries have been made to see if it can be removed and placed elsewhere.

Correspondence received from highways and neighbourhood services state it is not their responsibility to move the planter.

A member of the group offered to move the planter and store it in case anyone else wanted it in the future.

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 13/07/21 at 6 pm.**





## **Appendix Two:**

### **Darton West Ward Alliance**

#### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021.**

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, John Ryan, Annabelle Watson, Jason Gardner, Christina Carroll, Dominic McCall, Adam Roberts (Twiggs), Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Plant. John Twigg. Tom West.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye. Katy Ashworth.

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

2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Jason to contact John re: involvement of Darton Academy programmes with Darton Bowling Club.

John to send details and date to Councillors re: Darton Bowling Club Open Day Event.

Rebecca to investigate 2 Planters whereabouts from Barugh Green Roundabout.

Rebecca to contact Parks and check if the Ward Alliance has to pay for Autumn tree planting at Kexbrough Recreational Ground.

Rebecca to look at risk assessment before any further use of Kexbrough Notice Board.

Rebecca to undertake litter pick at Kexbrough Recreational Ground. Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

Rebecca to contact Darton Arrow to put article in re: Environment Education Programme across the Ward.

Rebecca to Advise Annabelle re: local community Group issues and ways forward where possible.

Katy to forward to all Councillors information about Math Buster Programme to be launched in the North Area.

Katy to forward photographs to all Councillors of work done at Harry Road Recreational Ground.

Adam to look at and plant out 2 planters at Dayhouse Way, Redbrook, (opposite Hazeldenes Garage).

Adam to make contact with Lady who litter picks on Barugh Green Road and forward her name to Cllr Alice Cave.

Adam to discuss with John Twigg re: footpath markings in Darton Park.

Adam to develop Ward Environmental Education plan and inform when available.

Sharon to supply to Adam the name of Kexbrough resident who would like to assist with Environment Education Project. (Kexbrough roundabout area).

### 3 Ward Action Plan.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan. This was discussed and amendments made. (Agenda Item).

### 4a Ward Alliance Budget.

2021/2022 Budget was discussed.

Allocation Remaining £17,734.52. April 2021.

### 4b WAF Applications.

New seating bench at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre. **Approved.**

Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group. **Approved.**

### 5 Darton Project Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current progress.

### 6 North Area Council Update.

Nothing to report.

### 7 Plan for Deprivation, Poverty and Allocation for Family Need.

Cllr Sharon Howard updated Group of funding issues. A Ward Plan will be formulated after any future BMBC Survey.

### 8 Active Travel.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated Group of current programmes.

### 9 Education Environment Update.

This was discussed with Agenda item point 10.

### 10 Education Environment Discussions\Plan across the Ward.

All Ward Councillors, have held a meeting with Katy, Rebecca and Twiggs to discuss the development of a Ward Plan.

Adam gave ideas being considered as part of the Ward Plan.

Group members were asked for their ideas to integrate where possible to Plan Development.

(Please see attached key point list).

11 Calendar Dates for future Meetings.

Agenda item for Next Meeting.

12 A.O.B.

Annabelle raised her concerns for local groups at Redbrook/Withorpe Community Centre.

Time and date of next Meeting.

MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021, at 5.00 pm.

Suggestions and ideas for Ward Environment Education Plan.

#### Key Points List.

Local Plan to be developed.

Parks clean and tidy.

Involve Volunteers.

Educational Programmes for School Children Primary and Secondary.

School Holiday activities programmes.

Event each week during School Holidays in each of the Parks across the Ward.

Sowing Seeds/ Pumpkin Programme.

Bird feeders / Bee Hotel/ Insect/Bird recognition.

Wild Flower Seed Bombs.

Horticultural and Scientific Based Programmes.

Local information Boards re: environmental issues.

## **Darton West Ward Alliance**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, John Ryan, Annabelle Watson, Jason Gardner, Christina Carroll, Tom West, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Dominic McCall, Ann Plant, Katy Ashworth.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Jason to contact John re: involvement of Darton Academy programmes with Darton Bowling Club.

Rebecca to investigate 2 planters whereabouts from Barugh Green Roundabout.

Rebecca to follow up Parks Tree Initiative for Kexbrough Recreational Ground and update.

Rebecca to engage Twiggs to assist with Kexbrough Notice Board.

Rebecca to work with Twiggs, formulate Calendar of Events and keep Cllrs updated.

Rebecca to update re: article for Darton Arrow, Environment Education Programme across the Ward.

Rebecca to clarify current situation re: Dog fouling signs across the Ward and any changes to existing signs, hotspots and enforceability.

Katy to forward photographs to all Ward Councillors of work done at Harry Road Recreational Ground.

Rebecca to send letter to Vets for Pets on behalf of Ward Alliance Members re: Dog fouling and usage by Clients dogs on BBIC land opposite to their premises.

Richard to contact Lindsey re: planters at Dayhouse Way.

Tom to look at Horizon College involvement re: future Christmas events.

3 Ward Action Plan.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action Plan.

This was discussed and amendments made. (Agenda Item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

2021/2022 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £15,654.52

4b WAF Applications.

Nova Theatre Group. (Agreed).

Mapplewell and Darton Happiness Hamper Project. (Agreed subject to caveats, **Rebecca to update.**

Working Budget Children in School Holidays Programme, (£500) Agreed.

5 Darton Project Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current progress.

6 North Area Council Update.

Cllr Sharon Howard and Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current initiatives and progress.

7 Environment Education Programme.

Ongoing.

8 Active Travel Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current initiatives.

9 Plan for Deprivation Poverty and Allocation for Family Need.

Group will consider BMBC document when approved.

10. Calendar Dates for future meetings.

Cllrs A Cave, T Cave, S Howard, Rebecca Battye and Richard Haigh to look at future dates and report to Members.

**Rebecca** to organise meeting, time and date and email group.

A.O.B.

Jason raised issue of land use at Darton Academy and involvement of Academy Finance Officer to discuss future Community use of land.

**Rebecca** to organise Teams meeting with all Cllrs, Rebecca, Richard and Academy Finance Officer to discuss issues.

Christmas Sub Group.

A Sub Group was established to look at future Christmas Initiatives across the Ward.

Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, Rebecca Battye, Tom West, Christina Carroll, Annabelle Watson, Richard Haigh.

Time and Date of Next Meetings.

**Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, 5.00 pm (Teams Meeting).**

**Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting.**

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, 5.00 pm at Barnsley Town Hall (Provisionally) or Teams Meeting if Town Hall unavailable.

**Rebecca** to update and send to Richard who will inform members.

**Darton West Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Jason Gardener, John Ryan, Tom West, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Christina Carroll, Annabelle Watson, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The Minutes of the meeting Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Rebecca to look at cost of a larger litter bin at Harry Road Recreational Ground, send WAF to Cllr Sharon Howard who will complete for submission.

Rebecca to contact Twiggs re: Wild Flower Bombs (School Holiday Event) in Darton Memorial Garden and find alternative venue.

Rebecca to investigate cost of Christmas trees for lamppost installation across the Ward.

Rebecca to meet with Twiggs (Operational Meeting) 8<sup>th</sup> July re: Calendar of Events and report.

Rebecca to engage Twiggs to assist with Kexbrough Notice Board access.

Rebecca to forward any photographs to all Councillors from Katy Ashworth re: Harry Road Recreational Ground.

Rebecca to email Mark Giles re: concerns of dog fouling on land at BBIC and inform him of no reply as yet from Vets for Pets regarding this matter.

Jason to email Shelly Oates email address to Richard.

Richard to contact on behalf of Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Shelly Oates (Darton College) and invite to the next Ward Alliance Meeting as an observer.

Tom to look at Horizon College involvement re: future Christmas events.

John to contact Russ Bowland (Parks) re: Flooding issues and works related in Darton Park.

3 Ward action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action Plan.

This was discussed by members and amendments made (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget

2021/2022 Budget was discussed

Allocation remaining £ 13,762.92

Rebecca informed members of Change of use form from Twiggs.

4b WAF Applications

None received.

5 Darton Project Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current events.

6 North Area Team

Nothing to report.

7 Environmental Education Programme Update.

Cllr Sharon Howard updated the Group.

Summer Schools Programmes across the Ward.

Twiggs Schools programmes ongoing.

8 Active Travel Update.

Nothing to report.

9 Calendar Dates for future meetings.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (Barnsley Town Hall at 5.00 pm)**

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 5.00 pm. (Venue to be announced)

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 5.00 pm. (Venue to be announced)

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5.00 pm (Venue to be announced)

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 5.00 pm (Venue to be announced)

A O B

John reported positive feedback from visitors to the Darton Bowling Club regarding Darton Park Development.

John and Tom to look at possible Junior Bowling competition between Horizon College and Darton College.

Cllr Trevor Cave reported he had success with estate agents regarding siting of estate agent boards in the Ward.

Cllr Sharon Howard reported of installation of summer hanging baskets across the Ward.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) thanked Jason Gardener for all his contributions and support to the Ward Alliance and wished him well on his new appointment.

Date and Time of next meeting.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 5.00 pm at Barnsley Town Hall.**

## Appendix Three:

### Old Town Ward Alliance Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor Notes of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### 1. In Attendance.

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

Guest, Katy Ashworth Project Officer- Stronger Communities Development Officer.

#### 2. Apologies.

Sheila Lowe,

#### 3. Notes of the last meeting were agreed, with the following amendment, Pogmoor Football Club, bid for a shipping container to store equipment. **Cost - £3,890.00 - Approved.**

#### Agenda

4. Katy Ashworth explained her role and how she works with communities and groups within the Old Town Ward. Katy was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting.
5. Lee Swift is currently working with the Rockingham Stores and South Yorkshire Ambulance regarding the siting of a defibrillator at the Stores.

#### Funding Applications.

6.1 – Application for replacement of sports equipment Art and PPE materials, Ad Astra at St Paul's. **Cost £700 – Approved.**

5. Ward Alliance Action Plan, lee outlined this. The W.A is to look at Action Plans to address the needs of Old Town area, particularly in relation to the various communities in the ward, e.g. Pogmoor, Honeywell etc. Lee has some further works to do and will bring this to the next meeting in May, so that we can formulate some ideas. Members felt this was a good plan.
6. Social Media, G.N. and C.P. have begun a Facebook Page for the Ward Alliance. L.S. has some ideas for how we promote the W.A. on Facebook from the end of May/June. To look to Katy A to help to promote the W.A. via her role. B.G. suggested we promote the free insurance via the Facebook page, which is available for groups to use.
7. AOB
  - 7.1 G.N. huge thanks to Lee as there is now a 'Poggy Pickers' group which has been litter picking, approx. 10 in the group.
  - 7.2 K.A. informed the group that 'Twiggs' have reported that 3,500 bags of litter have been filled by local litter pickers.
  - 7.3 L.H. advised that he has been awarded a licence to trap and record native White Claw Crayfish in and around the Dearne, he is to report his findings to the Environment Agency, he has been working with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.



8. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

**Old Town Ward Alliance**  
**Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor**  
**Notes of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

In Attendance.

Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Luke Holmes, John Love.

Guest, Adele Saywell, Youth Voice (Barnsley Youth Council Co-ordinator)

Apologies.

Sheila Lowe, Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, Cameron Stirk.

6. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

Agenda

7. Adele informed the Ward Alliance that the Youth Council, along with Twiggs, Remedi and the Forestry Commission, have planted over 450 trees, this was in collaboration with the 4 Trees Urban Tree Project, these will be cared for by Twiggs and by Remedi as part of reparation work.
8. The group also plan to hold an event at May half term, to build bird feeders, the event is planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> June on West Road, 11.00 – 16.00, the event will also be an opportunity for the local community to come forward with any ideas they may have for where benches could be sited. As the 'Great British Spring Clean' is at the same time, North area Team will bring litter picking equipment, for individuals to use.
9. Fleets Reports, for information regarding developments, Cllr Lofts welcomed the reports and thanked people for their contributions, especially the Coordinators. **Action, to invite Lucy Brown to the next W.A. meeting (LS)**

10. Funding Applications.

- Application for a Defibrillator for Rockingham Stores, Jaz Sandu the store manager is keen to have it on the shop and will look after it. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will provide the defibrillator, they ask for the W.A. to provide £999.00 towards the cost.  
**Approved £999.00**
- Twiggs- Equipment for litter picking, to be loaned out to local residents. **Approved £547.20**
- Butterflies Dementia Support Charity, application is for money to organise Tea Dances for BDSAG members. **Approved £780.00**

9. AOB

The Great British Spring Clean, which runs from the 28/5/21 – 13/6/21 are promoting the Keep Britain Tidy 'Million Mile Mission', to walk a mile whilst litter picking. Pledge as a group or as an individual, LS to finalise details. G.N agreed to promote on the Keep Barnsley Tidy Facebook page.

L.S. and A.R. has met with Honeywell Group who are a pro-active group. To link up with McDonald's and ASDA, to see if any staff will offer evening and week-end volunteering re litter picking, further meeting to be arranged.

PL asked if LS could speak to Barnsley college regarding litter picking, with the possibility of inviting them to a W.A. mtg. to discuss

10. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

**Old Town Ward Alliance**  
**Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor**  
**Notes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

In Attendance.

Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Luke Holmes.

Apologies.

Sheila Lowe, Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, Cameron Stirk.

1. Bill Gaunt briefly attended the meeting and gave a brief update regarding the Newsletter, unfortunately he then had to leave. Sadly, this left the meeting inquorate, therefore unable to proceed with any further business.
2. It was agreed that any bids would be forwarded by email for approval until the next meeting.
3. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 13 July 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

## Appendix Four:



### **St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 13th May 2021, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Present :** Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Leech, Cllr Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Kath Bostwick, John Hallows

**Apologies :** Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Neil Wright, Clyde Black, Michelle Cooper.  
Due to the current circumstances and the Ward Alliance having to carry out meetings online some members had issues joining the meeting.

**By Invitation:** Katy Ashworth - Project Officer for The North Area Team.

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes were passed as a true record.  
Cllr Leech said that he is awaiting a photo of the bench to be placed at Poundstretcher and is waiting for restrictions to be lifted so the bench can be made and placed.  
He also updated the members on the funding bid for the time capsule. A meeting has taken place with Father Peter and he has agreed the capsule can be buried at the church. The funding bid is hoping to be ready for August.  
Cllr Tattersall is awaiting a quote for the new notice board.  
She also wished Pooja well on being recently elected as the Kingstone Ward Councillor.

Katy Ashworth introduced herself to the members and explained her job role within the North Area team. She will be looking after the finances, working with TWIGGS, looking into employment support for the area and working to keep the North Area updated on projects taking place, etc.  
Katy was thanked.

#### **Funding Applications:**

- St Helens guides. This bid is to re-establish guiding in Athersley and was for £500/550 and is for rent and equipment. There was a few issues with this bid with members all in agreement that a clause needs to be given that the Guides have to give something back to the community. Lee to put in clause that they need to participate in this year's Spring Clean or organise their own litter pick. Due to there being two different amounts of the funding bid it was agreed that the 3500 bid would be accepted and it was agreed by all the members.

- Butterflies Dementia Support - this bid is for £780 and is to provide weekly tea dances for those with dementia and their carers. Butterflies are starting back up slowly after Covid restrictions have eased and this initial bid is just to help them do this. They aim to be self sufficient by March 2022. The bid was discussed between the members and it was agreed that these groups have been very beneficial for dementia sufferers and their carers. The full amount was agreed.
- Repainting seating area in Smithies Rec Play Area. Cllr Tattersall explained that the seating area is looking tired and well used. There wasn't a final total for the bid so Lee to check total cost but a provisional total of £825 was accepted by the members.
- Twiggs North Area Clean and Tidy Team - This bid is to expand a volunteer tool bank dedicated to the St Helens Area to support local people to improve their areas and contribute to maintaining a clean and tidy North Area. The bid was for £547.20 and is to purchase various sized litter pickers. The bid was discussed and the full amount was agreed.

**Treasurers Report:** Lee reported a total of £19,925.93 as of 5/5/21 if all projects confirmed.

**Forthcoming Projects and Bids:** There will be a funding bid for moving the notice board to be submitted once quotes have been received.

**Any other business:** There have been issues with the day and time of the Ward Alliance meetings and not all members being able to attend. Secretary to send out an email asking for everyone's availability so a decision can be made on the date of the next meeting.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Meeting closed at 17.30 .  
The next meeting is TBC.