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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 26 April 2021
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Held Virtually

AGENDA

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- City Fibre/SY Superfast Broadband Natalie Ward and Julie Tattershall (Cen.26.04.2021/3) (Pages 9 20)
- 4 District Enforcement Environmental Enforcement Service Dyl Kurpil and Craig Embleton (Cen.26.04.2021/4)
- 5 Covid-19 Update Cath Bedford and Laura Dixon (Cen.26.04.2021/5) (Pages 21 26)
- 6 Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.26.04.2021/6) (Pages 27 44)

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Ward Alliances

- Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.26.04.2021/8) (Pages 45 86)
 Central held on 24th February, and 31st March, 2021
 Dodworth held on 9th March, 2021
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 Worsbrough held on 4th February, and 4th March, 2021
- 9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.26.04.2021/9) (Pages 87 90)
- To: Chair and Members of Central Area Council:-

Councillors Williams (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Bowler, Bruff, Carr, Clarke, Dyson, Fielding, Gillis, W. Johnson, Lodge, Mitchell, Murray and Wright

Area Council Support Officers:

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Friday, 16 April 2021



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MINUTES

Present Councillors Williams (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Bowler,

Bruff, Carr, Clarke, Dyson, Fielding, Gillis, W. Johnson,

Lodge and Wright

14. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 16 and 17 in relation to his wife's position as chair of Barnsley YMCA.

Councillor Carr declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 16 and 17 in relation to her position on the board of DIAL.

15. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 11th January, 2021 (Cen.01.03.2021/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 11th January, 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 11th January, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

16. Performance Management Report (Cen.01.03.2021/3)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item and reminded Members of the previous agreement to extend the length of the contract with District Enforcement. It was noted that this had been actioned and that work had been ongoing with Ward Alliances and Members in order to identify any areas of concern, in order to target operations.

It was noted that the Warren Quarry Lane/Highstone Road and Birk Avenue areas had recently been the focus of patrols. As a result, 20 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued.

Members discussed the service provided by District Enforcement, which had been amended due to Covid-19, and questions were raised in relation to when normal service would resume. It was suggested that they be invited to a future meeting to discuss this.

Members heard how the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had also been extended and that external funding had also been identified in order to launch a Tool Bank in the area. Sanitised tools can be delivered to volunteers and training given in a Covid safe way in order for volunteers to undertake clean and green tasks in their area. The service had been very successfully received.

Questions were raised regarding the removal of litter collected by volunteers, and it was suggested that Twiggs would be able to assist, with contacts to be provided to Members.

With regards to the service provided by Family Lives, contract meetings had been held and discussions taken place around how to best support the service in order to improve performance. As a result, the eligibility criteria had been relaxed to include those with children up to age three, fathers, and kinship carers.

Members noted that Creative Recovery were unable to complete the delivery of their project and therefore it had been put on hold, however plans were being made to resume once restrictions had been lifted.

Attention was drawn to the performance of the Healthy Holidays initiative, which the Area Team and Ward Alliance had been delivering over the past three years. Members noted the recent changes due to restrictions, which included a focus on those suffering financial hardship due to Covid 19, and a focus on providing children and young people with two healthy meals a day.

It was noted that the initiative had grown from supporting 79 families during the summer holidays to supporting 176 over the Christmas holidays.

Praise was given for all the officers and volunteers involved in the initiative. Members discussed the similar provision being provided centrally, noting that this focused on those eligible for free school meals, and that local provision could complement this, supporting those in financial difficulty but not eligible for free school meals. It was suggested that officers be invited to a briefing with Members or a future meeting to discuss their strategy.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) That District Enforcement be invited to a future meeting to discuss the service in light of changing Covid-19 restrictions;
- (iii) That officers in Public Health be invited to a Member briefing or a future meeting to discuss centrally provided healthy meals provision in school holidays.

17. Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.01.03.2021/4)

An update was provided in relation to the challenge fund to address loneliness and isolation. The panel had recently met and considered applications. Recommendations had been made and successful candidates would be notified in due course.

Those involved in the process commented on its thoroughness and the quality of applications received. It was hoped that successful applicants could commence delivery from 1st April, 2021.

Noted was the overview of contracts and associated timescales as provided within the report, and it was suggested that future reports would highlight which corporate priority each service contributed towards. Members were reminded of the services provided by YMCA Barnsley and The Youth Association that had previously been funded through the Youth Work Fund. It was acknowledged that both had been extremely successful in their delivery within the Central Area, and had also provided assistance to colleagues in Public Health and Enforcement. Options for both projects were considered, and it was suggested that both be continued for a further 12 months.

Consideration was given to the service provided by DIAL, and Members were reminded of the positive performance reported. It was acknowledged that supporting vulnerable people remained a priority, and when considering options for the future of the project it was suggested that the delivery be extended for a further period of 12 months. It was suggested that the project could work closely with the Healthy Holidays project, each providing referrals to the other.

Previously funded through the Central Wellbeing Fund, Members considered the service provided by Hope House Connects. Although impacted by the pandemic, support continued to be provided in innovative ways. The Area Council Manager was assisting the group to apply for external funds, however, noting that supporting vulnerable and isolated people remained a priority, it was suggested that the service be extended for a further 12-month period. It was noted that if the group was successful in securing external funds, not all the funds allocated would need to be utilised.

Members were reminded of the previous discussion in relation to Creative Recovery. It was noted that the project had to be paused due to the impact of the pandemic and around £7,000 allocated to the group remained unspent. It was suggested that the group utilises this to deliver the remainder of the project when restrictions allow, but that £15,000 earmarked for the extension of the project be retained at this time.

In relation to the finance allocated from the Youth Work Fund to support organisations and provide training for groups wishing to work with young people, it was noted that the proposal remained under consideration, but that recent feedback suggested that there was still a demand. However, it was noted that further consideration and analysis was required, and it was suggested that this be undertaken before consideration by Members at a future meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the overview of Central Area Council's priorities current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Wellbeing Fund Projects, and their associated timescales, be noted;
- (ii) That the actual financial position to date for 2020/21 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023/24 as outline in the appendices submitted, be noted;
- (iii) That a one-year grant extension for £12,360 be awarded to the YMCA Detached Youth from 1st August, 2021 to 31st July, 2022;
- (iv) That a one-year grant extension for £49,440 be awarded to The Youth Association Street Smart from 1st July, 2021 to 30th June, 2022:
- (v) That a one-year grant extension for £30,990 be awarded to DIAL Advice Drop In from 1st July, 2021 to 30th June, 2022;
- (vi) That a one-year grant extension for £14,420 be awarded to Hope House Connects from 1st June, 2021 to 31st May, 2022;

- (vii) That Creative Recovery be supported to delay the delivery of the remainder of their project until restrictions allow;
- (viii) That the Youth Work Fund remains under consideration until further needs analysis is completed.

18. Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.01.03.2021/5)

The meeting received the notes of the following Ward Alliance meetings:-Central, held on 16th November, 2020 and 27th January, 2021; Dodworth, held on 15th December, 2020 and 26th January, 2021; Kingstone, held on 2nd December, 2020; and Stairfoot, held on 8th February, 2021.

RESOLVED that the notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances be received.

19. Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.01.03.2021/6)

The report on the use of Ward Alliance Fund was received for information.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

20. Covid-19 Update - Lucy Butcher (Cen.01.03.2021/7)

Lucy Butcher, Public Health Practitioner, was welcomed to the meeting to provide an update in relation to Covid-19. Members heard that case rates did fluctuating but were declining steadily overall. Figures had been reviewed at Ward level and there were no concerns about any variations between Wards.

The age distribution of cases had changed somewhat, with an increasing proportion of young people testing positive in some areas of the borough.

Members heard of the efforts of Neighbourhood Engagement Officers (NEOs), who had worked with trading standards to ensure face coverings were worn by staff in shops, and that sanitiser was available. It was noted that the NEOs also worked closely with Covid Marshals and that support will be provided to licensed premises and pubs in relation to their safe reopening.

Also noted was the support being provided to community venues to ensure their safe reopening, in conjunction with colleagues in Public Health and Communities. Work had also been undertaken with youth services to plan for the return of the 'rule of six' outdoors.

Members noted the community insights work which had identified some gaps in the knowledge of the community for example in relation to when residents should isolate and when they should get tested. This insight would inform future communications campaigns.

With 2,500 additional residents now on the list of Clinically Extremely Vulnerable all were being contacted by the Covid Support Service to ensure appropriate support was in place.

Members noted the current provision for symptomatic and asymptomatic testing, and that asymptomatic testing of secondary pupils was due to commence on 8th March, 2021.

In relation to vaccination, Members were made aware that up to date information was available on the Clinical Commissioning Group Website, and that all residents aged over 70 should have been offered their vaccination, with over 70,000 residents now vaccinated in Barnsley. Those aged 65-69 were now being offered the vaccine together with those aged 16+ who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

Questions were asked in relation to the numbers of patients with Covid-19 admitted to hospital, and also in relation to the wait between first and second vaccines. It was agreed that responses would be provided to Members following the meeting.

The issue of GPs providing telephone only appointments was discussed, and it was noted that many GPs would consult initially over the telephone but would see patients in person should this be required.

In relation to schools reopening, Members discussed the issue around the lack of social distancing between parents outside school. It was noted that schools were responsible for their own perimeter, but that NEOs and Covid Marshals could provide support in areas identified as having issues.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the report, responses to questions, and to all those involved in responding to the pandemic;
- (ii) That responses to questions in relation to numbers of patients in hospital and waiting times between first and second vaccinations be supplied directly to Members.

21. Day and time of future meetings of Central Area Council (Cen.01.03.2021/8)

It was noted that the Council diary had been drafted for the municipal year 2021/22, which included Central Area Council meeting on Monday at 2.00pm.

As a result of the Central Area Manager role being job shared, and the handover day being Wednesday, it was suggested that the meetings be moved to Wednesday at 2.00pm. A number of suggested dates had been identified in the Council diary in order to avoid clashes with other established meetings. However, it was recognised that Members have other commitments, and it was agreed to circulate the proposed dates to all Members of Central Area Council for them to highlight any issues with the proposed changes.

RESOLVED:- that all Members be consulted on the potential change of dates and that a decision be taken on future days and times at the next meeting of the Area Council.

Chair



Superfast South Yorkshire & Accelerating Digital Barnsley





What is Superfast South Yorkshire?



- SFSY Team is a partnership of;
 - Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield councils.
 - BDUK (Building Digital UK, part of DCMS)
 - Openreach (the infrastructure part of BT, but legally separate)
 - SCR LEP (Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership)

We've

- Boosted availability of superfast broadband to over 98% (from 80% in 2014)
- Brought 119,916 new connections to SY, 71,245 are in use every day ~(60%)
- Provided support to SMEs across SCR relating to connectivity and getting the most out of connectivity
- Advised on digital connectivity and infrastructure to developers & planning depts

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SFSY's current activity



- Contract with Openreach to deploy FTTP to 8,000 homes in SY
- Working with communities to use government voucher schemes
- Forming a rural broadband action group
- Inputting into the BMBC Digital Strategy & the SCR Digital Infrastructure Strategy
- Consultees on digital connectivity with LA planning depts
- Maximising the take up of SFSY deployment
- We can "claw back" the public subsidy and reinvest in the region
- Preparing for "Project Gigabit" BDUK's next big programme,

SFSY Deployment in the Central Area Council

	Number of properti	es ready for service
	SFSY Contract 1, Phase 1 & 2 FTTC – Superfast broadband, 24 to 30Mbps	SFSY Contract 2, Phase 3 FTTP – Ultrafast broadband, 100Mbps (Subject to survey & funding)
Central	830	0
Dodworth	273	235
Kingstone	0	0
Stairfoot	139	0
Worsbrough	111	35
Total	1353	270

Virgin are planning the upgrade of their networks in the future

Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

- Increase gigabit-capable broadband from commercial infrastructure providers, facilitating deployment, stimulating demand e.g. CityFibre
- SFSY full fibre and Superfast programmes, support deployment, demand stimulation, Gigabit Voucher Scheme (rural areas)
- Ensure all new residential and commercial sites have gigabitcapable infrastructure



Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

Progressing IoT (Internet of Things):

- Sensors installed on council assets to collect data to be used internally for strategic decision making, can also be provided externally for business use
- Working group established
- Pilot Scheme in development
- Links with:
 - IoT Tribe at DMC
 - Uni Of Sheffield 'SELA' students
 - Digital Tech Leaders Group

Accelerating Digital Barnsley

5G Mobile Network Operators:

- Networks to share their 2-year plan of roll-out across South Yorkshire
- Decisions about roll-out are based on demand for services
- Planning will play a key role, the smooth and timely processing of applications supports roll-out
- Barnsley to consider adoption of Sheffield's 5G planning process which was developed with the Mobile Network Operators

Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

- Social value opportunities created through infrastructure deployment
- Create strategic linkages to ensure that digital connectivity and inclusion are acknowledged in all aspects of the council's activities:
 - Increase access to digital connectivity & Adult skills
 - Review of digital activity, connectivity and inclusion
 - Creating connections between teams
 - Opportunities for joint working
 - Sharing of resources
 - Avoiding duplication
 - Creating efficiencies



Accelerating Digital Barnsley – Examples of Activity

Care Homes: Digital exclusion of residents unable to video-call during Covid-19 restrictions:

- Report on broadband connections: speeds/suppliers available/in scope for deployment or Voucher Scheme, offer of support
- Created links with Digital Champions, Adult Skills, device support, NHS Connectivity Scheme, Library Service

Digital Exclusion – Poverty Working Group – Bi-monthly:

- Lots of activity across BMBC around digital exclusion, opportunity to join up, add value, create efficiencies, share information and learning
- Audit carried out to identify activity across BMBC and partners

Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

Covid-19: Connectivity and Device Support:

Children's Remote Learning:

- 'DfE Connectivity Offers' from suppliers: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19
- 'Laptops for Kids scheme': https://www.ltfk.co.uk/
- Covid-19 Support from Telecoms Providers: http://www.superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk/sfsy-news

Low-cost broadband connections:

- BT Basic Broadband: https://btplc.com/inclusion/ProductsAndServices/BTBasic/ApplyingforBTBasic/index.htm
- Virgin Media Broadband: https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2020/08/virgin-media-uk-launch-cheap-15mbps-broadband-for-universal-credit-users.html
- Broadband stats and information: https://www.thinkbroadband.com/information
- Broadband speeds boost home values:
 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/broadband-speed-boost-sees-home-values-jump-by-3500?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=dd4c4b36-963d-4eb0-88ee-0d487d5b1939&utm_content=daily



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Area Council Update - COVID 19 Briefing

Public Health

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This is a regular update on the Council's Public Health response to the pandemic, providing a wide range of work undertaken across the Council. The pace of change continues, so we will aim to provide as up to date information as possible. Any specific questions on areas of work will be taken back to the appropriate lead for further detail, if appropriate.

1. Purpose of Report

To provide a progress update to members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Key Themes

Headlines as at 15th April 2021

- <u>COVID-19 Spring 2021 Roadmap</u> provides plan to move out of lockdown. Increased social mixing is expected due to reaching the next step on the roadmap from Monday 12th April (including opening of non-essential retail and hospitality settings).
- Case rates: we are seeing a continued fall in the case rate which was anticipated with the Easter break, and we expect that with schools reopening both testing and cases will rise.
- The highest number of cases are in the 40-49 age-group, although we may see this age distribution shift again aligned with school-related testing to focus on younger adults and children.
- Areas with higher levels of deprivation have higher case rates than more affluent areas, linked to ability to reduce transmission relating to socioeconomic factors e.g. employment (frontline roles and less likely to work from home) & larger households.
- Continue to see a moderate percentage of cases linked to household clusters, suggesting ongoing transmission within households. Many of these clusters have a school or workplace linked case.

Public Health Messages

The National Roadmap is positive, but we MUST continue to reinforce government guidance;

- HANDS Wash hands regularly.
- **FACE** Wear face coverings in enclosed spaces,
- SPACE Stay at least 2 metres apart or 1 metre with a face covering.
- Let Fresh Air in during winter months

Intelligence

COVID Situation Report (Sit-Rep)

Any local community intelligence regarding COVID intelligence or concerns would be useful to feed into this group.

COVID Marshals/Community Observations/NEO update

Main themes from community observations:

- Concerns at licensed premises regarding customers not wearing masks. Regulatory services are undertaking further visits.
- Congregation of youths in Cudworth and Great Houghton areas in or around premises (groups of around 8).
- Large footfall at football matches in Grimethorpe and Hoyland.
- Area of high footfall at Cannon Hall/Cannon Hall Garden Centre, as well as issues
 with vehicles parking and blocking the main road due to car parks being full at
 Langsett reservoir.

NEOs have worked alongside Museums, Libraries and Barnsley CVS to create a COVID-19 resource pack for Community Centres and Voluntary groups.

<u>Community Behavioural Insights – Additional Funded Work</u>

A total of 836 Barnsley residents were consulted via workshops or online questionnaire. Full findings and Campaign material should be presented shortly. Summary of key findings:

- People who are following the guidelines do so mainly to protect themselves and their family.
- Majority of respondents were compliant, but offered reasons why others were not following guidelines; denial, unable to social distance at work, forget about the guidelines, can't social distance in some shops, confusion.
- Most people understood the guidelines but the biggest gaps in knowledge were around when to self-isolate and when to get a test.
- 87% of those surveyed said they intend to get the vaccine (88% men, 86% women).

Testing

Everyone in England (including those without symptoms) can <u>access free home</u> <u>testing kits</u> for coronavirus (COVID-19) from the 9th April. Availability of home testing for all adults may affect testing rates.

Symptomatic Testing

Local Testing Units continue at;

- Lower Courthouse car park, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW
- Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre car park, Cudworth, S72 8LH
- Summer Lane car park, Wombwell, S73 0DD

These sites are accessible by car and on foot. They're open seven days a week from 8am to 8pm.

Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) sites also available -

Burleigh Street car park, Barnsley, S70 1LW. Open every day until Sunday 18th April from 9am to 3pm. This is a drive-through testing site accessible by car.

Find out more information at this link https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test-if-you-have-symptoms-of-coronavirus-covid-19/.

Asymptomatic/Mass Community Testing

- The Metrodome is now operating as a home test kit collect-only site, with assisted testing now stepped down to be replaced by a Community Collect Model to provide more localised support where there are vulnerable groups or high case areas.
- 53 pharmacies are now on board to offer home testing kit collections -see map below for current distribution. More are expected to sign up to this.



School Testing

- Rapid testing in secondary schools is still underway following return of pupils to schools and colleges on 8th March, which has impacted on case rates as expected.
- Primary school staff will continue to take 2 rapid tests a week at home.

Vaccinations

Work is underway to target vulnerable and vaccine-hesitant groups through community engagement for both testing and vaccinations.

- Outreach visits planned this week in specific areas in the borough with low vaccine uptake - joint approach with Communities Team colleagues and Public Health colleagues;
- Posters developed ready to be placed up around the borough and leaflets to hand out;
- Working up plans to improve uptake in cohorts 1-9 and future planning for cohorts 10-12 with engagement plan framework being used as a tool to capture barriers/solutions.

Vaccination roll out is managed by Barnsley CCG: more information can be found on their FAQ page https://www.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/patient-help/covid-19-vaccine-faqs.htm

- As of writing, 128,000 people in Barnsley have had their first dose with 34,000 having had their second dose.
- Cohort 10, 11, and 12 are now able to access vaccinations, which includes those aged 45 or over.

Recommendations

Members to note the information in the report and consider the following;

- Promote PH Messages around HANDS, FACE, SPACE and encourage local communities to get tested, especially if they have symptoms.
- Continue local connections with NEOs/COVID Marshals to feedback any community-based intelligence especially in relation to increased levels of cases in particular areas
- Make any further comments on this report and its format/content

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Other Contacts:

- To book a symptomatic test you can book a test on the NHS website (https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call 119 if you're not able to access the internet.
- For queries regarding staff vaccinations (including Community and Voluntary Sector staff): ascpublichealth@barnsley.gov.uk
- For queries regarding COVID marshals or joint operations with South Yorkshire Police: COVIDmarshals@barnsley.gov.uk
- To report any concerns with businesses not complying with COVID-19: Regulatoryservices@barnsley.gov.uk
- For more general public health queries, please contact PublicHealth@barnsley.gov.uk

Safe Behaviours



Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.



Wear a face covering in enclosed environments.



Maintain space with anyone outside your household or bubble.



Meet with others outdoors where possible.



Minimise the number of different people you meet and the duration of meetings, if possible.



Let fresh air in.



Download the NHS Test & Trace app.



Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms.



Self isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.



Cen.26.04.2021/6 BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting: 26th April 2021

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up to date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 Updates are also provided within the report about the previously agreed areas of work relating to services for Social Isolation and Loneliness.
- 1.3 The report also considers the extensions of grants in line with area priorities.
- 1.4 Finally, the report outlines the financial position to date for 21/22 and the projected financial position to 2023/24. Nb. Financial projections are based on the assumption that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2021-22 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Members note the additional £5,685 that has been reimbursed into the budget via accessing Central Government social isolation funding.
- 2.4 Members agree that the grant amendments are awarded as follows:
 - A £943 increase in grant funding for the YMCA Detached Youth Work project in Dodworth in addition to what was awarded on 1st March 2021 (taking the total to £13,303).
 - Members agree the slight difference in the delivery period different to what was reported at CAC on 1st March 2021 so that the project will run from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022.

2.5 Members agree the recommendations in Appendix 3 to this report; 'Social Isolation and Challenge Fund Panel Outcomes', including the the performance and monitoring arrangements.

3. Overview of Contracts and timescales

3.1 The table below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Priority	Service/Fund	Provider	Value	From	То	Туре
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund 'Uplift' for the Central Area	Creative Recovery	£15,000 *Dates for delivery extended to Covid-19.	1/07/19.	*30/06/20	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £30,000 Year 2 £30,000 Year 3 £30,900	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21	30/06/20 30/06/21 01/07/22	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Financial Resilience Funding Covid response support service	Age UK Barnsley	One year one-off funding £10,000 Nb. Additional external funding was secured to maintain the service to 31/03/21	01/07/20	31/03/21	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life Project	Age UK Barnsley	Two years funding: £79,187	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities Project	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Two years funding: £ 79,165.17	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community –	Two years funding: £30,252.96	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience and well being in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £135,000 Year 2 £136,468 Commenced 2020 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review	01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract

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Children & Young People	Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £48,000 Year 2 £48,000 FOC Year 3 £49,440	01/06/19 01/06/20 01/06/21 01/07/21	31/05/20 31/05/21 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,000 (amended dates) Year 2 £13,303 (amended and subject to	01/09/20	31/06/21	Grant Agreement
			approval)	01/01/21	30/00/22	
Clean &	CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £95,000 per	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract
Green			annum			
			Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review			
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Providing an environmental enforcement service SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/ complement the contract above	District Enforcement & BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £45,000 p/y plus £13,000 to BMBC SLA Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract & SLA
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Targetted Household Flytipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2 Cost: £32,000/annum. Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review	01/11/19 01/11/20	31/10/20 31/10/21	SLA
Clean & Green	CAC Commission	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2	01/11/19 01/11/20	31/10/20 31/10/21	SLA

	Private Rented Housing Support Service		Cost: £32,500/annum Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review	SLA Extension agreed to November 2021		
Vulnerable People	CAC Commission New Mothers Support Service	Family Lives	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £50k per annum Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract
Vulnerable People	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church	Year 1 £13,913 Year 2 £14,000 Year 3 £14,420	1/06/19 01/06/20 01/06/21	31/05/20 31/05/21 31/05/22	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People	Financial Resilience Funding Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service	Citizens Advice Bureau Barnsley	One off funding 6m £20,000 (£10k funded via Ward Alliances) Delivery of this service was expected in November 2020 but was delayed due to operational challenges	01/01/21	30/06/21	Grant Agreement

GRANT/CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

4. <u>Targeted Youth Support</u>

- 4.1 Further to the information provided at the CAC in March 2021; the extension to the YMCA grant was approved. The amount approved was based on 2020-21 delivery costs when the YMCA had been able to match 2m expenditure (therefore only requiring 10m funding from the Area Council). This years' costs therefore increase by £943 in order to fund 12m delivery.
 - 4.1.1 YMCA Detached Youth Work project in Dodworth fund additional £943 needed for full 12m delivery of project
- 4.2 The delivery dates approves at the last CAC for targeted youth support were as follows:
 - YMCA Detached Youth Work 01st August 2021 to 31st July 2022

- The actual delivery date for approval should have read 01st July 2021 to 30th June 2022
- 4.3 If the recommendation to increase the award is not agreed; the alternative for consideration would be honor the grant amount approved and fund the service for 10m only.
- 4.4 The overview of contracts and timescales table in item 3 has been updated to reflect corrections to dates and amounts.

10. Financial Position

10.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, **Appendix 1** provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.

It shows actual expenditure for 2020/21.

The 2020-21 figure includes a carry forward amount from 2019-20 of £230,902, and all previously agreed funding/allocations are included. The carry forward amounts are still to be fully reconciled and finalised by finance colleagues.

The 2021-22 and 2022-23 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

10.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2021/22 to 2023/24, is also attached for information at **Appendix 2** (attached). This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

This includes all costs associated with the formally approved contracts and procurement updates contained within this report, which are shown in **black**.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other" informally agreed" services are shown in amber, with future potential proposals shown in red. Items for consideration at this meeting are highlighted in vellow for ease of reference.

- 10.3 Members should note that further all previous approvals made by the Central Area Council an amount of £555,137 has been *committed* for 2021/22. The balance c/f from 2020/21 is £224,124 (tbc), we have successfully drawn down some additional funding of £5,685, and FPN income has been estimated based on previous (normal) years' income bringing the total income projection for 2021/22 to £749,809.-
- 10.4 The 2021-24 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes. The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may be subject to change.

11. Other Matters

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Appendix 2: Finance Overview – Projections

Appendix 3: Social Isolation Challenge Fund Panel Update

Officer Contact: Tel. No: Date:

Lisa Phelan, Sarah Blunkett 01226-775707 13th April 2021

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2017/18 TO 2022/23

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Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	20	19/20		2020/21		2021/2022		202	22/2023
					Profile		Actual	Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual
Base Expenditure	Baseline Budget	n/a	n/a	n/a	500,0	00.00		500,000.00		500,000.00		500,000.0	10
C/F From Previous Year	C/F from the previous year	n/a	n/a	n/a	228,6	61.99		230,901.99		224,124.07		729,809.0	7
Additional Income from Grants	Internal & External Funding	n/a	n/a	n/a	34,1	01.00		27,250.00		5,685.00			
Additional Income from FPN's etc.	Fixed Penalties etc.	n/a			25,5	605.00		9,925.00					
TOTAL INCOME					788,2	267.99	0	768,076.99	0	729,809.07	0	1,229,809.0	7 0
Building emotional resilience in 8-14 years	YMCA	Apr-17	3 years	390,000	13	80,000	130,940						
Emotional Resilience - C&YP	YMCA (The Unity Project)	Apr-20	3 years	411,763.00				134,965.00	134,964.96	136,468.00		140,300.0	10
Clean & Green service	Twiggs	Apr-19	1+1+1	285,000.00	95,0	00.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00			
Environmental Enforcement Service	District Enforcement	Apr-19	1+1+1	135,000.00	45,0	00.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00			
	BMBC Enforcement SLA support	Apr-19	1+1+1	39,000.00	12,6	86.00	12,686.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00			
Private Rented New tenancy support	BMBC - Community Safety	Nov-19	1+1	65,000.00	32,5	600.00	32,816.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	18,958.33			
Proactive flytipping SLA (Targeted Householed Fly Tipping)	BMBC SLA	Nov-19	1+1	64,000.00	32,0	00.00	32,000.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	21,330.00			
PeriNatal Volunteer Home visiting service	Family Lives	Apr-19	1+1+1	150,000.00	50,0	00.00	49,949.00	50,000.00	49,737.96	50,000.00			
CentralWellbeing Fund	Hope House Church (Grant)	Jul-20	originaly 2- yrs, extended to 2022, new	42,333.00				14,000.00	14,000.00	10,815.00		3,605.0	10
Central Wellbeing Fund	DIAL (Grant)	Jul-19	originaly 2- yrs, extended to 2022 (New	90,900.00				30,000.00	30,000.00	23,175.00		7,725.0	10
Central Wellbeing Fund	Creative Recovery (Grant)	Jul-19	(Extended delivery to	15,000.00						15,000.00			
Voluntary Youth Work Support and Training	waiver to be done - sept time (YMCA and Youth Association)	Apr-20		28,000.00						18,000.00		10,000.0	10
Youth Work Fund for 13+ (GRANT)	Youth Association	Jul-19	originaly 2- yrs, extended to 2022 (new	145,440.00				48,000.00	48,000.00	37,080.00		12,360.0	10
Youth Work Fund for 13+ (GRANT)	YMCA	Jun-19	originaly 2- yrs, extended to 2022 (new	21,977.25				12,000.00	12,000.00	9,977.25		3,325.7	75
Health and Wellbeing Fund	Partly funded via Healthier Communities Income				108,5	75.00	108,975.00						
Devolved to 5 Ward Alliances	Decision made annually at Area Council			150,000.00	50.0	00.00	50,000.00						
Healthy Holidays Fund	Funding offset via Financial Hardship Income			.50,000.00	30,0		53,000.00	17,250.00	17,250.00				
One of Financial Resilience Funding - Covid Response Support Service	Age UK Barnsley	01.07.20-31.12.20						10,000.00	10,000.00				
One of Financial Resilience Funding	Citizens Advice Bureau WA Projects	01.01.21 - 31.12.21						10,000	10000				
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Age UK Barnsley	Apr-21	2 years	79,186.68						39,249.92		39,936.7	6
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Reds in the Community	Apr-21	2 years	30,252.96						15,651.48		14,601.4	
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Apr-21	2 years	78,865.17						39,432.57		39,432.6	60
Expenditure Incurred in Year					556,1	61.00	557,366.00	544,215.00	543,952.92	588,137.55	0.00	271,286.5	9 0.00
Balance at year end to carry forward					230,9	01.99		224,124.07		729,809.07		1,229,809.0	17

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Central Area Council - Budget proposals

Expenditure - Service / provider

code: Black = Committed spend; Amber = under consideration: Red = Future proposal /projected spend

2019/2020

Income	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Central Area Council Allocation	£ 500,000.00	£ 500,000.00	£ 500,000.00	£ 500,000.00	£ 500,000.00
Income from FPNs	£ 25,505.00	f 9,925.00	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00
Other Funding	£ 34,101.00	£ 27,250.00	£ 5,685.00		
Carried forward from previous year	£ 228,662.00	£ 230,902.00	f 224,124.00	£ 66,859.78	-f 31,542.00
Total anticipated available spend:	f 788,268.00	f 768,077.00	f 749,809.00	£ 586,859.78	£ 488,458.00

2020/2021

2021/2022

2022/2023

2023/2024

				Under	Future		Under	Future		Under	Future		Under	Future
	Committed		Committed	consideration	Proposal	Committed	consideration	Proposal	Committed	consideration	Proposal	Committed	consideration	Proposal
Clean & Green	£ 95,000.00		£ 95,000.00			£ 95,000.00					£ 97,850.00			£ 97,850.00
Environmenal Enforcement Contract	£ 45,000.00		£ 45,000.00			£ 45,000.00					£ 46,350.00			£ 46,350.00
Environmental Enforcement - SLA	£ 12,686.00		£ 13,000.00			£ 13,000.00					£ 13,390.00			£ 13,390.00
Emotional Resilience Contract - YMCA	£ 130,940.00		£ 134,965.00			£ 136,468.00			£ 140,330.00					£ 144,000.00
Youth work fund - YMCA & Youth Ass.			£ 60,000.00			£ 47,057.25			£ 15,685.75		£ 61,800.00			£ 61,800.00
Voluntary Youth Support							£ 18,000.00			£ 10,000.00				
Private Rented Tenancy Support	£ 32,816.00		£ 32,500.00			£ 18,958.00		£ 13,542.00			£ 32,500.00			£ 32,500.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund	£ -					£ 94,333.97			£ 105,666.03				£ 100,000.00	
Peri-natal and Family Eotional Wellbeing	£ 49,949.00		£ 49,738.00			£ 50,000.00								
ညီ etted Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education	£ 32,000.00		£ 32,500.00			£ 21,330.00		£ 10,670.00			£ 32,000.00			£ 32,000.00
(O ral Well Being Fund	£ 108,975.00						£ 15,000.00							
(Ω ral Well Being Fund - Dial			£ 30,000.00			£ 23,175.00			£ 7,725.00		£ 30,900.00			£ 30,900.00
Central Well Being Fund - Hope House			f 14,000.00			£ 10,815.00			£ 3,605.00					
Age UK Covid-19 Recovery Grant			£ 10,000.00											
Devolved to WA	£ 50,000.00							£ 50,000.00						
CAB Service - Financial Resilience Funding			£ 10,000.00					£ 20,600.00			£ 20,600.00			£ 20,600.00
Healthy Holidays			£ 17,250.00											
Events / Review														
Totals:	£ 55	57,366.00	£ 543,953.00	£ -	£ -	£ 555,137.22	£ 33,000.00	£ 94,812.00	£ 273,011.78	£ 10,000.00	£ 335,390.00	£ -	£ 100,000.00	£ 479,390.00
total anticipated contract spend:			£	•	543,953.00	£		682,949.22	£	•	618,401.78	£		579,390.00
In Year Balance	£ 23	30,902.00	£		224,124.00	£		66,859.78	-£		31,542.00	-£		90,932.00

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting:

26th April 2021

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Central Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members about the Central Area Council Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund application and allocation process.
- 1.2 To update members on the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects approved for funding.
- 1.3 The report also outlines the performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the CAC Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund update.
- 2.2 Members note the projects that have been approved for funding.
- 2.3 Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements outlined in Section 7.

3. Background

A positioning paper was presented at a workshop of elected members on 19th August 2020. It was then agreed at the Area Council Meeting on the 7th September 2020 that the Central Area would run the Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund project delivery for two years from April 2021 to March 2023.

The CAC Social Isolation & Loneliness Challenge Fund was established as a grants programme totalling £200,000 (2021-23) to address the identified Central Area Council priority to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness in Adults and Older People.

A Market Engagement Event was held on 13th October 2021.

The Challenge Fund opened on YorTender on 3rd November 2020 and the final date for submission of applications was the 8th January 2021.

A total of **12** applications were received before the deadline.

The Grants Panel Members received their panel packs w/c 11th January 2021. This included copies of all the applications and a 'Scoring Matrix' which needed to be completed prior to the panel meeting.

The panel was made up of the following Councillors and Barnsley Council Officers:

- 1. Cllr Kevin Williams (Area Chair)
- 2. Cllr Wayne Johnson
- 3. Cllr Peter Fielding
- 4. Sarah Blunkett, Central Area Council Manager
- 5. Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal, Safer, Stronger Healthier Communities
- 6. Charlotte Moulds, Central Area Community Development Officer

4. Recommended Projects

The Members had an opportunity to independently score each application before meeting for the Evaluation Panel on 10th and 11th February 2021. The scoring matrix provided a robust qualitative and quantitative basis upon which to identify suitable applications. All applications required a majority recommendation from the panel in order to be successful. The panel was independently chaired by Jade Popplewell, Category Manager, Health, Care & Communities. The approval process can be found as Appendix 1.

Due to the exceptionally high quality of applications and the narrow difference between application scores; 4 organisations were invited to give a presentation to the panel on 26th February 2021. The presentations were scored individually by the panel and then moderated. This was independently chaired by Jane Lee, Procurement Officer.

A consensus between panel members was reached and a total of 3 applications were recommended for funding. The total allocated amount for these 3 projects was £188,604.81

The recommended projects are as follows (they are in no particular order):

Age UK - Name of Project-My Community, My Life

Cost from April 2021 to March 2023: £79,186.68

Summary

Age UK Barnsley are a local charity that works only for the benefit of the people of Barnsley Borough and our Resource Centre/Head Office is based within the Central Area. They have been providing successful, innovative, area-wide services addressing social isolation in Barnsley for more than 4 years. Age UK Barnsley work with older people with a wide range of needs and health conditions including dementia, mental health problems, physical health conditions and limited mobility.

The overall aim is to reduce the current level of social isolation and loneliness in people aged over 50 in the Central Area. They will do this by:

- Developing and supporting personalised plans to enable individuals to tackle their social isolation.
- Developing community responses to provide innovative solutions to barriers to inclusion.
- Working with a wide range of partner agencies to increase the number of sustainable community activity opportunities available within the Central Area
- Apply Age Friendly principles to increase involvement of older people in community development and ensuring their full social value is appreciated.
- 1:1 Person Centred Planning and support from a Social Inclusion Worker
- A range of interventions that will support the most socially isolated people to overcome the barriers to involvement e.g. transport, money, confidence, health problems etc.
- Mapping, promotion and support for Community Groups and Activities
- Developing new sustainable Community Activities through consultation and partnership working post-Covid. Especially those activities that get people moving. Men's Group Activities and Digital Inclusion projects.
- Enable older people to come together and have a voice in community developments.
- Bring Community Groups together for mutual support, clear pathways and sharing resources.

RMB Mind – Thriving Communities Project

Cost from April 2021 to March 2023: £ 79,165.17

Working across the Central Area Council area:

The Thriving Communities Project will develop community initiatives across the Central Area enabling diverse, marginalised and isolated communities to come together to learn,

collaborate and create networks of support, generate activities and build cohesive communities. They will engage with hard-to-reach communities who are isolated and lonely, explore the reasons behind loneliness and create opportunities for people to get involved, make a difference and build networks of support within their communities, co-producing activities.

Loneliness is often associated with social isolation, but people can and do feel lonely even when in a relationship or when surrounded by others. Loneliness affects people of all ages and from all backgrounds – from the school child who struggles to make friends, to the new parent coping alone, to the older person who has outlived her friends and immediate family.

The Thriving Communities Project will work with any individual who identifies as being isolated and impacted by loneliness. However, the project will particularly target the following communities:

- Older People who are experiencing isolation and loneliness and are further impacted by COVID-19 restrictions;
- Men aged 30-55 two in five men admit to regularly feeling low (particularly those who are facing job insecurity as a result of Covid-19);
- BAME community that report feeling marginalised, isolated and lonely and who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19;
- Homeless individuals to re-engage with a community and receive support to access services.

Reds in the Community – Reds Connect

Cost from April 2021 to March 2023: £30,252.96

Working across the Central Area Council area:

- To reduce social isolation and loneliness among local people
- To increase the number of local people in the Central Area participating in local activities
- To improve physical and emotional wellbeing

Target Groups

Older people: In the Central Area, people aged 65+ account for 18.9% of the population with 31.2% of residents in this age bracket living alone. Furthermore, Age UK report that almost 5,000 older people in Barnsley do not see or speak to other people from one week to the next while 4,603 feel lonely and isolated.

Dementia: There is 0.97 prevalence of dementia in the Central Area. Local providers, Age UK and Butterflies, both feel more provision is needed to not only support people with dementia and their carers but also, as a preventative intervention for older people.

Men: Men of all ages are increasingly struggling with their mental health and account for 85% of suicides in Barnsley. At 21% compared to 79% for women, they are less likely to attend organised activities and do not make friends as easily as women. Our experience echoes this with men less willing to try new things and/or non-traditional activities.

Wider population: The report, Social Isolation and Loneliness in the Central Area indicates high levels of social isolation and Ioneliness in the Central Area across all ages, genders and groups including new and single parents, refugees, asylum seekers and economic migrants, LGBTQ and carers. Respondents to our consultation survey identified mental health, poor health and diet, lack of things to do and support for older people as the most pressing needs in Barnsley.

There is a clear need to provide more support and opportunities that will actively reduce loneliness and social isolation among the aforementioned targeted groups and the wider local population. We believe that Reds Connect will help to do this by:

- Creating more opportunities for local people in Central to engage and connect with others
- Using physical activity and exercise as a vehicle to break down barriers and enable participants to connect and socialise
- Using physical activity to improve emotional and mental wellbeing
- Employing a delivery model we know to be successful based on other projects such as Safety Nets, Fit Reds and Feel Good to Lose

5. Lessons Learned

- 5.1. The inclusion of the Outcomes Star offer ensured that all applications gave consideration to achieving comparable outcomes.
- 5.2. The fund was heavily oversubscribed.

6. Project Development Work

The Area Manager has met with all successful project leads to ensure that all the projects are robust: deliverable within the timescales, and outcomes/outcome indicators and targets developed. The next step is for the 3 successful projects to meet together with the Area Manager to discuss their projects, identify joint working opportunities and shared learning. They will also be agreeing shared performance measures and processes.

7. Grant Awards and Performance Monitoring/Management

All organisations have now signed their Grant Agreements which, together with a detailed application form, will form the basis of the contractual agreement between the Council and the organisation for the grant awarded.

All applicants have submitted a monitoring/performance framework and quarterly payment schedule as part of their application. Where a quarterly payment is agreed the payments will only be released once the Central Area Council Manager is satisfied that monitoring/performance targets for the previous quarter have been met, or if not

met, a satisfactory reason is given as to why this is the case and revised targets for the following quarters agreed.

Progress on projects will be reported back to Central Area Council on a regular basis and a full evaluation report about the CAC Stronger Communities Fund process and projects will be presented to Central Area Council after one full year delivery.

8. Next steps

8.1. Members are asked to note that this grants call was significantly over subscribed. Many of the unsuccessful projects that were submitted were of extremely high quality and would certainly add value to the 'all age' approach of the challenge fund (working in partnership with successful applications). Should the opportunity to fund these via an alternative route be identified then applications from unsuccessful applicants from this grants call would be welcomed.

Appendix 1: Central Area Council

Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund - Approval Process

Submissions

- 12 applications recieved, value £XXXX (8th January 2021)
- Pass/Fail Criteria assessed by Procurement & Commissioning Colleagues
- •No fails noted
- Under/Oversubscribed

Evaluation

- •Panel packs prepared and to panel by 11th January.
- All panel representatives have 4+ weeks to read and score the applications

Collate

• Procurement & Commissioing Colleagues collated scores for each application from each panel member

Danel

• Moderation Panel Independanly Chaired by Commissioning and Procurement colleagues and a conensus score reached

Present-

- •4 Applictions were invited to give a presentations and answer any points of clarification
- Moderation of presentation scoring independantly chaired by Procurement & Commissioning Colleagues

Awarda

Consensus was reached and 3 applications were recommended for funding

Balance

•It is recommended that the unspent balance of the challenge fund is carried over into Year 3 to fund projects identified as developed throughout the challenge fund period.



CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE	
MEETING NOTES	
Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 24 th February 2021 @ 5:30pm
Location:	Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Margret Bruff (Chair)	Councillor Martin Dyson
Charlotte Moulds (Community Development Officer)	
Linda Wheelhouse	
Paul Bedford	
Dee Cureton	
Jennifer Hulme	

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Cllr Bruff welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes From Previous Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Meeting notes from 27 th January meeting approved.		

4. Declarations of Precuniary and Non Precuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Harbrough Hills Community Group WAF – Linda Wheelhouse		

5. I	Projects Updates	Action/Decision	Action lead
5.1 Healthy Holidays Update			
fo	8 famillies attended February half-term healthy holidays or Central ward. Successful work with schools and others to ain referals for those in need of additional support.		
Co ei di th e.	rom Easter, healthy holidays will fall under the Healthier communities arm of the council. This will be a food parcel, ither collected or delivered to the families, suited to their ietary needs. In place of the £15 voucher, but worth more han the value of £15. Some other activities to be included .g. equipment and/or booklet for physical activity. Awaiting urther details		
5.2 Small	l Sparks Fund	Action/Decision	Action lead
N	leeds further poster distribution.	CM to arrange delivery to WA members for further distribution	СМ
5.3 Ward	d Alliance Promotion	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Vard alliance priority leaflet drafted, all members reviewed nd some changes suggested.	CM to redraft for next meeting	СМ
	Vard Alliance Member posters drafted, all members eviewed and some changes suggested.	CM to redraft for next meeting	СМ

6. WAF Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
WAF Budget = £10,354.33		
Engagement Pot = £536.31		
• Small Sparks Fund = £1,000.00		
6.1 Ward Alliance Applications Recieved	Action/Decision	Action lead
Healthy Holidays – forward planning	Approved	СМ
working budget - £2,000		
To fund additionalities to what will be the 'core		
offer' e.g. fruit packs for schools etc.		
		СМ
Harborough Hills Community Group – Community	Approved	
Allotment - £369.99		
For the purchase of a Polytunnel to enable further		
vegetable growth		
-0		СМ
Sheltered Housing Resident Support – Support	Approved	
Hampers £2,000		
To create a working budget in order to		
To create a working budget in order to		

	appropriately support those in sheltered housing complexes e.g. activity packs, storecupboard staples. DVP Litter Pickers – Litter Picking Equipment for 20 new volunteers - £730 To fund litter pickers, hi vis and gloves for 20x new volunteers within the group.	Approved	СМ
6.	2 Ward Alliance Applications In The Pipeline	Action/Decision	Action lead
	- Sensory equipment for SEND children/families at home	To continue to be progressed via Denise	

7. Upcoming Events / Dates		Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/A		

8	AOB	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Cllr Bruff asked for any feedback we had received on the Christmas advent calendars. CM stated that the calendars were well received, with lots of informal feedback from families via schools. Cllr Bruff mentioned that if these went well, the ward alliance may wish to produce further activity packs/crafts for future holidays/events e.g. Easeter, summer etc.		
9.	Date and time of Next Meeting.	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Weds 31 st March @ 5:30pm – Microsoft Teams.		



CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE			
MEETING NOTES			
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Jennifer Hulme	Paul Bedford
	Dee Cureton

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Cllr Bruff welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes From Previous Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Meeting notes from 24 th February meeting approved.		

4.	Declarations of Precuniary and Non Precuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/A		

5.	Projects Updates	Action/Decision	Action lead
5.1 Healthy Holidays Update			
Healthier Communities core offer has gone ahead as planned. Staff volunteers assisted with the packing of the food parcels, as well as at collection sites. The food parcels included lots of different items e.g. pasta, rice, tinned items and fresh items. As well as skipping rope, chalk etc to encourage physical activity. The team were awaiting further information re: numbers of people who signed up, and numbers of people who collected within the central area.			
	The central area team provided support to this scheme by promoting on social media and assisting with a few general queries. They also did an online live session via Facebook whereby two volunteers produced healthy, family meals using the same ingredients as in the family boxes. This was very well received and has over 640 views and 83 comments.		
5.2 Sm	nall Sparks Fund	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Needs further poster distribution.	CM to arrange delivery to WA members for further distribution	СМ
5.3 Ward Alliance Promotion		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Ward alliance priority leaflet drafted, all members reviewed and some changes suggested.	CM to redraft for next meeting	СМ
	Ward Alliance Member posters drafted, all members reviewed and some changes suggested.	CM to redraft for next meeting	СМ

6. WAF Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
 WAF Budget = £10,354.33 Engagement Pot = £536.31 Small Sparks Fund = £1,000.00 Healthy Holidays Working Budget - £1,250 (minus £750 for school fruit packs) Sheltered Housing Resident Support – Support Hampers £2,000 		
6.1 Ward Alliance Applications Recieved	Action/Decision	Action lead
Off Road Biker Deterrent Police Signs - £160 To supply 100x weatherproof signs to local police force in order to support them in deterring offraod bikers.	Meeting not quorate – votes asked for via email by 9 th April	СМ

6.2 Ward Alliance Applications In The Pipeline	Action/Decision	Action lead
- Sensory equipment for SEND children/families at hold Identified through Denise Green (SEND Child Social Calfor those who cannot currently attend school and miss out on sensory/learning experiences etc. also provides respite for parents/carers at home.	Green sing	СМ

7.	Upcoming Events / Dates	Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/A		

8. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/S		
9. Date and time of Next Meeting.		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Weds 28 th April @ 5:30pm – Microsoft Teams.		



DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE				
	MEETING NOTES			
Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting			
Date & Time:	Tuesday 9 th March 2021 @ 6pm			
Location: Held Via Teams Meeting				

logies	Attendees
Turton – Gilroyd Business	Councillor Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair)
er and Gilroyd Community p (JT)	Councillor Neil Wright
<i>y</i> (31)	Councillor Peter Fielding
	Charlotte Moulds – Community Development Officer (CM)
	Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) Notes
	Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH)
	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC)
	Michelle Robertson – Dodworth Resident (MR)
	Natalie Parkes – Dodworth Business Owner (NP)
	Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church (BS)
	Darren Dickinson – Higham Resident (DD) (ATTENDANCE PART OF MEEITNG ONLY)
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1	Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Councillor Birkinshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting, no introductions were required.		
2	Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<u>Matters Arising</u>		
	BS asked for the minutes to be corrected to state he is representing the Dodworth Methodist Church and not St Johns as detailed.		
	CM reported she had gathered some information from other wards in the borough in respect of hanging baskets. This idea was raised by LK at the last meeting. CM stated she had sent some details to LK for her and her group to consider whether this is a project they feel they are able to and wish to consider implementing.		
	Minutes of the last meeting held 26 th January 2021 were agreed as a true record.		
4	Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	There were no pecuniary interests declared.		
5	. Healthy Holidays Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<u>Healthy Holidays</u>		
	CM reported that once again a further project for the Easter break period will be implemented to help		

struggling families. However, Healthy Holidays from Easter onwards will now be run and rolled out by		
BMBC officers in the Healthier Communities Department.		
The project will be providing Good Food Boxes. Each box will contain ingredients to make delicious and healthy meals for children's lunchtime meals. As well as the standard ingredients box, there will be a gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian box option available. The box will also contain an activity pack including an activity booklet, skipping rope and chalks.		
The school meals route will now be used to identify families, with free school meal families only, able to qualify for the scheme. The initiative will see one hamper per child allocated.		
CM stated that large numbers of families engaging with the previous scheme in the Dodworth Ward were still not being seen. Also, there had been a limited buyin to the project from schools in the Ward. A total of 11 families signed up for the scheme during the last roll out during half term.		
CM asked Ward Alliance Members if they wished to consider any additional support in our Ward over and above that outlined above. Ward Alliance Members felt at the present time the new initiative was sufficient.		
6. Small Sparks Fund Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
At the last Ward Alliance Meeting CM circulated a work in progress poster to be used to advertise the scheme. The poster has now been finalised and will be used to promote the initiative on social media, notice boards, and community hubs etc. CM circulated a copy of the finalised poster and asked Ward Alliance Members if they could share within their community/voluntary groups within the Ward. Councillor Fielding confirmed he had put a copy of the poster in all the notice boards in the Ward.	ALL	

CM stated that if any Ward Alliance were able to help with distribution of the posters to other suitable establishments such as local shops or businesses to contact her direct.		
	ALL	
Damaged Bench on St, John's Close	Action/Decision	Action lead
Ward Alliance Members were briefed about a request from residents to replace an old/broken bench at St. Johns Close, Dodworth. It had been determined the bench is on private land which is owned by Thornley Taylor Estate and currently occupied by a local farming business. To the landowners the replacement of the bench is not a priority and would ultimately have to be removed by BMBC if it was determined it was dangerous. Ward Alliance Members were asked their views on the		
Ward Alliance paying for the bench to be replaced. Councillor Birkinshaw suggested it could be investigated to see if John Twigg could repair and refurbish the bench; however, permission from the landowners would likely need to be sought to carry		
this out. BS raised the matter of future liability if the Ward Alliance was to fund its complete replacement bearing in mind it would not be sited on council land.		
Ward Alliance Members agreed in the first instance John Twigg should be contacted and asked to assess the feasibility of refurbishing the bench. Councillor Fielding will liaise with John Twigg on this matter.	Councillor Fielding	

8.	Ward Alliance Priority Leaflet	Action/Decision	Action lead
	CM circulated a copy of the Ward Alliance Priority Leaflet for consideration and comments from all Ward Alliance Members.		
	It was raised about whether details of the Ward Alliance Members should be included on the literature along with the Ward Councillors details. MH stated that this had been the case with previous literature produced in the past.		
	CM asked what everyone's thoughts were on this suggestion and stated as there was not a high turnover of membership, and if alliance members were happy to, they could also be listed.		
	All Ward Alliance Members in attendance confirmed they would be happy to be included. CM will contact JT and DD to confirm they are also happy to be listed as Ward Alliance Members on the literature.		
	CM stated that once the leaflet had been finalised, it was proposed to have in the region of a couple of hundred printed, in-house, for distribution/use at future events.		
9.	Youth Services Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
	CM stated that the current commissioned youth services was the YMCA and the Youth Association. Exedus were also used in some areas of the borough. CM reported that under Covid-19 government guidance, that although no youth activities were		
	currently permitted, as of yesterday, such organisations are now allowed to speak with youths on the streets/in the community. They will be actively gaining knowledge about what's happening in the		
	area, fact sharing/myth busting in respect of Covid issues as well as educating. They are also unable to carry out any enforcement in respect of government guidelines etc. However, during their rounds they will be distributing face masks to any youths who they		
	engage with. This is following reports of youths sharing face masks to enter shops and businesses.		

The youth workers will be wearing lanyards to identify themselves.		
MH raised as a separate concern, but also involving numbers of youths, was the ongoing problems at the railway station at Dodworth, including Silkstone and Penistone Stations.		
MH stated that Northern Rail were trying to address this matter which was not only a local but a national problem.	МН	
MH to send contact details of Northern Rail to CM so that the Youth Services can be involved, if appropriate, in finding a way to address the ongoing problem.		
10. WAF Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
CM detailed the latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation as follows:-		
Current Balance: £9,281.54		
Engagement Pot: £582.61		
Environment Pot: £561.26		
Incredible Edible: £695.00		
Small Sparks Fund: £1,000		
It was reported that from the 1/4/2021 (the start of new financial year) an additional £10,000 of funding would be received from Core Council.		
10.1 Funding Applications Received		
Ward Alliance Storage Container		
An application was received in respect of purchasing a storage container for the sum of £3,000. As discussed		
previously, it had been agreed the Ward Alliance		
would like to have their own storage container so that equipment, including Christmas motives and lights		
could be stored securely in an easily accessible place.		
The container could also be utilised by the wards		
volunteer groups to store any appropriate equipment.		
The container will be sited on an agreed site with a		
BMBC agreement in place to ensure its approved to be		
on site and in addition will be insured by doing so. A		

	heavy duty lock will be used to ensure security of the container and its contents.	
	Potential locations currently being investigated to site the container were on a garage to the rear of Castle View, Dodworth where 2 plots were believed to be available.	
	Ward Alliance Members agreed the application for the full amount.	
1	0.2 Ward Alliance Applications in the Pipeline	
	There are currently no other applications in the pipeline.	
1:	I. Upcoming Events	
	There are currently no upcoming events to report.	
12	2. Any Other Business	
	<u>Dog Fouling</u>	
	RC raised the matter of ongoing dog fouling problems around Dodworth village asking what action had be taken.	
	CM gave an update on this issue stating District Enforcement had been notified and had been given details of particular hot spot problem areas.	
	Neighbourhood Services have also been notified on the issues, and when weather permits, the stencil used on the pavement will be utilised in and around identified areas/hotspots as visual reminder to dog owners about clearing up after your dog.	
	<u>Litter Problem</u>	
	Ward Alliance Members discussed the current litter problems which seemed to have increased during lockdowns. Councillor Birkinshaw reported about a company in Wakefield which used equipment to	

record car number plates in order to clamp down on rubbish being discarded out of car windows. This is a problem in certain areas of the Ward , in particular near J37/Capital Park/Whinby Road and also Keresforth Hill Road.

It was reported that Paul Brannon from the Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Team will be trialling a scheme using a mobile fixed camera to identify and carry out enforcement in respect of littering discarded from passing vehicles.

However, it is likely to be 2022/23 before the scheme will have a wider borough operation/coverage.

Engagement with St. John's School

DD reported that he had been in touch with St John's about the general engagement of the school with projects and schemes in the community including the ongoing health holidays initiative.

DD stated that conversations had been encouraging and that the school had indicated they would like to be involved with the Junior Wardens Scheme along with other future community events.

<u>Dodworth Ward Alliance Facebook Page</u>

CM reported that it was understood that no current members of the Ward Alliance had access to the email/email account currently detailed on the Ward's facebook page. Therefore, if Ward Alliance Members were in agreement, she would be updating the page and detailing her email address instead as community engagement officer for the ward. Ward Alliance Members were agreement to this proposal.

Summer Events

BS stated that in line with future government guidance, he would like to propose an outdoor event similar to that held at the rear of the library in late Summer if possible. Ward Alliance Members agreed this could be something achievable and able to be considered.

The meeting closed.

CM

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting		
	Tuesday 26 th April 2021 at 6.00 pm	





Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting

Wednesday 24th February 2021 5:30 pm

Virtual Teams Meeting

Notes

Due to restrictions on meetings during the corona virus the Kingstone Ward Alliance was conducted via Micro Soft Teams

- 1. **Attended:** Sarah Davey (CDO), Cllr Williams (Chair), Stephen Bullcock, Tony Barraclough, Peter Robertshaw, Peter Roberts, Kelly Quinney, Florentine Bootha King
- 2. **Apologies:** Cllr Mitchel. The Ward Alliance would like to send their good wishes to Cllr Mitchell and hopes for a quick recovery
- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary and None Pecuniary Interest N/A
- 4. **Notes & Matters arising from Previous Meeting**: no actions arising that were not on the agenda
 - Ward Alliance Fund: Budget available: £10,393.00 (£990 Environment, £442 Events). This was currently being clarified along with other Ward Alliance budgets
 - WAF Applications
 - i. **Exodus Project:** Cllr Williams explained that the Covid Resilience Fund had been looked at to potentially fund this project, but that Exodus were not eligible for this as it is aimed at keeping organisations afloat who are financially struggling. The group approved this application
 - ii. Worsbrough Common Primary School: a question was raised about whether Ward Green was involved as in a different ward. The CDO explained that it was, but that the prizes from this bid were for Worsbrough Common School only. Cllr Williams added that they schools are now in the same academy trust. The group approved this application
 - iii. **Environment Budget:** It was agreed to transfer money to the Environmental working budget for environmental projects throughout the year

5. KWA Priorities Updates and Actions:-

i. Central Area healthy holiday project: the CDO reported on the project. WCCA ran it in the Kingstone area and around 50 families were reached. The offer consisted of a food bag with ingredients and recipes to make two mealspizza and burgers- a fruit basket and an activity pack. The Ward Alliance had paid for the fruit pack and the rest was funded by Good Food Barnsley. It had been very well received by families.

From Easter, the offer has changed in that the government are no longer giving the £15 vouchers for those on free school meals, but are instead funding councils to deliver a Food and Activity programme for those on free school meals. Generally this would involve 6 weeks of activity during school

holidays with 4 days a week of activities. Easter will be different because of restrictions, so will involve a food box with ingredients, an activity pack and a skipping rope.

The Ward Alliance felt that it was still important to reach those who were not on free school meals, but might be furloughed or have lost jobs due to Covid and that we would be able to enhance this offer by potentially focussing on those not on FSM

ii. **HOPE in the community**: due to personal circumstances, Peter explained that they had not been able to run any Healthy Holiday activities in February half term, but they are working on future plans

• Environmental activities: update

i. Bulb planting – The CDO reported that Twiggs were able to plant now at a cost of £660.00+ VAT for bulbs and £300 + VAT for planting. Prices are likely to be less in the Autumn. Peter Roberts pointed out that there were already many crocuses in the park and the local area, so it would be better to wait until Autumn when there would be less colour and therefore more impact. The group felt it was best to leave the planting till the Autumn and ask Twiggs to do this

ACTION POINT: CDO to Contact Twiggs to let them know we would like them to plant in Autumn and we will contact them soon to confirm details

ii. Hanging baskets – aiming for spring 2021: Cllr Williams reminded the group of the cost of the baskets and if they were in agreement to fund initially with the aim of recouping some of that money through sponsorship of businesses. He asked how many the group would want to fund initially and how much they felt we should charge for the baskets.

The group felt it would be able to charge more than £80 as it was a cheap way for a business to advertise. If we were to charge about £100, that would work out at around £9 a month. The second year would simply be the cost of the basket which the company would fund directly. It was agreed to charge £100 but to let people know the full cost.

Steve suggested that we identify and approach potential businesses and others very quickly to raise awareness. The CDO mentioned that in Stairfoot where a similar project is happening, they have put out a leaflet on their Facebook group and within a week have had 21 people interested. About 50% are local businesses and 50% are individuals, many of these seeing this as a memorial for those they have lost. It was suggested that churches too might be able to signpost some people who might benefit from this way of remembering their loved ones.

Kelly suggested the gym on Dyson Street might want to fund one and other suggestions included the Co op and the vets.

The group discussed briefly location of the hanging baskets. Cllr Williams will be going out with Chad to check out suitable lampposts. Peter Roberts asked

that we consider the lampposts on the part of Keresforth Hill Road that runs down from the traffic lights past the co op, making it a good welcome to Kingstone.

ACTION POINTS:

- Cllr Williams to talk to Frank Farnham at Worsbrough who was involved in the project there
- The WA to get names of businesses to Cllr Williams as soon as possible, preferably in the next week
- Cllr Williams to meet Chad re the lampposts
- Order baskets by end of March: CDO

iii.Grit Bins: The CDO has ordered the bins at a cost of £120. The invoice has not yet been received and unsure if they have been filled yet

ACTION POINT: CDO to follow up

- Winter Directory of Services Age UK this has been distributed and there are some copies for members and others left in the office to distribute. Because we are currently working from home, arrangements will need to be made to get into the office to pick them up
- Pen pal project The CDO reported that she had spoken to Alec and the project
 was going well. Over 72 letters had been written to two care homes- Eboracum
 House and Highstone Mews by children from Shawlands School. Children had
 received an Age UK boxed pen. The group have not done everything they wanted to
 as yet, but had asked if they could just continue after lockdown. The WA agreed. The
 group has further plans to do gardening and other activities at one of the homes in
 the future
- Street Art: Stephen talked about the possibility of a street art project in the area to enhance and brighten up the area and celebrate people and places relevant to Barnsley. Florentine suggested it would also be something for people to be involved in after lockdown to help people to express their feelings through graffiti. Peter Robertshaw suggested Creative Recovery might be good to involve but Cllr Williams explained they didn't currently have the capacity. It might be something they could be involved in later on. Kelly knows someone who has done this sort of work with young people and there was a strong feeling that young people should be involved in this project.

ACTION POINT: Before next meeting, people to send ideas of places and themes for the street art to Cllr Williams

- 6. Ward Alliance Priorities 2021-2022: The Ward Alliance looked at the current priorities and whether they wanted to change these or keep them as they are. It was agreed to keep them as they are for the next 12 months.
- 7. **Report from Central Area Council** Information and issues that effect Kingstone Ward: Cllr Williams
 - Cllr Williams explained that commissioned services had been extended for a third year due to Covid

• The tender for the Loneliness and isolation project had over 30 organisations showing interest and 12 applications went through to the next stage. Seven people looked at the applications and scored on a matrix and from this 4 groups are going to a meeting on 26th February to answer further questions about their projects. There is not enough money to fund all projects. Cllr Williams was a bit disappointed in the lack of innovation, with most groups seeming to want to continue what they are already doing and just link to social isolation.

8. Any other business:

- Peter Robertshaw shared that he had been asked by Michelle to be an administrator for Facebook social media and he was attending training on the first Friday in March
- Kelly shared that her daughter had received an Award from the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire for doing valuable service in the community. This is a rare award to be given and Kelly is rightly proud of her. The group passed on their congratulations. Peter said that he could write a piece about her if Kelly sends a bio which he might be able to get in the papers

ACTION:Kelly to send bio to Peter and Peter to write feature

- Florentine explained that ELSH was to be a centre for the Census in March to support people with this
- Junior Wardens scheme: Cllr Williams asked if the Ward Alliance wanted to support the Junior Wardens Scheme again in September. It costs £900 for a scheme and there would be 2 a year. 48 children would be part of this for 13 weeks. It was felt that it is a good scheme that would be relevant at this time as young people need something to get them going.

ACTION: Malcolm to put in a WAF bid

9. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 7th April at 5.30pm



Notes

Monday 8th February 2021 (10:00 am)- Virtual Meeting

- **1. Attendees:** Cllr Johnson, Cllr Gillis, Cllr Bowler, Rev Fiona Kouble, Cynthia Cunningham, Sian Pearson, Robert Stendall, Sarah Davey
- 2. Apologies for Absence: -Lisa Hammond, Ann Hart, Roy Marsden, Dave Winnard
- 3. Introductions: Cllr Johnson introduced Sarah Davey, the new Community Development Officer for the Central Area Council who will be temporarily acting as Doreen's replacement until the post has been successfully recruited for. Ward Alliance members introduced themselves and what they are currently doing in the communities within the Stairfoot Ward.
- 4. Declarations of Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interest: None
- 5. Notes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising: The last minutes were from October and there were no matters arising
- 6. Ward Alliance Fund Remaining balance:

Main budget: £16,066.74

Environmental Working Budget: £1884.85

Events Working Budget: £0

7. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan - 2020/2021

a. Environment

- i. Request for a collapsible trolley costing £50/£60 was approved to be delivered to Lisa Hammond from Environmental Working Budget
- ii. Myra's bench: currently deciding on the best place and should be in place within a week to 10 days. Discussion around whether two planters could be placed at the sides of the bench if they could be secured

ACTION: CDO to contact John Twigg to deliver trolley to Lisa: done

b. Healthy Holidays Project

- i. Christmas Healthy Holidays: This went very well and families who participated were really pleased with the food hampers. Cllr Johnson expressed disappointment about the activity packs which had been produced by Good Food Barnsley as they were lacking things that were promised. However, alternative holiday packs were put together by Cllr Johnson and others with a variety of activities such as crosswords, word searches, a diary and a calendar
- ii. **Healthy Holidays February half-term:** Packs will be put together with ingredients and recipe cards for two family meals. There will also be a fruit basket and an activity pack printed professionally by the Council. Volunteers will need to put together the food bags from 9-11 on Tuesday 16th February at Ebenezer Church. Fiona gave apologies that she would not be able to help as her church was doing something similar for Lent on the same day. It was felt there would be enough volunteers. Collection from families would be from 11 till 2.

35 families have been referred (40 bags of food due to size of some families). Also, Hunningley Primary School have been in contact after the closing date to see if they could be involved.

Sian mentioned that families sometimes find it very hard to ask for help.

ACTION: Sarah to contact Kath re being a volunteer for Healthy Holidays-done

c. Ebenezer Church

Keith Savage is very keen to use the space at Ebenezer Church for community activities going forwards. It was agreed that the church is in a great geographical location

d. Stairfoot Art project / Principal Towns

Robert gave an update on the Stairfoot Art Project. The plans for the **small park** are going well and Robert described the 'sculptures' and colourful floor spaces which would be used to brighten up the area. There would be three colourful poles with a design on the tops. School children had been consulted about what they wanted to see and the artists had incorporated their designs into the product. The tree has already been removed from the park, creating a more open space. The metal box by the park will also be covered with art- work.

Sculpture at Stairfoot: this is meant to represent a bottle from Barnsley's glass industry and will be created in a contemporary style. The artist is currently making some adaptations to his design, after some thoughts had been expressed by the Stairfoot Art Project group.

Cllr Gillis explained that the artist was also looking into a painted brick surround to represent Stairfoot's brick industry and a piece of coal to represent the coal mining industry. Robert made some other suggestions as to where they might also be able to focus on the coal mining industry.

Signage on the Trail: Signage was being created on the trail which involves images of animals which appear to move when people pass them. The artist is working on the designs to show at the next meeting of the Stairfoot Art Project group.

Everyone agreed that the artists were very talented and that the art projects would enhance Stairfoot and make it more a place where people want to stop and visit. The sculptures would also create a focal point to meet.

e. Hanging Baskets

Cllr Johnson explained he had done a lamppost survey along the routes leading from the Stairfoot roundabout hub. He shared how Worsbrough had placed their hanging baskets along the A61 to the Red Lion pub opposite Worsbrough Country Park and how this had lifted the area. Cllr Johnson showed pictures of hanging baskets from Worsbrough. Discussion was had around whether we could do the hanging baskets in the same way at Worsbrough, though the community had been heavily involved in the Worsbrough project.

Prices were discussed-£120 for basket and bracket in first year with £28 for signage. For the second year, it would be £55 for the cost of the basket. All costs included fitting. The baskets would be watered by the Council. Signs could be re-cycled. There was some confusion re the costs, so these would be checked by the CDO.

Cllr Johnson suggested that we charge £85 per hanging basket which would cover the basket and the sign and that the Ward Alliance would cover the rest of the cost, i.e. for the brackets where brackets were needed. This was agreed.

Sponsorship of the baskets was discussed. It was felt that local businesses might struggle with paying for baskets at this time, having been hit hard by Covid, but that the price of £85 might make it accessible for them. It was suggested that individuals might want to sponsor a basket in memory of a loved one and that churches might be a starting point for this.

There was a discussion around whether businesses or individuals might want a basket directly outside their home or business or whether that would be too random and detract from the idea of the hub.

Fiona expressed that she felt that the hanging baskets would look lovely and build a positive community feel.

It was agreed to put aside £1000 from the budget to be used as needed for the project. If the project does not go ahead, or there was surplus money, this would go back into the pot.

ACTION: CDO to double check prices without brackets- done

ACTION: Cllr Johnson to send posters to CDO to distribute to the Ward Alliance members

f. Spring bulb planting: it was confirmed that this was too late for this year

8. Ward Alliance Priorities 2021-2022

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting when it is clearer what is happening re Covid/ lockdown etc

9. Obstacles to attending meetings

This was discussed briefly though it was noted that there had been a good attendance at this meeting. The main issue seems to be around people working/caring responsibilities at the times of some meetings or some feeling 'zoomed out' if Zoom meetings happen consecutively, It was agreed to look into whether we could have at least some meetings around 4/4.30 to enable more people to attend

ACTION: CDO to check with Lisa and David to see if this time would be more suitable for themdone

10. Any other business

i. Data base of organisations in the Stairfoot Ward: Councillor Gillis explained about the discussion had with the CDO re an up to date data base of organisations in Stairfoot. It was felt there was already one somewhere which seemed to be updated regularly as people were asked for updates. CDO explained that Alice, the Project Officer from the Central Area Team was currently compiling a list.

ACTION: CDO to look for the existing list

- ii. **Fence repair:** Robert reported that a fence had been broken down and there had been a really quick response from the Parks department and to express appreciation for this
- iii. **AFACT**: the group had carried out their activity at Christmas with Santa but had not yet received any money in their sacks/ bank account!

ACTION: CDO to check out

iv. **Benches in Ardsley:** Robert mentioned that they were looking for two additional benches for Ardsley Park for when people started to get out more- this would create opportunities for social interaction whilst keeping socially distanced. It would cost approximately £1000. It was felt this would be a Ward Alliance Funding bid, though Cllr Johnson also mentioned the potential of buying the second bench created alongside Myra's bench

ACTION: CDO to send WAF to Robert

11. Date and time of next meeting: 8th March 16.15- 17.45



Notes

Monday 8th March 2021 (16.15) - Virtual Meeting

- **1. Attendees:** Cllr Johnson, Cllr Gillis, Cllr Bowler, Rev Fiona Kouble, David Winnard, Lisa Hammond, Robert Stendall, Laura Dixon, Sarah Davey
- **2. Apologies for Absence:** Ann Hart, Sian Pearson
- 3. Introductions: Cllr Johnson welcomed Laura who is the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Central Area Council. Ward Alliance members introduced themselves and what they are currently doing in the communities within the Stairfoot Ward.
- **4. Declarations of Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interest:** None, though it was noted that Robert would not vote on the WAF bid
- 5. Notes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising: there was nothing arising from the last minutes that was not covered on the agenda
- 6. Neighbourhood Engagement Officer Report: Laura introduced her role and explained how she was involved with the rolling out of the Covid agenda across the Central Area Council wards, ensuring that businesses are Covid- compliant and supporting them in getting ready for re-opening safely. She has been supporting supermarkets and there have been no problems with shops in the Stairfoot Ward. She is currently also working with licenced premises who have been very hard hit and has been signposting them to other services as needed, e.g. mental health. When licensed premises re-open, she will be ensuring they are Covid -compliant. Licensed premises can only open areas which are covered by their licence so can serve outside only if this area is covered. The Neighbourhood Engagement Officers are still waiting for the finer details from the Government with regards to re-opening.

Laura is also working with the Central Area commissioned youth partners and a calendar of events for outdoors has been created. Youth teams are now going out into the areas to work with young people in a covid-compliant way. If there are any issues with young people not complying with regulations in any areas, Laura asked that people contact her as things can then be put in place.

Enterprise Barnsley has been running workshops about getting businesses back up and running and Laura has been attending these. A later stage will be encouraging people to go back onto the high street.

The group asked if there would be any restrictions for July events and Laura explained that at the moment it did not look like there would be, though it would depend on the how things progressed.

Although Laura is not involved with the schools, she explained that her colleagues were working with Public Health re the home testing for children and that masks were being delivered to parents.

Laura said she would be happy to answer any questions at any time and that she would be happy to come to any future meetings to give an update.

7. Ward Alliance Fund – Remaining balance:

Main budget: £15,794.74

Environmental Working Budget: £1164.45

Events Working Budget: £0

8. WAF bids: The group considered the bid put in for Ardsley Welfare and felt it would be a good project to support people as restrictions are lifted. There will be two metal benches in the garden area of Ardsley Park where people would be able to sit socially distanced. The CDO said that the Parks Department had approved the types of benches and are happy with the company that would be installing them. These would then be insured by the Council. The Ward Alliance were happy to say yes to this proposal.

Environmental transfer: Cllr Johnson explained that we had in effect spent some of the money we had transferred to the Environmental Budget for the hanging baskets as we had needed to pay for the litter picking equipment that had been agreed and the fruit baskets for Healthy Holidays. Cllr Johnson had also had such a good response re hanging baskets it was felt we might need some extra money towards this and towards any other future environmental costs. It was suggested that £2000 be transferred into the Environment pot which would ensure we have enough money for everything we currently need. This was approved.

ACTION: CDO to send applications to Lisa/ Sarah for approval

9. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan - 2020/2021

a. Environment

Cllr Johnson explained how litter picking had accelerated recently and everyone agreed that it was much better value for money to purchase equipment for the community to use than paying someone to do the work. Lisa and John who had received the trolleys were finding these invaluable. Also, litter picking is getting people out and about and encouraging communities to take ownership of their community.

Cllr Gillis raised the question about whether we should re-order litter picking equipment when we got below a certain level and this was thought to be a good idea.

Fiona asked about equipment being available on loan for events, as well as equipment being given out for those involved in regular activity as she has some young people who might want to do something. People felt some of the equipment could be put to one side for this kind of thing.

Cllr Johnson said he regularly checks that equipment is still being used and if not asks people to return it for use elsewhere.

Another trolley is available which is not collapsible and needs to be taken out from where it is currently being stored. It was agreed to send to an elderly man who was doing some litter picking and needs it to carry equipment/ bags etc

b. Healthy Holidays Project

Healthy Holidays February half-term: This went well with families really appreciating the project and volunteers working hard on the day to make it a success.

The Future of Healthy Holidays: Cllr Johnson felt disappointed about the new way that Healthy Holidays was going to be administered as it felt like it had been taken away from the local area. He thanked the CDO's and volunteers for the great work that has been done so far which has been so well received by families and has built positive relationships with the community, including residents, schools and local businesses.

The new approach is being administered centrally and aims at providing food for those on Free School Meals only, though the CDO said that physical activities that would be offered in the future will be for all children and young people and delivered by local providers where possible.

It was felt by the group that they still wanted to do something for those families who were in need who were not necessarily on free school meals but maybe had lost jobs, been furloughed or were generally struggling. The group agreed that they would try to do something, though Easter was rapidly approaching and so things might need to be organised online

ACTION: CDO to report back to WA after the team meeting about what might be done

c. **Stairfoot Art project / Principal Towns:** There was no update on the project, except that Clllr Johnson had been asked to measure the posts

d. Hanging Baskets

Cllr Johnson explained he had put the posters on Facebook and had received an excellent response so far with around 25 expressions of interest and 6-8 firm requests.

The next stage to think about is how to firm it up and get deposits from people- the hanging baskets company need numbers for the end of April. Cllr Johnson explained that Worsbrough Ward Alliance had paid for the hanging baskets initially and then as people paid for them, this went back into the pot. Cllr Johnson will look into this a bit more.

It was agreed that the hanging baskets would be in specific areas to create the effect of 'an arcade of flowers' radiating out from Stairfoot. People felt it would look lovely. Cllr Gillis asked about whether people could pick their lamppost from the ones that were highlighted and Cllr Johnson showed the lamppost map he had done. It was agreed that people could pick a lamppost that was on the map.

ACTION: Cllr Johnson to check out the finer details with Worsbrough WA re the collecting of money

10. Events 2021: The group discussed briefly whether events would likely be able to go ahead. As far as the picnic in the park goes, Robert said that it had been decided that it would be the 11th July or not at all this year as everything was in place for that date. It was felt by the group that no other events would currently be planned until we see how things go with Covid and restrictions, but that we could come back to this at a later date if things progressed in a positive direction.

11. Ward Alliance Priorities 2021-2022

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting when it is clearer what is happening re Covid/ lockdown and when there is a longer period of time to do it justice.

12. Awards Ceremony for Volunteers: The CDO explained that she was unsure about whether this would go ahead this year but that it was being discussed at a team meeting this week. The WA felt it was really important to do something to say thank you to volunteers and show they were appreciated, whether or not the formal event goes ahead. Lisa asked about those who had been nominated last year but had not had any formal recognition due the event being cancelled and Cllr Johnson suggested that we could offer some sort of gesture towards them as part of what we do. All agreed this would be good to do.

ACTION: CDO to report back to WA with regards to the Awards Ceremony

13. Any other business

The people who had supplied the defibrillators were offering training for communities on how to use the equipment. It would be for one hour on -line and Ward Alliances have been asked to select a few possible dates to send to them and they would see if they could offer training then. It could be evenings, weekends or day times. Otherwise, they aim to offer face to face training at a later date when restrictions are lifted.

This was felt to be a good idea and Cllr Johnson asked if he could have some information so that he could post it on Facebook to see what the response is.

ACTION: CDO to send Cllr Johnson the info

14. Date and time of next meeting: 12th April at 10.00 am

Ward Alliance Meeting

1. Attendees



Date & Time:	Thursday, 4th February @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

Chair Pers	son:	Cllr John Clarke		
CDO:	CDO: Michelle Toone			
Secretary	:	Andrea Greaves		
Committe	ee Members:	Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr Jake Lodge, Rev'd	Adrian Bateman, Allison J	ohnson,
lan Langworthy, Alan Littlewood, Alison Sideboti				
Guest:		Laura Dixon, Neighbour Engagemen		
		Sarah Davey, New Community Deve	eloment Officer for Centra	ıl Area
2. Apolog	ies			
lan Langw	orthy, Alison Sidebottom se	nt apologies.		
3. Declara	ations of pecuniary & Non-Pe	ecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	None declared.			N/A
4. Notes o	of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accur	rate record	All	AG
5. Matter	s arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	selection boxes as a Christ This was a great success an Ward Green Primary Scho To purchase 8 Christmas to fithe year groups. Trees were decorated by meeting, the trees were st Seasonal Wellbeing pack of Clir Jake Lodge, Clir Gill Coreaves distributed the wards.	at Bankend Primary School with mas gift. Ind well received. Ol Ward Alliance Funding £500 rees that will be decorated by each If the pupils. At the times of this ill on display. For older residents arr, Alison Sidebottom and Andrea wellbeing packs to residents at Elm esidents were pleasantly surprised,	None None MT to propose project to help raise the profile of the Ward Alliance and help promote the	N/A N/A

	Mill Academy The build of the wooden shelter, which will provide more opportunities for outdoor learning in all weather conditions. The Ward Alliance were able to provide an amount of match funding and it's fantastic to see the project come to fruition.	None	N/A
	Anti-social behavior and criminal activities Cllr Lodge has been meeting with South Yorkshire Police. Currently there are no more disturbances been reported. Officers have been engaging with locals, which seem to make a difference and having a positive impact. Bernslei Homes has planned to install CCTV's in hot spots to tackle anti social behaviour. The Cllr's are meeting monthly with several residents. Michelle is also in contact with the communications team at South Yorkshire Police.	Signage on how to report crime to be designed and displayed in the community. MT to liaise with BMBC communications, police and Berneslai Homes	MT
6. Ward A	lliance Budget 2020/2021	Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Total allocation remaining 2020/2021 = £8,886.75 Worsbrough in Bloom - £1,200 Following the successful launch of the sponsored hanging basket scheme in 2020, it is hoped to extend the project to wider areas of Worsbrough and at the same time respond to the interest generated within the community to sponsor a future hanging basket. 39 baskets were installed last year on Park Road Worsbrough Bridge (31) and Worsbrough Village, (8). It is hoped to extend the scheme to purchase a further 31 brackets to be installed on identified lamp posts on Vernon Road, West Street and High Street. Brackets purchased will remain the property of Worsbrough Ward Alliance. Cllr Lodge raised concerns whether the spending would be justified given the current situation.	WA agreed to award money in full under the proviso that funding will remain the same and not increase, and the expectation that the group will become self sufficent like other community groups in the ward.	MT
b.	Engagement Fund = £1,721.84 No applications received.		MT
c.	Environmental Fund = £320		MT
6 Carana	No applications received.	Action/Decision	Action load
a.	Community Church Pantry Pantry New applications to join the pantry are coming in weekly. Not everyone who signed up attends the pantry every week.	Action/Decision MT to contimue to support the development of the Com,munity Panty and keep the Ward Alliance informed of progress	MT

	Membership is £3 per week and you can take away goods up to the value of £15 and members have access to essentials such as bag of potatoes, stew packs etc. The Pantry has also started selling toys as additional means to raise funds. There are restrictions currently around the offer of fresh food items however, the pantry is looking to expand in the future. The food items offered are of good quality and support a healthy and balanced diet. It is anticipated that referrals will increase April / May time when the furlough scheme comes to an end. Michelle is still waiting feedback from Fare Share about membership Michelle is working with Anne Moffatt from CVS to get all policies in place such as safeguarding to support the application to Fairshare. The Pantry is also looking to become a collection point for the		
8. Defibri	Barnsley Food Bank. illator update	Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Defibrilator – Worsbrough Village Update Michelle has submitted the application form for planning permission to install the defib on the school room building adjacent to the church. As soon the consent has been received, Michelle will instruct Bernslei home to install the defib. The two wardens for the Worsbrough Village have been agreed		MT
9. Enviro	nmental Activity/ Action Plan Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Environmental Working Group Due to lock down restriction no actiivites currently planned. Michelle is in communication with all membes of the group and as soon lock down restrictions will ease, this will become priority.		Working group/ WA Group MT
b.	Due to lock down restriction no activites currently planned. Michelle is in communication with all membes of the group and as soon lock down restrictions will ease, this will become		group/ WA Group

	will rely on Ward Alliance funding. The total amount of funding needed will be £250 - £300.		
. Any O	ther Business	Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Priorities for 2021 Agreed in the meeting that the group's priority should be the covid recovery plan. Focus on mental health issues as a result of the imposed socially distancing, isolation and self-shielding rules. Especially younger people and elderly people affected by this. Cllr Lodge proposed to create a workshop to create an action plan. Look to get cricket club, bowling group, men in sheds, concert park involved. Also, see what grants Barnsley Council might offer. Rev'd Bateman said that is the hope that when lock down rules ease up, the church could organise coffee mornings again at the church hall. The Central Area Council is currently working on commissioning offer of on prevention of loneliness and isolation.	Ogoing discussion at the next meeting	MT
b.	Points of Interests Walk Michelle met with Charley Parker from the Worsbrough Industrial, Social History Group to discuss points of interest walk. The idea is to develop route map in more detail around West Street, High Street, Park road and Bankend Road highlighting the industrial heritage around route. As well as the map it mighht be possibleto put phyiscal markes and signage up, and ecourage people to walk and take pride in their area. Funding for this could come from the Principel town project.	MT to continue to liase with Charlie and invite Fiona O'brien principel towns officer to next ward alliance meeting	MT
c.	Principle Towns Barnsley Council has allocated principal towns funding to improve local economies in the surrounding areas and help local high streets thrive. The dedicated investment program to support community-led projects in the district town and village centres. Barnsley Council will provide businesses a grant of up to £4,000 to improve their shop front in exchange for a £1,000 contribution from the business. This will nicely complement activities planned by the History Group. If any of the WA member know of a business who could benefit from this, please let Michelle know.	Michelle to invite Fiona O'Brian to the next WA meeting.	Cllr Lodge
d.	Area council update Cllr Clarke Twiggs are continuing to support individuals and family units to litter pick and make environmental improvements. They hacve started up a tool bank are loaning out equipment to residents. They are also continuing to carry out their one day a week in the ward making improvements.		Cllr Clarke
e.	Family lives (supporting families with children under 2yrs)	The contract continues to operate	Cllr Clarke
f.	Youth Associations The Youth Association have had a positive response from young people in the ward. Most recently young people took	Cllr Clark to get in contact with the area	Cllr Clarke

	part in re vamping the ward green skate park. They also supported the environemntal workdays in October. Due to current restrictions, the association continues to engage with young people online. Incidents of anti social behavour has declined over recent months thanks to partnership building.	managers for more detailed information on everythingthe Area Council has comissioned to bring to next meeting	
9. Dates a	nd times of future meetings	Action/Decision	Action lead
	The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings via Microsoft Teams. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups.	Invites sent out for all dates; members to check their outlook calendars.	AG
	 Dates agreed as follows: Thursday, 4th March @ 17:30 hr via Microsoft Teams 	Please send your apologies to Andrea, cc Michelle.	



Ward Alliance Meeting

1. Attendees



Date & Time:	Thursday, 4th March @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

1. Attende	ees			
Chair Pers	son:	Cllr John Clarke		
CDO:		Michelle Toone		
Secretary:	Secretary: Andrea Greaves			
Committee Members: Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr Jake Lodge, Allison Johnson, Ian Langworthy,		у,		
	Alison Sidebottom			
Guest:		Fiona O'Brien, Theresa Williams: Pri	inciple Town Project Offic	cers
2. Apologi	ies			
Rev'd Adri	ian Bateman and Alan Littlew	vood		
3. Declara	tions of pecuniary & Non-Pe	cuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	None declared.			N/A
4. Notes o	of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accur	ate record	All	AG
5. Matters	s arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None			
6. Principa	al Towns		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Fiona O'Brien and Teresa	Williams attended the meeting to	Michelle to contact	Cllr Lodge/ MT
	give an overview of what of	Principal Towns scheme is and how	businesses from the	/Fiona O'Brien
	Worsbrough can benefit.		hanging basket	Teresa
			scheme with a	Williams
		een included as one of the areas in	request to share	
		access the funding available. There	contact details with	
		location as the main focus so all can apply for the shop fronts grant.	Terea & Fiona	
		Fiona and Teresa have been unable	The scheme can also	
		nunciation with shop owners which	be promoted on the	
		·	Ward Alliance	
	I would be the usual method	of promoting the scheme, instead		
		d of promoting the scheme. Instead aformation through business letter		
	they have been posting in	of promoting the scheme. Instead afformation through business letter ses have already been in contact —	Facebook page.	
	they have been posting in	formation through business letter		
	they have been posting in boxes. A couple of busnies	formation through business letter	Facebook page.	
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	In addition to the shop front grants Principal Towns can also support the delivery of other projects that encourage footfall on the high streets/ business areas. This includes heritage walks. With this in mind it was agreed that the points of interests walk MT has been developing with Charlie Parker from the Worsbrough Industrial, Social History Group (WISH) will be done in partnership with Principal Towns. A map of West Street, High Street, Park road and Bankend Road will be devloped highlighting the industrial heritage around the route. Teresa advised that as well as the map it might be possible to put phyiscal markers and signage up, to further encourage people to walk and take pride in the area. Funding for this could come from the Principal town project. For more information on Principal Towns you can visit;	MT to continue to liase with Charlie and invite Fiona O'brien principel towns officer to next ward alliance meeting	
7. Ward A	lliance Budget 2020/2021	Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Total allocation remaining 2020/2021 = £7,686.75 Ward Green Primary School – Scarecrow Trail: £500 The aim of the project is for families to create a scarecrow based upon on a book character linking with World Book Day 2021. Families will then submit their entries. School will create a map of all entries and the scarecrows will form part of a trail in the local area which families can follow whilst out on their daily exercise. The money will be used to purchase prizes for families for creating the best scarecrows and taking part in the competition. The prizes will be vouchers for The Book Vault in Barnsley, therefore also supporting local business.	WA agreed to award money in full.	MT
b.	Engagement Fund = £1,721.84 The hanging basket volunteer coordinators have requested a further £135 to cover a shortfall. The business model put forward in the WWA Grant application set out to generate an income of £195 from 39 existing sponsors by building in a £5 uplift per sponsor. There were actually 27 returners to the scheme + 1 new sponsor who does not require a plaque; and income realised was 28 x £5 = £140 - Hence shortfall £55 from business model Re: Cost of plaque for a new sponsor - this has increased from £25 to £28	Ward Alliance agreed to the additional funds. Moving forward the WA will work closely with the volunteers to look at the best way of managing the project and to agree and develop a sustainable delivery model for the future. Thanks be given again to the volunteers who are managing this scheme – they	MT/ Volunteers

	There are 10 plaques from existing sponsors which can be reused to make signs for new sponsors. The reused plaque costs £23 so allowing a slight <i>surplus of £10</i> (10 x £2 credit) The remaining 30 plaques at £28 each plaques creates a shortfall of £90 (30 x £3 price increase)	are doing a fantastic job.	
c.	Environmental Fund = £100		MT
8. Area Co	uncil Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Cllr Clarke provided an overview some of the current Central Area Council Contracts which included; Twiggs Clean and Green Team Citizens Advice Bureau DIAL Family Lives District Enforcement Young people and Youth providers A further tender is in the process for addressing lonliness and isolation – when this is finalised Cllr Clarke will provide an update	Councillors to continue to update on Area Council contracts so the WA have a good overview of the offer and can look at ways in which the WA can compliment the work of the providers where appropriate	Cllr Clarke
9. Current	/Ongoing Ward Actions	Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Worsbrough Community Pantry There are currently 30 members that have signed up, attending at least once. There are 13 active members who access this service on the weekly basis. Some members attend every couple of weeks – this is due to the benefits payment schedule and some weeks being better off financially than others. The pantry is still accepting new referrals. Anyone who has had a recent change to their financial circumstances and/ or are in receipt of benefits are eligible to apply. They must live within the Worsbrough Ward which covers Ward Green, Bank End, Worsbrough Dale, Worsbrough Bridge and Worsbrough Village. The steady progress of the project has enabled the Church volunteers to adapt to their new roles and develop their skills and knowledge. Still waiting for fairshare membership to make this pantry sustainable. Delay due to covid and increase requirement. At the last Central Area meeting Cllr Clarke asked about the wider borough food project. Confirmation that we can continue with our project.Cllr's to attend meeting in April with Rachel Payling to discuss further. MT to link in the with the goodfood network to ensure Worsbrough can tap into the	Michelle to purchase some signage to put outside the Community Church. Once Fareshare membership granted MT will promote the scheme more widely and do a targeted leaflet drop.	MT/ Worsbrough Community Church

a.	Agreed to schedule an additional meeting for 18 th March to look at the existing priorities, determine if these are still	MT to send out invites.	MT
10. Priori	ties for 2021/2022	Action/Decision	Action lead
d.	Great response from all members. All profiles to be posted on Facebook over the coming weeks.		IVII
	Twiggs set up tool bank to address demand from general people in litter picking. Ward Alliance Member Promotion		MT
	meeting is scheduled to take place next Wednesday 9 th March at 5.30pm.		
	sponsors. There is a waiting list for sponsorship which is being managed by the volunteers. The volunteers provide further updates at the WA Environmental working group. The next		Group MT
C.	Hanging Baskets The scheme is on track with all available baskets having		Working group/ WA
	MT also hopes to continue the delivery of Healthy Holidays provision for those families not on free school meals but who are also struggling. This is something for the May holidays.		
	Cllrs have asked for a further update with more details around the logistics of distributions and take up rate etc. MT is looking at ways in which we can still engage with the recipients of the boxes. A LIVE cooking session using the ingredients from the boxes with two cooks going head to head was proposed.		
	children on Free School Meals. These boxes will replace the £15 vouchers previously given out. In addition to the food the boxes will also contain activitiy packs. In addition to the food boxes a grants scheme is in place for local voluntary and community sector groups to apply to to provide additional activities such as online workshops etc.		
	the remit/ resources of the area teams and other methods of delivery needed to be considered. Healthier Communities has since secured funding to deliver Healthy Holidays provision for a 6 week period. For the Easter holidays they will distribute Good Food boxes to families with	distribution. MT to look at ways to support families not on free school meals	
	/ Ward Alliances have previsouly delivery Healthy Holidays activties as a means to engage with the local community. Given that the issue of food poverty is deepening it was felt that the primary focus of Healthy Holidays activties should now be about food distribution. It was recognised that this goes beyod	Bankend Friends to see if they would like to volunteer to help putting the boxes together /	
b.	Healthy Holidays It has been recognised that food poverty is an issue nationally and is notr confined to just the school holidays. The area teams	MT to contact	MT
	Cllr Lodge suggested new signage would help promote the provision and make it look welcoming and accessible.		
	Brough wide resources and join up working where posiible/appropriate.		

	relevant and where our areas of focus will be for the next 6 -12 months.		
11. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Transpennine Trail Great work done by volunteers to litter pick along the trail. However, there is a lack of benches.Cllr Carr is aware that wooden benches sadly get damaged, metals ones' might get stolen. Would there be an option to install stone benches?	Cllr Carr to contact SarahfORD, Rights of Way Access Officer.	Cllr Carr
b.	Pilot Scheme on Road Safety Worsbrough Dale Cross Roads and Kingwell Park Road Junction identified as hot spots for Council intervention. There is a funding pot of £90,000 available across all 21 wards.	WA members to think of hot spots that require internvention.	Cllr Clarke
9. Dates a	nd times of future meetings	Action/Decision	Action lead
	The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings via Microsoft Teams. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. Dates agreed as follows: • Thursday, 15 th April @ 17:00 hr via Microsoft Teams	Invites sent out for all dates; members to check their outlook calendars. Please send your apologies to Andrea, cc Michelle.	AG



BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting

DATE: 26th April 2021

Agenda Item: 9

Report of Central Area Council Manager
Officer Contact: Lisa Phelan & Sarah Blunkett

Tel. No: 01226 775707 **Date:** 13th April 2021

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2020-2021. This forms the final report for the financial year and remaining allocations will be carried forward into the financial period 2021-22.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsborough.

3. Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to the Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

3.2 In considering projects for the use of Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Commitments to Date

- 4.1 A breakdown of the approved CAC spend for the 2020/21 financial year, is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds in 2021/2022.

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2020-21 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2020-21 each Ward had 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, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2020/21 allocation, managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding were approved through the Ward Alliance.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£5,071.35 Carried forward from 2019/2 £4,578.33 Unspent/ return of grants

£19,649.68 total available funding

The **Central Ward** has allocated £14,444.03 of its £19,649.68 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation. This leaves the total allocation remaining to carry forward at £5,305.65.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds allocated	Allocation remaining
Dearne Valley Litter Pickers	414.51	19,235.17
residents support packs	1,999.93	17,235.24
Hope House Foodbank	500.00	16,735.24
Engagement Pot	669.60	16,065.64
CAB Project	2,000.00	14,065.64
Calendars	1,000.00	13,065.64
Full House Estates Group Christmas Lights	300.00	12,765.64
Harborough Hill Community group - Christmas Lights	750.00	12,015.64
Small Sparks Projects	1,000.00	11,015.64
Good Food Barnsley Kids Packs	250.00	10,765.64
Winter warmer packs - Butterflies	360.00	10,405.64
WAF Application - Harborough Hills Community		
Group	369.99	10,035.65
WAF Application - Dearne Valley Park Litter Pickers	730.00	9,305.65
WAF Application - working budget created for		
Healthy Holidays Covid Resilience Family Support	2,000.00	7,305.65
WAF Application - working budget created for		
Sheltered Housing Resident Support Packages	2,000.00	5,305.65
Total	14,344.03	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£9,661.69 Carried forward from 2019/20 £950.35 Unspent/ returned grants £20,612.04 total available funding

The **Dodworth Ward** has allocated £13,823.00 of its £20,612.04 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation. This leaves the total allocation remaining to carry forward at £**6,789.04**.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Allocation remaining
Q4 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	125.00	20,487.04
Q2 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	125.00	20,362.04
Higham Community Group	2,000.00	18,362.04
CAB Project	2,000.00	16,362.04
Dodworth Christmas Trees and Lights	4,500.00	11,862.04

Small Sparks	1,000.00	10,862.04
Dodworth Miners Juniors	948.00	9,914.04
Q3 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	125.00	9,789.04
WAF Application - Working budget created for		
purchase of storage container	3,000.00	6,789.04
Total	13,823.00	

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£4,538.91 Carried forward from 2019/20 £0 Unspent/ returned grants £4,384.99 Income Expenditure £18,923.90 total available funding

The **Kingstone Ward** has allocated £11,948.21 of its £18,923.90 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation. This leaves the total allocation remaining to carry forward at £6,975.69.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds allocated	Allocation remaining
HOPE in the Community - COVID 19	1,217.99	17,705.91
Exodus Project Kingstone - Food Delivery		
programme	1,508.00	16,197.91
A Bowling Club for local residents	959.00	15,238.91
Renovation of 2 Bowling Greens Locke park	700.00	14,538.91
St Edwards Church - IT Equipment	470.00	14,068.91
Highstone Bowling Club	1,675.00	12,393.91
CAB Project	2,000.00	10,393.91
Calendars	482.25	9,911.66
WAF Application - Worsbrough Common Primary,		
World Book Day	500.00	9,411.66
WAF Application - Exodus, Hoverkarts and Walkie		
Talkies	1,435.97	7,975.69
WAF Application - Transferred to Environment		
Working Budget	1,000.00	6,975.69
Total	11,948.21	

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£10,026.99 Carried forward from 2019/20 £900 Unspent/ returned monies £20,926.99 Total available funding

The **Stairfoot Ward** has allocated £6,163.65 of its £20,926.99 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation. This leaves the total allocation remaining to carry forward at £14,763.34.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds allocated	Allocation remaining
Repair to Roundabout Ardsley park	900.00	20,026.99
Memorial Bench	1,000.00	19,026.99
Defib in the Community	500.00	18,526.99
CAB Project	2,000.00	16,526.99
Advent Calendars	482.25	16,044.74

Transferred to Environmental Working Budget for		
hanging baskets - WAF application	1,000.00	15,044.74
WAF Application - A-F.A.C.T Christmas	281.40	14,763.34
Total	6,163.65	

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£18,161.66 Carried forward from 2019/20 £5,043.75 Funds unspent/ returned **£33,205.41** Total available funding

The **Worsborough Ward** has allocated £26,019.39 of its £33,205.41 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation. This leaves the total allocation remaining at £7,186.02.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Allocation remaining
WA - Environmental Pot	2,000.00	31,205.41
Worsbrough Community Church - Easter session	100.00	31,105.41
WA - Defibs in the Community	1,500.00	29,605.41
The Barnsley Shedders Community Group - more		
shed less bed	2,217.98	27,387.43
Worsbrough Bridge AFC - Flood Relief Support	550.00	26,837.43
Ward Green Youth Club - Youth Activities	768.83	26,068.60
Worsbrough Bridge Cricket Club - Junior Provision	3,005.33	23,063.27
Secretary Payment Q4	125.00	22,938.27
Maltas Court Community - Covid 19 support	100.00	22,838.27
Andrea Greaves Secretary Payment Q2	125.00	22,713.27
CAB Project	2,000.00	20,713.27
Covid 19 Healthy Holiday Provision	5,000.00	15,713.27
Calendars	482.25	15,231.02
Ward Green Primary School - Christmas Cheer	720.00	14,511.02
Engagement fun top up	3,000.00	11,511.02
The Mill Academy	2,500.00	9,011.02
Secretary Payment Q3	125.00	8,886.02
WAF Application - Ward Green Primary, World		
Book Day	500.00	8,386.02
WAF Application - Hanging Baskets for Worsbrough		
In Bloom	1,200.00	7,186.02
Total	26,019.39	