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<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 26 July 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 24th May, 2021 (Dac.26.07.2021/2) (Pages 3 - 6)

### Items for Discussion

- 3 Children's Social Care Assessments - Pam Allen (Dac.26.07.2021/3)
- 4 Shaping Places Update - Andrea Fitzgerald (Dac.26.07.2021/4)

### Performance

- 5 Performance Report Q1 2021/22 (Dac.26.07.2021/5) (Pages 7 - 16)

### Items for Discussion/Decision

- 6 Dearne Area Council Commissioning Decisions (Dac.26.07.2021/6) (Pages 17 - 20)

### Dearne Approach

- 7 Finance Report (Dac.26.07.2021/7) (Pages 21 - 24)
- 8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.26.07.2021/8) (Pages 25 - 44)  
Dearne South Ward Alliance, held on 20<sup>th</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021  
Dearne North Ward Alliance, held on 18<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2021
- 9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds including 2020/21 Performance Reports (Dac.26.07.2021/9) (Pages 45 - 64)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Cain, Coates, Danforth, Gardiner and Gollick

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
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Friday, 16 July 2021



<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 24 May 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room and Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Noble (Chair), Cain, Coates, Danforth and Gollick

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

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

### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 15th March, 2021 (Dac.24.05.2021/2)

The minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council were received.

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

### 3 Performance Report Q4 (Dac.24.05.2021/3)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report which covered quarter four of 2020/21.

The service provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had been operating successfully, with positive feedback received about the tool bank, and the support to volunteers litter picking.

Within the quarter 37 events had been held, with 36 community groups and businesses supported. The service had worked with 55 new volunteers, and 671 bags had been filled with litter the quarter. Members noted that the Area Team, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance and Neighbourhood Services had worked closely to develop an easy to understand flowchart in order to support individuals who wished to volunteer in the area.

B:Friend had suspended face to face sessions due to the pandemic, but social groups had continued online. Question and answer sessions had been held with the Museums Service and with South Yorkshire Police.

The service had supported 70 older neighbours and delivered 355 hours of one-to-one befriending through volunteers, with most of this undertaken over the phone. There had been 78 hours of staff visits and calls, and 7 new volunteers had been recruited within the quarter.

Members noted the recent promotion undertaken through social media and partner networks to make potential users aware of the service.

Members went on to consider the service provided by Dearne Electronic Community Village (DECV). 71 learners had been engaged within the quarter, with 10 new learners. 10 individuals had gained qualifications, with 3 learners securing employment and 7 going on to further training.

The reduction in numbers due to face to face tuition being stopped was discussed, as was the impact of the library being closed. However, it was noted that previous learners had been contacted to offer supported, and it was expected that numbers of learners would improve when restrictions eased.

Those present then discussed the performance of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer, who had made 141 reports, and helped to improve 39 properties. 29 residents had been assisted into positive changes, and 39 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose of waste. Members noted that the officer had reported 38 fly tipping incidents and the problem in the area was acknowledged. Members commented on the quick rate of response from the officer, and the impact of their work.

Consideration was then given to the services funded through the Dearne Development Fund.

Citizen's Advice Bureau had supported 36 people within the quarter with 80 issues. £14,237 of additional benefits had been claimed and residents supported to manage £2,419 of debt. Noted were the range of issues where support had been given, including with benefits, employment issues, relationships and families, and with legal issues.

DIAL had received 248 enquiries in the quarter, and 75 users receiving support reported reduced anxiety. The service had also supported £37,392 of benefit claims. The service had assisted with a wide range of issues including benefits, public health advice, social isolation and finance.

Station House had been funded to provide an afterschool club for young people aged 4-10. 76 children had taken part, with 25 sessions addressing issues identified by young people, and 14 session considering issues identified by staff. 48 families had registered for regular phone calls over lockdown.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **4 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.24.05.2021/4)**

Members noted that the Dearne North Ward Alliance Fund had £182.90 carried forward which led to a balance of £10,182.90 available for the 2021/22 financial year.

Dearne South had carried forward £1,317.72. When added to the annual allocation, this provided £11,317.72 for the financial year.

It was acknowledged that both funds had very recently received applications, which had been recommended for approval.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **5 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.24.05.2021/5)**

The Area Council Manager reminded Members of the £200,000 allocation at the beginning of the financial year. This, together with £9,667.67 of underspend from 2020/21, led to an opening balance of £209,667.67 for the 2021/22 financial year.

Members noted that four commissions had already been agreed at a cost of £145,000. Therefore £64,663.67 remained for allocation.

An overview of the Dearne Development Fund was provided, which had an opening balance of £41,650.68 in 2020/21 and had approved five projects leaving £27.68. However, when additional underspend allocated to the fund and the approval of a further application was taken into account, the Fund had £5,378.41 remaining.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **6 Dearne Development Fund (Dac.24.05.2021/6)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report circulated. Members heard that the Dearne Development Fund had an opening balance of £41,650.68 and had approved five projects leaving £27.68. However, underspend was received of just under £15,000, and an additional application had been approved meaning the Fund had £5,378.41 remaining.

The report proposed an additional £30,000 to be allocated to the fund, to be distributed as per previously agreed mechanisms, providing grants of between £1,000 and £15,000. It was acknowledged that this could be used as match funding to increase the impact in the area.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i)** That approval be given for the continuation of the Dearne Development Fund;
- (ii)** That £30,000 from the commissioning budget be allocated to continue the Dearne Development Fund in the 2021/22 financial year to provide grants from £1,000-£15,000, through previously approved mechanisms, to enhance and improve provision that already exists within the Dearne Area; and
- (iii)** That the Executive Director, Adults and Communities, be authorised to approve grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 following consultation with the Dearne Development Fund panel.

## **7 COVID 19 Update (Dac.24.05.2021/7)**

The report was received for information. Members spoke about the low rates in the area and that Craig Aubrey, the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, had recently secured a permanent position with the Central Area Team. Thanks were given for Craig's hard work and Members gave their best wishes for the future.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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Chair

April to  
June  
2021

# Dearne Area Council Performance Report



# Area Council Priorities



These providers listed below have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

Provider	Service	Contract Value/length	Contract end date	Priority
Twiggs	Environmental, volunteering and education service	£85,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2021 option to extend further 2 years	
b:friend	Social connectivity	£27,000 per annum	Funded until July 2022	
Dearne electronic community village	Employability	£33,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2022	
BMBC	Private Sector Housing Enforcement	£31,557 per annum	Funded until end of January 2022	



# Commissions

## TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



As restrictions and rules continued to relax along with the change of season there have been very positive signs in both proactive and reactive work. There has been around the same number of events but a large uptick in volunteers taking part in the reactive litter pick work, particularly attracting new people helped by Volunteer Week and Great British Spring Clean activities. The local environment has benefited for the improved volunteer numbers and community work with organisations such as Big Local, Salvation Army, Goldthorpe Railway Embankment Group and Houghton Road Community Centre. The increased social interaction also has a positive impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities.

# Twiggs



- 38 events
- 157 volunteers worked with on events
- 52 new volunteers
- 314 volunteer hours at Twiggs events
- 402 volunteer hours by tool bank (estimate)
- 579 rubbish bags filled
- 10 fly tipping cases reported



## Tool Bank & Volunteer Pack

In response to the tool bank scheme and requests from several new volunteers a new pack has been developed. These bags contain a new folding litter picker, high viz vest, hand sanitiser purple bags and information leaflets. They allow volunteers to carry everything they need in a much more compact and user friendly way. Pictured is Rachel from the Thurnscoe Bridge Road Group.



With the continued risks posed to older neighbours recovery is going in a slow, safe and careful manner. But with the improving weather some face to face Social Groups have taken place, they have all been held outdoors and in line with guidelines. Walkie Talkie groups have started to meet which included trying out the fitness equipment at Thurnscoe Park. For those unable, or not yet confident, to return to face to face activity has continued doorstep visits and telephone group activity. This will continue for a significant time as we progress through recovery. Referrals have been made into other local services including the Salvation Army, Barnsley CVS, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue.

# b:friend



70 isolating older neighbours

330 hours of 1:1 befriender

62 hours of staff visits/calls

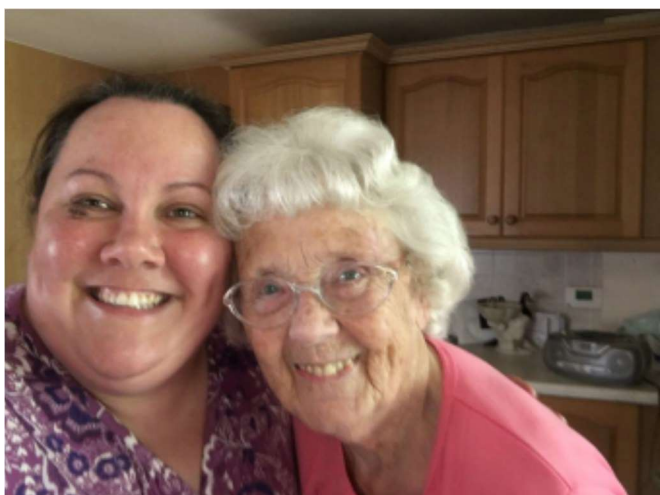
5 new referrals

20 hours of outdoor social activity

16 hours of telephone socials



# Sarah and Von



Von said that it was lovely having Sarah through the lockdowns. They not only spoke to one another on the phone but would send text messages which made Von feel more connected. Von was surprised that they had so many things in common.

“It just goes to show you can have a 40 year age gap and still be friends. Von's been my lifeline. I'd recommend everyone do it. I forgot I volunteered! If someone had said to me 'do you do any volunteering?' I'd have said No! She's my mate. She's brill. I wouldn't be without her!” Sarah, volunteer befriender.



Class learning is steadily increasing with roughly only a third of people working by remote learning sessions this quarter. The number of new enrolments has steadily increased, as footfall in the library returns and the DWP start to return to face to face with clients. DWP have confirmed that enrolments will now start to pick up again. Digital Inclusion and the social aspect continues to be part of the workload. This includes practical help with benefits, housing and paying council tax. Online and phone social support has also remained in place for those learners (and former learner) those who live alone with no support network and those who are long term unemployed because of health issues (physical and mental).

# DECV



26 people learning

10 new learners

10 learner achieving qualifications

4 learners into employment

4 learners into further training

# Joseph

Joseph's mum, Susan, wanted to know if there was space for him as a potential learner. Joseph is 19 years old and has Autism.



Due to the restrictions it was felt that remote learning would not be suitable and 1 to 1 sessions would be the most productive. Travel plans and toilet access needed to be put in place before any sessions could take place to control Joseph's Anxiety.

Once Joseph became comfortable he really excelled in the training and quickly moved on from basic skills to music, media and photo skills. He gained an ITC qualification and is looking for a work placement which Rory at DECV is willing to assist and support.



## Private Sector Housing Enforcement

There are now good working relationships with landlords, letting agents and local residents. Work with families and individuals continued, in many case those supported, had been unable to find the right assistance. A whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering have been dealt with. If the Enforcement Officer is unable to deal with a situation directly this is sign posted to the relevant agencies that are best suited to deal with the issues. During this quarter all issues raised have had a successful outcome.

### Housing Enforcement



144 reports made

31 properties improved

30 people helped into positive changes

54 fly tipping reported

31 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose waste

During this quarter the Enforcement Officer worked with tenants and landlord on environmental issues on the shared service road to the rear of Elizabeth street off Lockwood road. Waste has been left and piled up across a number of boundaries, several fridge freezers, garden waste, household items. Also a number of void properties have builders waste piled high in the rear gardens. Contact was made with letting agents and owners. A considerable amount of work has been done to improve the area with all the waste removed from the service road and the gardens have been cleared. The area will be monitored to ensure the area stays clear of waste.

## Waste on Premises

Before

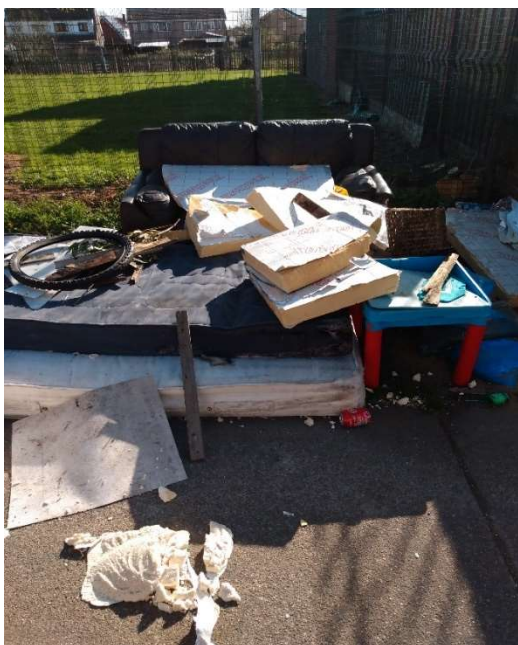


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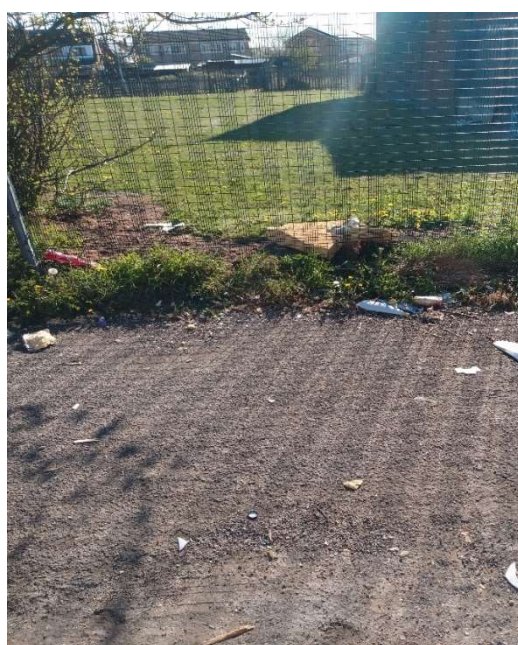


## Fly Tipping

Before



After



# Dearne Development Fund



The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helps to improve health and wellbeing, reduces client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client's ability to cope through self-help. All advice has been transferred to Adviceline and email services due to the ongoing situation.

## Barnsley Citizens Advice

38 people supported

75 issues raised

£24,103 of benefits claimed

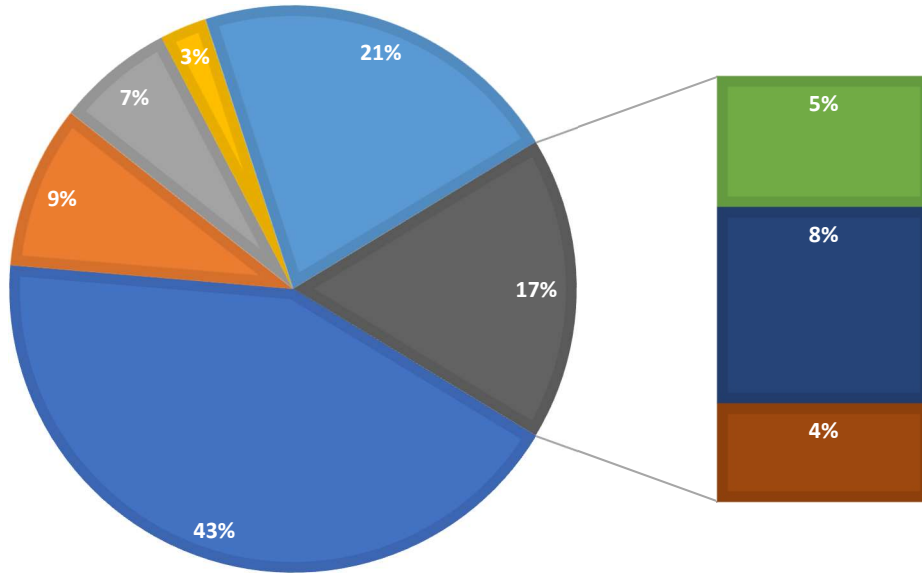


## Case study

Client is a single parent who has recently been given custody of their child. They live in a privately rented property and have various health conditions which restrict the ability to carry out normal activities. The client is in receipt of benefits and is currently in receipt of PIP (Personal Independence Payments) and has been in receipt of DLA (Disability Living Allowance). Child also has various mental health conditions which means they require ongoing support and attention. Assisted client to complete a PIP application for both them and child. It is anticipated that the clients' award for PIP will increase and that they should also get disability benefits for their child. This equates to a potential benefit gain of £12,322 provided the DWP agree with CABs assessment.

## Barnsley Citizens Advice Issues dealt with

- Benefits & Tax Credits 32
- Benefits Universal Credit 7
- Consumer Goods & Services 5
- Employment 2
- Housing 16
- Immigration & Asylum 4
- Legal 6
- Relationship & Family 3



DIAL reduced the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they concentrated on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with Public Health Advice and guidance 75 people received comprehensive telephone advice. DIAL also introduced safe and well checks to support vulnerable residents who were either shielding or self-isolating.

**DIAL**  
**Barnsley**

159 enquires made

150 people reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service

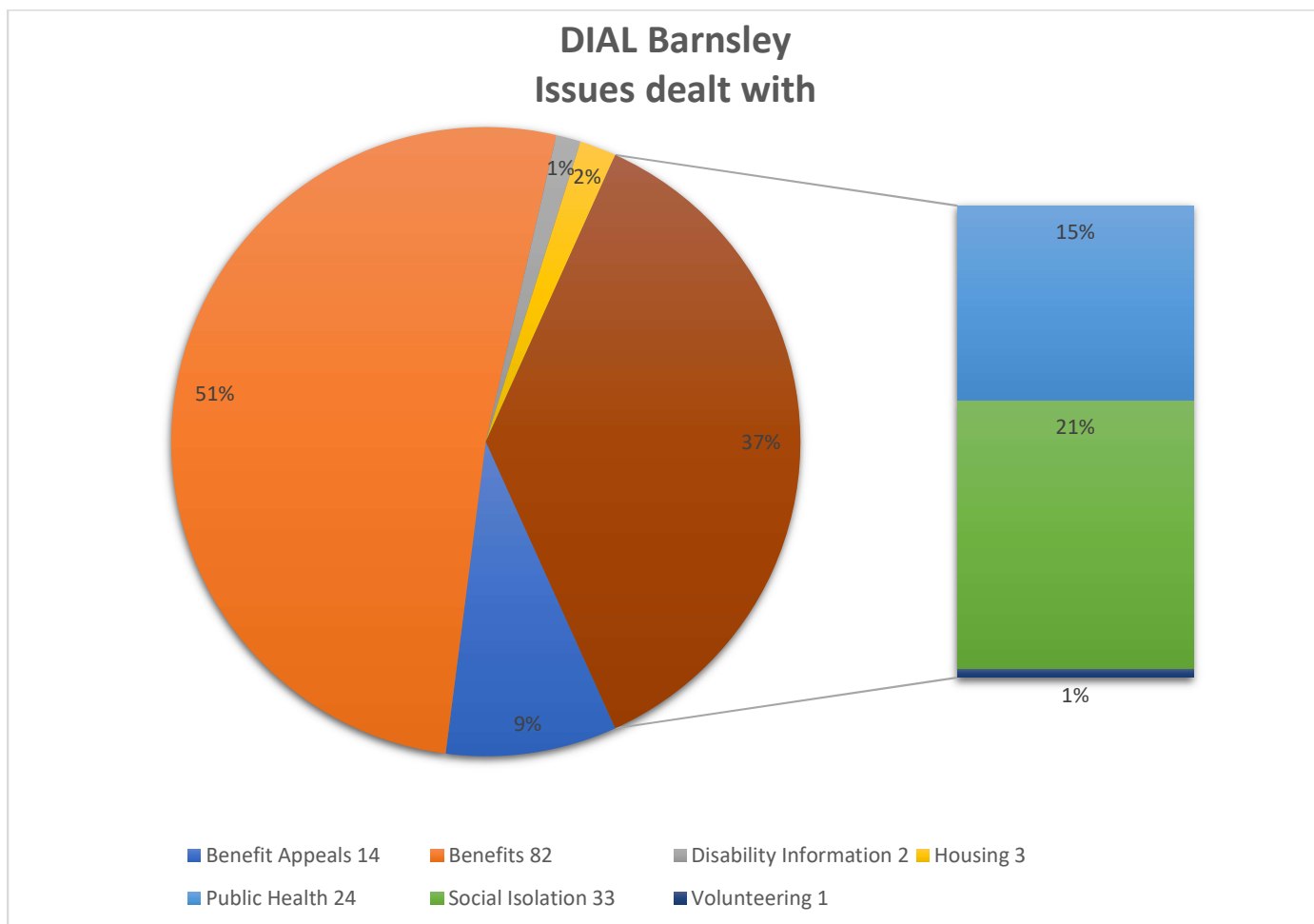
£59,294 benefits claims supported



# Case study

Mr W is a 57 year old man who had recently been widowed. His wife was getting Employment Support Allowance and Mr W was included in her claim. When his wife died the ESA and Housing Benefit stopped and he had to make a claim for Universal Credit. He was helped to complete the form over the telephone however the DWP sent a letter stating that he would have to wait for a face to face assessment when all Covid restriction were lifted. This was distressing as this would led to a significant hardship for an unknown amount of time. DIAL helped appeal the decision pointing out the evidence provided in the original assessment and his GP was happy to speak to them if needed. The face to face assessment was cancelled and Universal Credit increased significantly.

Mr W said: "My wife always dealt with our benefits. When she died I had no idea what to do. DIAL were fantastic. The DWP were not sympathetic at all and I found it very difficult dealing with them. DIAL helped me every step of the way and made me feel confident and less stressed".





**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Dearne Area Council Meeting**

**Report of Dearne Area Council  
Manager**

**The Dearne Area Council Commissioning decisions**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides members with option to extend the social connectivity project post for a further year in the Dearne.
- 1.2 This report also provides members with the option to extend the housing and migration officer post until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- 1.3 This report provides members with the options regarding the assisting employment contract.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members of the Dearne Area Council approve the extension of the social connectivity project for a further year until 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at a cost of £27,000.
- 2.2 That Members of the Dearne Area Council approve the extension of the housing officer post in the Dearne until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at a cost of £5,432.
- 2.3 That members approve the re-commissioning of an assisted employment contract which would start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 at a cost of £ 34,000 per annum with the ability to extend this for two further periods of one year..

**3.0 Social connectivity**

- 3.1 In 2018 Stronger communities were successful in gaining external funding from Nesta for two years in order to pilot a social isolation project that focussed on residents 60+. Nesta's contribution was £25k per year and the Area Council £2k per year.
- 3.2 On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 the Dearne Area Council agreed to finance a further two years in order to reduce isolation and loneliness in the Dearne Area. B: friend was the preferred provider at a cost of £27k per year on a 1+ 1 basis. The service has received some very positive coverage both locally and nationally and have adapted their service delivery in order to meet the needs of those accessing the service but also staying within the parameters of COVID Government guidance. The service has now completed their first year of the current contract, therefore this report seeks approval to deliver the

service for the second year of this contract which will end in August 2022.

<b>Options</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
Give notice and stop the service	People accessing the service will not receive support Reputational damage to the Council and possible legal challenge based on the service performing	More money in the Area Council budget
Consider commissioning something else	Timescales to develop a service within this financial year could be challenging	More money in the Area Council budget to look at alternative provision
Extend for the final year	None	Continued support for those accessing the service

It is recommended that the Area Council approve the services second year of the contract.

#### **4.0 Housing and migration officer**

- 4.1** The Private Sector Housing Management Officer's service level agreement with Enforcement Services ensures the Housing Management Officer works in partnership with residents, letting agents and landlords across the Dearne Area Council communities. He signposts vulnerable tenants to appropriate support agencies and encourages the tenants to take responsibility for the areas they live, keeping them clean and tidy. He also works with volunteers on environmental projects to help clean residential communal back street areas. The service level agreement is due to end on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

<b>Options</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
End the post in January as previously stated	People already accessing the service will not receive support	More money in the Area Council budget
Extend until April	None	Continued support for those accessing the service More housing issues in the Dearne are dealt with Extending until April brings this intervention in line with the financial year

It is recommended that this agreement is extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at a cost of £ 5,432.

## 5.0 Assisted employment

The Area Council members and Area Manager had a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 in order to discuss future commissions. Members have been provided with local data and intelligence as well as recent performance reports based on the current service. Employability and assisting people preparing for work remains an Area Council priority, especially considering the pandemic and how this could impact on employment within the Dearne.

The current assisting employment contract finishes at the end of March 2022. This is a service that has been very successful in giving people the skills to access employment opportunities and gain ICT accreditations.

As part of the previous process the Area Manager was able to go out for three quotes, however the threshold as now been lowered, therefore the option that is taken by members will dictate the process taken.

### 5.1 Options

Options	Risk	Benefit	Cost
A, Go out for three quotes for two years	Lack of competition Restricted to two years because of costings	Less officer time in not having to do a full commissioning process	£34k per annum
B, Do a full three-year commissioning exercise	Lack of competition	The preferred provider will have more time to embed the service within the community TUPE may apply to staff already delivering this project	£34k per annum
C, Do not re-commission	Less people accessing one to one employment support in the Dearne at a time when its most needed	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0

It is recommended that members of the Area Council approve the option of re-commissioning the service, the specification will then be presented at the Area Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. Once agreed the service will go out to market at the end of the year in time inception on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022.

The service will cost approximately £34k per year and will operate on a one-year timeline with the ability to extend the contract based on performance and finances for a further two years.

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**Date:**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Finance**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

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

**2.0 Recommendations**

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

**3.0 Area Council Financial update**

**3.1 Committed spend 2021/22**

The Dearne Area Councils budget for 2021/22 was £200,000 and with a carryover of £8,783.34 from the last financial year the starting budget was £208,783.34 The Dearne Area Council have committed £175,000 on four commissions and allocated finances into the Dearne Development Fund leaving £33,783.34 in the Dearne Area Council budget to spend on Dearne Area and Council priorities.

**3.2 2020/21 Dearne Development Fund**

The Dearne Area Council had an allocation of £5,378.41 remaining in the Dearne Development Fund budget. At the Dearne Area Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, Dearne elected members allocated a further £30,000 to the Dearne Development Fund. Therefore in this financial year they have an allocation of £ 35,378.41 remaining.

See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

**4.0 Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

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## Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000
Carry forward	+£16,886.17	+£4,720.67	£8,783.34
Total allocation for year	£216,886.17	£214,720.67 (additional 10k from hardship fund)	£208,783.34
Community Newsletter	-£2,598.50		
Training for Employment	-£33,000	-£33,000	-£33,000
Housing and Migration Officer	-£31,557	-£32,601	
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£85,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£60,000	-£38,000	-£30,000
Social connectivity		-£27,000	-£27,000
Total spend (actual)	£212,155.50	£215,601	£175,000
Total allocation from main budget remaining		£-880.33	
Nesta income		£9,500	
Overall allocation remaining	+£4,720.67	+£8,783.34	£33,783.34

### Dearne Development Fund

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

2019/20 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Public Health Grant and Dearne Development Fund Allocation 2019/20			£88,590.88
TADS	May 2019-April 2020	£14,944.73	£73,646.15
Dearne Playhouse	June 2019	£7,126	£66,520.15
Mission Muay Thai	June 2019-September 2019	£2,500	£64,020.15
B:Friend	June 2019-May 2020	£7,384	£56,636.15
Dearne Family Centres	June 2019-Sept 2020	£2,980.69	£53,655.46
CAB	Oct 2019-Oct 2020	£8,069	£45,586.46
DIAL	Dec 2019-Dec 2020	£10,151	£35,435.46
GDG	Dec 2019- Dec 2020	£5,000	£30,435.46
Fit Reds	Jan 2020-Sept 2020	£5,489.33	£24,946.13
Station House	Jan 2020-Jan 2021	£13,340	£11,606.13
TADS	July2020-March2021	£7,955.45	£3,650.68

Carry over from the last financial year		£3,650.68	
Approved at the Area Council on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of July 2020		£28,000	£31,650.68
Additional financial hardship grant		£10,000	£41,650.68
2020/21 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
DIAL	December 2020-2021	£10,151	£31,499.68
CAB	October 2020-2021	£8,072	£23,427.68
Thurnscoe Community Plaza	Jan-March 2021	£10,000	£13,427.68
Highgate outdoor improvement	Jan -Feb 2021	£2,000	£11,427.68
Astrea Academy THRIVE	June 2021-June 2022	£11,400	£27.68
Additional money into Dearne budget		+£14,951.58	£14,979.26
2021/22 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
TADS	April 2021-March 2022	£9,600.85	£5,378.41
Approved at the Area Council 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021		£30,000	£35,378.41



**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Dearne Area Council Meeting**

**Report of Dearne Area  
Council Manager**

**Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

**3.0 Introduction**

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

**4.0 Ward Alliance**

The Dearne South Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the group welcomed new Councillor Dorothy Coates to the Ward. The Principal Towns officer gave a full detail regarding progress, including the shop front scheme and how many businesses had responded and taken the offer up. There were three applications submitted to the Ward Alliance, Prospect Road Bowling Green, hanging baskets in the main shopping areas of Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne and the extension of the Bulky Rubbish referral scheme. All of the applications to the Alliance were fully supported and approved.

Updates on forthcoming projects were given by the area team with the main focus on the transition day which will be taking place on the embankment. This project is for the year 6 school children joining the Dearne Astrea Academy, each child will be receiving AQA awards for activity's they complete on site.

The flood resilience plans were discussed, and the Ward Alliance would like to ensure these are updated before Autumn/winter months.

The community noticeboards were also discussed with regards ensuring all keys are available and they are kept up to date with relevant information. The Tiny forest in Bolton on Dearne was also discussed by Jenny Yates. Group updates were given by individuals on the Ward Alliance about their particular groups, ensuring the sharing of information and networking together.

The second Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting during this quarter was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 no applications were submitted. The group discussed projects through summer highlighting the issues and COVID19 recovery. The Transition day for all year 6 pupils who are attending Dearne Astrea Academy was discussed by Jenny Yates on the plans for each station activity. Group updates were held with many hoping the lifting of restrictions will be taking place in June/July to help organise events and keep the momentum of the groups going. It was requested for some further information from section 106 to be invited to help the Ward Alliance understand the process and if any monies are available for the area. Updates from the Tiny Forest were given again from Jenny Yates. A request from the group was to advertise for some new members, this will be a focus through the summer. The community notice boards also were a pinnacle part of conversation to ensure all people in the community have access to what's going on in the area.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Ward Alliance welcomed the new Councillor Wendy Cain to the Ward. Also new member Gillian Totty from Berneslai Homes was welcomed to the Alliance, Gillian will give updates from Berneslai Homes, the community and any initiatives that the team have in the future. Claire Barnes from BMBC was also present to give an introduction and update from 'Beat the Street' programme which sees the schools, groups, individuals and organisations all challenging each other to walk more whilst claiming points for prizes. Charlotte Williams has now agreed to be the treasurer with Jackie Kenning and Cllr Cain as extra signatures on the account. There were three applications submitted, Hickleton Main Bowling Green, hanging baskets in the main shopping areas of Goldthorpe and the extension of the Bulky Rubbish referral scheme, all applications were fully supported and approved. Group updates were given by individuals on the Ward Alliance, ensuring the sharing of information and networking together. Jenny Yates gave a brief COVID19 update. Updates on forthcoming projects were given by the area team with the main focus on mental health & covid recovery. Marie is currently setting up plans to have 'things to do' in the summer months starting with Bowling for all, boot camps/fitness and hopefully picnic in the parks, obviously these plans will all be dependant by the recovery road map. There is also a transition event on the embankment in Goldthorpe for the year six school children moving up to Dearne Astrea Academy. A reminder was also given at the Ward Alliance with regards the dates for the Great British Clean Up and volunteer week.

The second Dearne North meeting during this quarter was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 June with one application being submitted and accepted from Hickleton Main Bowling Green to increase the membership capacity to younger people by refurbishment and ground improvement. The community development officer in Dearne North is working with the group to apply to several funding streams to help the group over the forthcoming months. Progress is on with planning of the mental health & wellbeing sessions with Tai Chi for older people, boxercise and Pilates are also been considered in different venues. More Ward Alliance members have been sought the community development officer is working with several members of the community to get the paperwork submitted and approved. Group updates were being held with many hoping the lifting of restrictions will be taking place in June/July to help organise events and keep the momentum of the groups going. It was requested for some further information from section 106 and for them to be invited to help

the Ward Alliance understand the process and if any monies are available for the area. Cllr Gardner thanked everyone on the Ward Alliance for their input– a big well done was given to all on Alliance from the Chair

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

**Appendix One: Dearne South ward alliance meeting notes**

**Appendix two: Dearne North ward alliance meeting notes**

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# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 9.30am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Neil Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Dorothy Coates – Elected Member Alan George – Big Local Goldthorpe and Bolton-upon-Dearne Carole Hoyland – BODVAG Pat Hubery – local resident Cllr May Noble – Elected Member Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Alison Sykes – Salvation Army Teresa Williams – Project Management Officer, Principle Towns Jenny Yates - Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Sadie Youel – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team	Craig Aubrey – Neighbourhood Engagement Officer – Dearne Area Team Vicky Cuming – local resident Mick Moore – Allotment Group – had laptop issues

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Neil Danforth opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. Cllr Dorothy Coates was introduced as the newly elected member for Dearne South and Sadie Youel was welcomed back from secondment. Everybody introduced themselves, including Teresa Williams, who then went on to give her Principle Towns Update.

After the development of Barnsley Town Centre, it was realised that several outlying high streets were also in need of a re-vamp. 11 local centres were identified and Bolton-upon-Dearne was one of these, with St Andrew's Square being the centre. Here bollards have been re-painted, walls re-pointed and areas re-levelled. New planters, bins and benches and flag/Christmas tree holders have been put in. Finger post signage from Carr Head Lane is due to go in, but the residents confirmed that this hasn't happened yet.

A Shop Frontage scheme was also offered with BMBC paying 80% of the costs up to £4,000 and the shop paying the rest. This offered shops a significant reduction in the cost of a new shop frontage, including replacing signs, windows and shutters. So far information has been sent out to the Fish and Chip shop, the Pharmacy, the Post Office and the carpet shop, but nothing has come back yet. MN confirmed that the Fish and Chip shop is waiting for the sale of business but the new owner will be taking up the offer. The carpet shop is also up for sale.

TW confirmed that the scheme has been extended along the High Street in Goldthorpe as well.

TW left the meeting.

### 2. **Apologies**

See above.

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

AG moved the minutes of the last meeting as a true record and PH seconded them.

It was confirmed that SY will be leading on the Flood Resilience Plan. AG will send her an inventory of items in the flood store container. It was felt that people don't know about the flood store so once the noticeboard is up in St Andrew's Square a notice can be put in it informing people about the store. **Action AG**

This led to a discussion about the noticeboard and who has the key for it. It is a specialist Allen key. The noticeboard comes with one key and MS will check with TW who currently has this key. MS suggested getting a couple of spares cut. The cost is around £20 per key. CH offered to oversee the noticeboard and putting posters up. She was happy for her contact details to be on the board so that people know who to contact should they wish to put a notice up. **Action MS**

MN said that at the Area Chairs' Meeting it had been discussed about getting information about the Ward Alliances up on local noticeboards because lots of residents didn't know about the WAs and many weren't on social media to find out. MN wasn't sure if the message had got down to Area Managers yet. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and that success stories could also be show cased. MS confirmed that her and SY had recently met with a prospective new WA member who hadn't heard of the WA before and didn't know what was happening in the area.

### **4. Finances**

#### **4.1 Current Accounts**

AG update the meeting on the finances. There is £4,774.96 in the account. £1,500 is earmarked for the library project which as been held up due to the Covid pandemic. £1,400 has been earmarked for the Health Holidays/eating project. £1,800 is earmarked for the Renaissance Centre. This leaves £74.96 in the bank account which isn't earmarked.

#### **The Renaissance Centre**

AG declared an interest in this as a Voluntary Executive member of the centre. WA funding had initially been given to the centre 2 years ago for an IT suite which the WA believed would be open to the public. However, it came to light that this was not the case and it was for staff only so the money was given back. The Renaissance Centre needs a new roof and a building survey is taking ages to be done. Staff from the centre say that the IT equipment and software need an upgrade in order for them to carry out their work effectively. The internet speed is currently enough for the number of computers they have even before they have the upgrade they require. The prison service after care did do some work to the IT equipment, but it wasn't enough. £1,800 is required to upgrade the equipment to keep the building up and running.

Concerns were raised about how the building is utilised and if IT isn't upgraded this could result in losing user groups and new groups not coming forward. This will result in the building being empty again. A funding bid to Community Lottery Funding has been submitted to try and get more users groups into the centre. It was agreed that if the centre had better internet speed this would encourage more groups to use it, such as youth groups using internet games etc. CH said that the building is nice and big, but needs a tidy and publicising more. DC helps with a youth club in Great Houghton and suggested that a youth club might be good for the centre, but it needs someone to be in charge and work with the young people. She said she could help with advice and arrange a visit to the youth club she helps run if required. The area CDOs can also work with Malcolm to get some summer activities running at the centre. A youth club would require two workers, preferably a male and female. AG agreed to open and close the building. Spaces would need to be limited at the moment due to Covid and it was agreed that the young people should be charged a small amount for attending to cover some of the cost of opening up and insurance. The young people are more likely to attend if they have had to pay a small amount than if it's free.

It was agreed that the building needs the survey doing first and the building made waterproof and safe before any further decisions can be made. However, if this was satisfactory, all were then in favour of the Renaissance Centre getting the funding to upgrade the computers subject to the committee working with the WA members to run youth sessions/a club from the centre utilising the upgraded IT. MS will ask VC and MM if they are also in agreement as they had put their apologies in for this meeting. **Action MS**

## 4.2 Applications for funding

Three Applications have been received.

### ***Dearne Sports Bowling Club***

MN declared an interest in this. Dearne Sports Bowling Club and requested £2,000 towards a spiker for the bowling green. The full cost of the machine is £6,500 and the club are putting in £2,500 of their own funds and asking Big Local for £2,000. This is a specialist piece of equipment that aerates the soil and helps to keep the green flat and in good condition and the club can't move forward without one. The club's previous machine had been stolen in December. It had been chained up outside, but this was only a temporary measure whilst some work was carried out. However, it meant that they have not been able to claim on their insurance. Going forward Ian Chapel from the club will ensure that the machine is always kept locked away indoors at Prospect Road when not in use. A discussion was held around the cost of a company coming to do the job, but this is quite expensive (DC said it was around £1,500 a time at the cricket club at Houghton, but this is a larger area) and it was agreed that the club's own machine would be more economical in the long run. A discussion was also had about Ian using the machine in other areas as this would then be Dearne South money being used to benefit other areas. When BMBC stopped maintaining the bowling greens due to funding cuts Ian had a contract to maintain some of them. However, he no longer offers this service to other areas and will just be using this machine for the Dearne green. MS said that she is also helping Ian to put a funding bid in for additional security such as an alarm and a phone and internet for the building to help keep the machine even more secure and enable better use of the building. DC said she would investigate the types of insurance for the machine as well. **Action DC**

All were in favour and this funding application was passed, though Ian Chapel will be invited to the next meeting to explain more about how the machine works. **Action MS to invite IC.**

### ***Hanging Baskets***

The Dearne Area Team have submitted an application for £300 for hanging baskets in the area. They are also asking for £300 from the Dearne North WA as this covers some of Goldthorpe. This was discussed at the last meeting as a way of cheering up St Andrew's Square and Goldthorpe High Street to encourage people back into the towns and to shop local to help local businesses recover for the Covid-19 pandemic. Some brackets have already gone up and MS showed the design for the signs to say who has sponsored the baskets e.g. Snap Tin Community Hub (the rebranding of the Goldthorpe and Bolton-upon-Deerne Big Local). It is hoped that local businesses will sponsor a basket outside their business in future years.

All were in favour and this application was passed.

### ***Bulky Rubbish Collection***

The Dearne Area Team have submitted an application for £2,000 for the collection of bulky rubbish items outside people's properties. The scheme for BMBC to collect bulky items use to be free for everybody, but now it's only the most vulnerable and is done on a referral system. Elected members and the Housing Enforcement Officer can make referrals. The Housing Officer is very good at evaluating residents, building up relationships with them and getting rubbish removed if they qualify. However, there are lots of low-income households who don't qualify for a free collection, but can't afford to pay for the items to be collected so many items are gathering outside people's homes. This scheme will help and £2k is being asked for as last year £1k was given to the scheme and it was all used in 6 months. It's the less affluent streets that use the scheme, but it was agreed to collect postcode data this time to see which areas are using it the most.

All were in favour and this application was passed.

MS said that she had already spoken to VC and MM about these applications and they too were in favour of passing all three of them.

## 5. Group Updates and Future Projects

- 5.1 ***Goldthorpe Development Group*** – MN said there was nothing to update from this group as there was still no activity due to Covid.
- 5.2 ***Salvation Army*** – AS reported that they are still taking bookings for food parcels on Mondays and Fridays and getting supplies from Fare Share. They are also providing pastoral and 1-2-1 support on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Their Victory Programme sessions on Wednesdays are being run virtually with families being given tablets so they can access the sessions which are teaching them how to cook. They are going well. They are also running a debt advice centre. AS reported a very sad case of racism towards a family new to the area. The Police and local MP are involved, but the school

haven't handled the situation well advising for it not to be reported. AS said they have a lot of PPE so if anybody needs anything for opening up under Covid regulations to see her.

AS informed the meeting about a couple of events they are involved with through Dearne Churches Together. The first one is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Embankment where there will be tree planting and other fun activities. The second is at Phoenix Park on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Dearne Area Team and other local groups and organisations are all involved in planning and putting on activities for both events, which should be fun for everybody.

5.3 **BOGDAV** – CH had nothing to report as they group aren't meeting until the end of June due to Covid.

5.4 **Big Local** -AG reported that the Big Local Goldthorpe and Bolton-upon-Deerne will be rebranding under the new name of the Snap Tin Community Hub and will be run out of the Snap Tin café. There will be a launch event and re-opening of the café on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June. AG also reported that they are funding Twiggs to run some AQA awards up to Level 3 to help local people get into employment and to bring the best out of them.

5.5 **Future Projects** – SY updated that the WA have been awarded £2,000 from Barnsley Better Bonds to run some activities over the summer. These will focus on helping people with their mental and physical health and well-being as we begin the Covid recovery phase. The aim is to get people back out and about and socialising again for their well-being. She is currently speaking with Ian Chapel at the Bowling Club about putting on free bowling sessions at Prospect Road, but is looking at a range of different events. It was suggested trying disability bowling. DC will speak to the youth workers from Great Houghton to see if they have capacity to volunteer to run any sessions in Dearne South.

The Dearne Area Team are publicising and helping at a variety events for Volunteer Week (1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June) and the Great British Spring Clean (28<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June). If anybody else is running events the Team can provide support and advertise these on social media.

A Transition Day for all Year 6 pupils moving up to Astrea Dearne Academy is being held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 9.30am – 2.30pm at the Embankment in Goldthorpe. There will be 8 classes of 25 – 30 pupils so each class will move around 8 stations doing activities for around 25mins. Although teaching staff will be present and the school are providing some older peer mentors, we need plenty of volunteers to assist at each station. DC and AG both volunteered all day and DC hopes to be able to get her youth workers involved. CH will also hopefully be available if she doesn't go away and PH volunteered for the morning. DC asked about the insurance for the youth workers to run an activity. JY thought they would be covered under BMBC insurance, but will check. **Action JY**

The Tiny Forest at the Brickyard Ponds is taking well and we have 3 local residents who have volunteered to be Keepers, plus others who regularly use the site keeping an eye on the area. The school have also visited the area. Earthwatch are planning a Monitoring Day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June when they will be teaching people how to carry out the monitoring of the site. There will be sessions for the Keepers, the school and the general public. More details to follow once the school has got back to us with their preferred time slot.

The event on Phoenix Park on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July had already been mentioned earlier in the meeting. Again, volunteers to help will be gratefully received.

5.6 **Covid Update** – Craig Aubrey was unable to attend the meeting so JY gave the update he gave to the Dearne North WA meeting. As licensed premises are now opening up the Team are looking at these to make sure they comply with the Covid regulations. It has mainly been outside venues, but are now stating to look at inside venues as these are opening up as well as Betting Shops and indoor venues such as trampoline parks. There have been no serious breaches of the regulations in the Dearne area. The Dearne is one of the areas on Barnsley where the uptake of the vaccine isn't as high. They are looking into why this is, but it is hard to find the people who haven't yet taken up the offer. Those under 50 are now able to get their vaccine. The mobile testing unit is still at the Queen's Street Car Park. It will be there until at least 23<sup>rd</sup> May, but is assessed weekly and may well be there longer as it is being well used. It is for those people showing symptoms or who have had a positive lateral flow test. Lateral flow tests can now be picked up from most pharmacies, such as Weldricks as well as the Health Centre and they can be picked up ordered online for home delivery. 30 people are now allowed to meet in outdoor spaces.



**6. A.O.B.**

There was no other business.

**7. *Date and time of next meeting***

The next meeting will be held virtually over Teams on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.

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# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 9.30am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Neil Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Dorothy Coates – Elected Member Alan George – Big Local Goldthorpe and Bolton-upon-Dearne Carole Hoyland – BODVAG Cllr May Noble – Elected Member Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Jenny Yates - Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Sadie Youel – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team	Vicky Cuming – local resident Mick Moore – Allotment Group – had laptop issues Pat Hubery – local resident Alison Sykes – Salvation Army

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Neil Danforth opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

### 2. **Apologies**

See above.

### 3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

CH moved the minutes of the last meeting as a true record and MN seconded them.

Allen Keys for Bolton on Dearne notice board - MS stated the key had come in the post today and will give to carol Hoyland and our new NEO Darryl Hand to update all notice boards with COVID19 information. SY stated photos of the elected members and Ward Alliance information would also be useful so will create some information for this before next meeting.

Transition Day update - MS informed the group the Bales of Hay have been confirmed by Mick Moore who has got the monies for Alan George. (£50.00 from each ward alliance has ben agreed) the bales of Hay for the embankment will be delivered this week. Michael Bunting had informed MS that the farmer couldn't provide as many as thought due to contamination of the hey, it hoped we can find come more beforehand.

Hanging Baskets on high streets - MS baskets have now been installed and waiting for some well deserved rain and the plaques should be going on over next 2 weeks.

### 4. **Finances**

AG update the meeting on the finances. There is £4,774.96 in the account. £1,500 is earmarked for the library project which as been held up due to the Covid pandemic. £1,400 has been earmarked for the Health Holidays/eating project. £1,800 is earmarked for the Renaissance Centre. AG will withdraw £100.00 for the embankment hay Dearne North Ward Alliance have given a cheque to AG for their £50

No Applications have been received.

**5. Group Updates and Future Projects**

5.1 **Goldthorpe Development Group** – MN said there was nothing to update from this group as there was still no activity due to Covid waiting to see what the announcement is in July.

5.2 **Salvation Army** – No report as AS was absent from meeting

5.3 **BOGDAV** – CH had nothing to report as they group aren't meeting until the end of June due to Covid will see when the announcement is made from the Government in July what they can and cannot do in the community for events.

5.4 **Big Local** -AG All plans for the re-launch are under way on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June.  
AG mentioned that a fishing project might be something in the planning for summer (encourages to apply for WA funding and for SY to signpost to funders or help to put one together with him. AG to pass his details on to SY

JY stated Lenny Fowler is doing an excellent job with the children on site. AG asked if there was a bidding process for him to enable funding to run some future projects.

AG questioned the Towns Board funds asking why Brick ponds have not been added to this. MN gave an brief update on what the Town Fund was for and the process of monies allocated on expenditure. The Playhouse might be considered due to Arts & Culture awaiting news on this.

5.5 **Future Projects** – SY asked for ideas – none put forward

**6. A.O.B.**

**The Renaissance Centre**

AG stated no update on survey information had been given, MS to chase Malcolm for this information.

COVID19 update will be next month when we have a new officer in post.

**7. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually over Teams on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am. (Sadie will be leading a note taker will be requested on the day)

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 2.00pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Craig Aubrey – Neighbourhood Engagement Officer – Dearne Area Team Claire Barnes – Lead Officer for Beat the Streets Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Cllr Wendy Cain - resident Cllr Annette Gollick – Elected Member Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association Jenny Yates - Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team	Pauline Phillips –Thurnscoe Flower Park volunteer

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Gardiner welcomed everybody to the meeting and in particular the newly elected member Cllr Wendy Cain. Claire Barnes gave her presentation on Beat the Streets. This initiative is about getting people active by encouraging them to visit as many Beat Boxes in the borough as possible. There are over 250 boxes and when found participants simply put their fob or card up against it to record that they have been there. Pupils from all 80 primary schools in the borough will be given fobs and the general public can pick them up cards from 20 distribution sites all being leisure centres and libraries. It is hoped that there will be 31,000 players this year and last year the players travelled 5 times around the world. The event is running from 10<sup>th</sup> June – 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Claire oversees community engagement and Nat from Totally Runable is leading on the schools. There will be prizes of Decathlon or Waterstones vouchers for the schools that travel the furthest – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £150, 2<sup>nd</sup> £100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> £75. People can also sign up to other teams such as Scout or Girlguiding groups, walking groups, sports clubs etc. There will also be a Community Group week with the same prizes as schools and a workplace league with the highest average points (this allows for companies of different sizes to take part) receiving £500 for their chosen charity. There will also be leagues for running and cycling groups as these will travel further. The boxes have been set up so that they can tell if somebody is likely to have driven from one box to another as this was a potential issue last year. Help in advertising this to groups is required. It was asked about stats and Claire confirmed that once the game had started, they will be able to pull of various stats about uptake from different areas. The age range is for everybody, although the concentration is on primary schools. There are boxes close to every school and then they work their way out from there. The Beat Box sites have been risk assessed, but if anybody sees any problems/issues please do report these. Everything has been put in place to make everything as safe as possible.

The website for more information and to register is [www.beatthestreet.me/barnsley](http://www.beatthestreet.me/barnsley)

CB left the meeting.

## **2. Apologies**

See above.

## **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

CW's action from the last meeting has been done and the account has been changed to an online one. JK and WC will go into the bank next week to do the necessary paperwork to be signatures.

## **4. Finances**

### **4.1 Current Accounts**

Marie reported that £10,000 has been made available for this year so the WA has a starting balance of £10,182.92. The group were very good at spending the money last year.

CW is now the Treasurer with Jackie Kenning & Wendy Cain agreeing to be on as signatures top help with easy access to the working funds, both agreed to take the relevant paperwork to the Bank, CW has already sent the information required to both, Marie to chase up before next month.

£1,400 is earmarked for the Healthy Holidays programme which will help young people with their mental health and well-being post Covid.

£1,400 is also earmarked for the libraries project for them to put on some after school session when Covid restrictions allow this.

£2000 for assisting with projects/events to help with mental and physical health and well-being to aid the Covid recovery.

£967 of sundries to pay for any emergency items (inc. Bank charges)

### **4.2 Applications for funding**

Two applications have been received.

#### ***Bulky Rubbish Collection***

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All were in favour and this application was passed.

## **5. Group Updates and Future Projects**

5.1 **Dearne Memorial Group** – PS reported that he has helped to bring the ashes of a 96 year old lady living in France to Bolton-upon-Deerne to be with the graves of other family members. The lady had served in the RAF. All other reports are in the

minutes of the latest group meeting.

- 5.2 **Big Local** – DB reported that the Let it Shine event went well. During half term they gave out 60 packs of bird feed etc in one day and 30-40 packs the next day for a Feed the Birds event. The group are now turning their attention to the floral displays in Thurnscoe. The planters on Houghton Road and 3 in the village have been weeded and re-planted and the hanging baskets will be done soon by a contract company. It was decided at the last meeting to now close the Enterprise fund and the Covid-relief fund. DB was congratulated in particular on his help in getting people to set up their own businesses. The money now will be put towards a legacy project including the Plaza as there is only 2 years of Big Local funding left. The Plaza is progressing and there have been no objections so far to the handing over the land for a 25 year lease. The group are still hopeful for a late September/early October opening. The Big Local are also involved with the planning and putting on of the Dearne Churches Together Summer Event at Phoenix Park on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Dearne Area Team and other local groups and organisations are also involved with this, which should be fun day for everybody.
- 5.3 **Station House** - CW updated that due to Covid regulations they have needed more staff but less children so it's been hard to stay open financially, but they have and a whole load of restrictions have been lifted this week which should make things a little easier. They are currently re-building their services for working parents and this hadn't been needed so much before with many parents on furlough and others being made redundant. Their holiday care changed as well as not so many parents were working and requiring full day care. They therefore offered more places for 2-3 hour session of quality play and food to help the children recover from the pandemic.
- 5.4 **Salvation Army** – JK reported that they are still taking bookings for food parcels on Mondays for appointments only and Tuesdays – Fridays are helping people in crisis situations. They are seeing more professionals coming in for food parcels as a result of the pandemic. Wednesdays they are offering debt advice as JK is trained in this area and are also running the Victory Programme which is running virtually. Families are being supplied with a tablets and internet to access the sessions as well at cooking equipment and food. No food is wasted as the idea of the project comes from the Dig for Victory in the war. They have started to work with Twiggs to create a Community Garden using planters to sow seeds in the Salvation Army grounds. They are also linking in with Incredible Edible. Any donations of equipment or seeds will be gratefully received. They are teaching the clients that they don't need a garden to grow some of their own produce and they can have planters on windowsills etc with herbs in etc. Any surplus food from the Community Garden will go to the clients. The Salvation Army too are involved with the Churches Together Event at Phoenix Park and one at the Embankment on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and other Embankment events.
- 5.5 **Berneslai Homes** – GT works jointly as a Community Engagement Officer in the Deane. They have a small budget for projects. The TARA in Thurnscoe has lost numbers due to Covid. They have been able to provide tablets to most members so they can attend meetings still. The Dearne Housing Team have a Twitter account and GT is currently trying to get them a Facebook account so they can link in better with other groups in the Dearne area. GT also reported on some horrendous racial abuse. The Salvation Army are working with them and the family about this.
- 5.6 **Covid Update** – Craig Aubrey was unable to attend the meeting so JY gave the update he gave to the Dearne North WA meeting. As licensed premises are now opening up the Team are looking at these to make sure they comply with the Covid regulations. It has mainly been outside venues, but are now starting to look at inside venues as these are opening up as well as Betting Shops and indoor venues such as trampoline parks. There have been no serious breaches of the regulations in the Dearne area. The Dearne is one of the areas on Barnsley where the uptake of the vaccine isn't as high. They are looking into why this is, but it is hard to find the people who haven't yet taken up the offer. Those under 50 are now able to get their vaccine. The mobile testing unit is still at the Queen's Street Car Park. It will be there until at least 23<sup>rd</sup> May, but is assessed weekly and may well be there longer as it is being well used. It is for those people showing symptoms or who have had a positive lateral flow test. Lateral flow tests can now be picked up from most pharmacies, such as Weldricks as well as the Health Centre and they can be picked up ordered online for home delivery. 30 people are now allowed to meet in outdoor spaces. A question was asked if those playing bowls needed to wear a mask. There is no legal requirement for this, but the club can advise to wear where possible, along with keeping 2m apart.
- 5.7 **Future Projects** – the question was asked about how safe it is to put events on now. The road map indicates that hopefully we will have restrictions lifted by 21<sup>st</sup> June if everything goes to plan. Therefore, we can start to put events on and the aim is to do things that will help people with their mental and physical health and well-being as part of the Covid recovery plan. There will be a focus on getting people out of their homes, socialising and feeling safe again. GT said that the TARA plans to start meeting in person again after 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The Dearne Area Team are publicising and helping at a variety of events for Volunteer Week (1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June) and the Great British Spring Clean (28<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June). If anybody else is running events the Team can provide support and advertise these on social media.

A Transition Day for all Year 6 pupils moving up to Astrea Dearne Academy is being held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 9.30am – 2.30pm at the Embankment in Goldthorpe. There will be 8 classes of 25 – 30 pupils so each class will move around 8 stations doing activities for around 25mins. Although teaching staff will be present and the school are providing some older peer mentors, we need plenty of volunteers to assist at each station. GT will see if she can provide some helpers for the day. **Action GT**

The event on Phoenix Park on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July had already been mentioned earlier in the meeting. Again, volunteers to help will be gratefully received.

**6. A.O.B.**

There was no other business.

**7. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually over Teams on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm.



# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 2.00pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Craig Aubrey – Neighbourhood Engagement Officer – Dearne Area Team Claire Barnes – Lead Officer for Beat the Streets Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Cllr Wendy Cain - resident Cllr Annette Gollick – Elected Member Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Pauline Phillips –Thurnscoe Flower Park volunteer Jenny Yates - Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team	Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Gardiner welcomed everybody to the meeting

No introductions needed.

### **2. Apologies**

See above.

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising - none**

### **4. Finances**

CW is now the Treasurer with Jackie Kenning & Wendy Cain are both now fully signatures top help with easy access to the working funds and external monies brought in to run individual projects with the WA

£1,400 is earmarked for the Healthy Holidays programme which will help young people with their mental health and well-being post Covid.

£1,400 is also earmarked for the libraries project for them to put on some after school session when Covid restrictions allow this.

£2000 for assisting with projects/events to help with mental and physical health and well-being to aid the Covid recovery.

£967 Misc. – paid for bales of Hay on embankment for transition day and other events through summer on site.

#### 4.1 **Applications for funding**

Two applications have been received.

Hickleton Welfare Bowling Club

£2200 Funding requested to match fund application submitted to help with refurbishment of their social indoor space for meetings and refreshments for the bowlers and spectators. All were in favour and this application was passed.

#### 5. **Group Updates and Future Projects**

5.1 **Dearne Memorial Group** – PS gave an update of the group busy with countryside requests as well as local ones, the group managing ok on this now

5.2 **Big Local** – DB asked for help with the watering of the planters as with the dry weather most are drying out quickly. Funding to help Thurnscoe Reservoir group BLT bought a boiler to assist in the refreshments with their fisherman and their meetings. BLT signed lease for the recreation groups for 25 years. Plaza all good and hoping to be started on in Autumn time. Hanging baskets are all in place and up this year in Thurnscoe.

5.3 **Thurnscoe Flower Park** – PP volunteers working hard to maintain the park not much update to be given this time.

5.4 **Salvation Army** – JK gave update on Foodbanks are now held Mondays with 15-minute slots to individuals longer if required and complex needs. Twiggs are supporting a gardening programme working with the volunteers to create, plant, sow seeds and grow produce from scratch. 2 volunteers doing AQA's with Twiggs. JK is running de4bt sessions on a virtual and face to face but with socially distancing in place. The building is hoping to reopen to the public from September but awaiting government guidelines for this to happen. Jackie offered their services for the transition day for staff and volunteers to go to SA for toilet or refreshments for free.

5.5 **Berneslai Homes** – GT updates on POP up police stations in Thurnscoe where local people could come and talk about any matters or concerns, no dates or times confirmed yet but will be by next meeting hopefully. Estate walkabouts are happening again with staff talking to residents and tenants about any concerns in the village GT asked MS to keep her up to date for assistance in the Bowling initiative with young people she'd like to help

5.6 **Future Projects** – Mental Health & wellbeing sessions MS secured dates for Hickleton Bowling Green to run 2 per week over 3 weeks during the holidays (pre planning would be required as only 16 can play on green at one time unless its one family) Tai Chi & Bowling classes are still to be confirmed either Community centres in Thurnscoe MS awaiting dates. MS stated the mini golf are cannot be used to due been overgrown and too much work to be carried out before any sessions could be done.

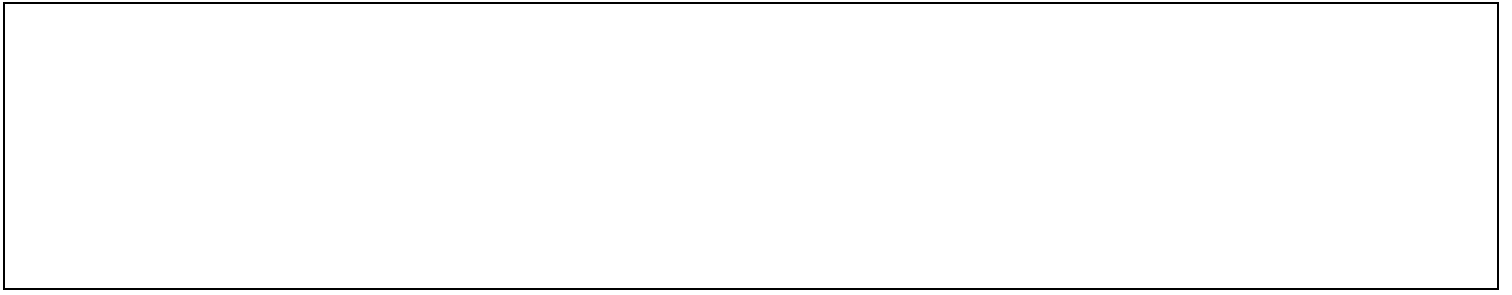
Question was asked if we could ask highways (AG stated for MS to email Paul Castle on this) regarding putting a water tap on the wall at Houghton Road raised bed area to make it easier for watering the planters during summer months,

#### 6. **A.O.B.**

Cllr Gardiner wanted to praise the Ward Alliance and its members and staff for all the work they put into the meetings and overall, he stated he's been to many Alliances and really is proud of his own and the work we all done each day. – Big well done to everyone

#### 7. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually over Teams on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021



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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Update on Ward Alliance Fund Spend**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

**2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.**

**3.0 Introduction**

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

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

**4.0 Spend to date**

4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2021/22 financial year is £11,317.72 this includes the underspend of £1,317.72 from the 2020/21 budget. Three applications have been submitted and approved leaving a balance of £7,017.72 for future applications.

4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2021/22 financial year is £10,182.92 this includes the underspend of £182.92 from the 2020/21 budget. Three applications have been submitted and approved leaving a balance of £5,682.92 for future applications.

**5.0 Appendix**

**Appendix One: Breakdown of both Ward Alliances Spend**

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Claire Dawson  
Dearne Area Council Manager

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**Date**  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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## 2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2021/22 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The underspend of the 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund was combined and added to the 2021/22 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

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£10,000 base allocation + CF £182.92

**£10,182.92 total available funding**

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002	Hanging Baskets on Goldthorpe High Street (shortfall to match funding)	31.10.2021	£300.00	£7,882.92
003	Hickleton Main Welfare Bowling Club	31.12.2021	£2200.00	£5,682.92

**Total spend = £4,500.00**

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002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping (Shortfall against match funding brought in)	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	£300.00	£9,017.72
003	Dearne Sports Bowling Club (match funds towards purchase of new equipment)	September 2021	£2000.00	£7,017.72

**Total spend= £4,300**

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April 2020

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March 2021

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£10,000 of base allocation

















£247.12 from 2019/20

Plus, an additional £2,000 from COVID recovery fund.

# Priorities



Here's a summary of where the money went.

Project	Details	Allocation	Priority
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PPE required for staff	Keeping staff at Station House safe	£270	 
Community garden	Match funding for the PLAZA 2021 with Big Local Thurnscoe	£5,000	 
Information Banners	Station House	£244.20	
Christmas Trees	Goldthorpe Town Centre Group on main shopping area	£700	   
Outdoor Improvements	Highgate Primary School	£750	 
Bulky Rubbish Scheme		£1,000	 
Winter Warmth Project	Items sent to vulnerable residents via district nurses	£750	

Match funded application totalled £5,700.

# Highlights

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## Station House PPE and outdoor banners

2 applications were submitted in 2020/21 from Station House which included the purchasing of extra uniforms for their staff to keep them protected from the virus enabling them to wash their clothing every day to avoid contamination and spreading to others, the 2nd application was for banners outdoors to highlight positive quotes for the children to build their confidence and self esteem and to raise their aspirations as its been a very tough year for everyone including the younger generation who have been missing their friends and family making them quite withdrawn from society, so by having these banners with colourful quotes and inspirational messages on the outside play area its been encouraging them to keep their beliefs and smiles on their faces and to keep their optimism up.



## Big Local Thurnscoe – Community PLAZA project

Funding was submitted for phase 2 of the community plaza project in Thurnscoe on Houghton Road to build a community garden complex adjacent to the main site with easy access from the main road for all the community to use this community space to come together to sit and talk, watch their children play, events and just a general sociable space. The funding was to enable the raised beds and seating area for this project.



## Winter Warmth programme 2020

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COVID –19 Community Support Project	Dearne Community Active Group	£1,520.40	
Kids Self Defence Classes	BODY Carnegie equipment and clothing	£1,049	
Defib at Goldthorpe Library		£1,350	
Safety matts	Urban Impact self-defence Group (new name for BODY Carnegie)	£1,600	
Outdoor Improvements	Highgate Primary School	£2,500	
Bulky Rubbish Scheme		£1,000	
Winter Warmth Project	Items sent to vulnerable residents via district nurses	£750	
Christmas Trees	Goldthorpe Town Centre and Bolton upon Dearne	£700	
Upgrade container	Items to assist in bad weather and for litter removal	£1,000	
Dearne Allotment Group	Purchasing bedding plants and vegetables to supply the Salvation Army Food Bank	£700	
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## Kids Self Defence Classes

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## Community Support Project 2020

Funding was provided to this project with the aim to improve the quality of life of others, helping them to maintain their health & mental wellbeing, whilst coping with the effects of the lock down due to the Coronavirus. Packs were handed out to various members of the community by volunteers groups included pre school families, teachers, the elderly living independently and those living and working in care homes.



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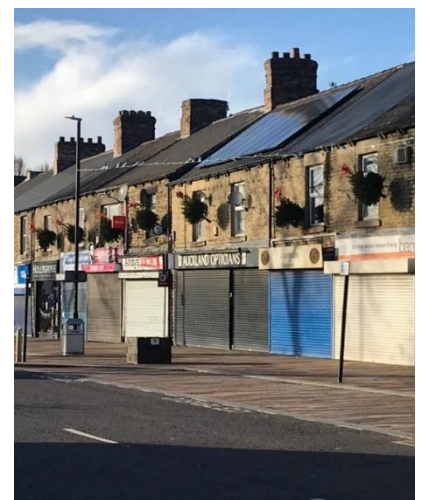
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## Container Upgrade

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