

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 11 July 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Dearne Area Council Meeting held on 17th January, 2022
(Dac.11.7.2022/2) *(Pages 3 - 16)*

Together with the notes of the informal meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on 14th March, 2022 and the inquorate meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on 16th May, 2022.

Items for Discussion

- 3 Dearne Electronic Community Village Update - Rory Garforth
- 4 Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Update - John and Wendy Twigg
- 5 Best Bar None Awards - Darryl Hand

Items for Decision

- 6 Future Commissioning Report (Dac.11.7.2022/6) *(Pages 17 - 20)*
- 7 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.11.7.2022/7) *(Pages 21 - 24)*

Ward Alliances

- 8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances held on 17th May, 2022
(Dac.11.7.2022/8) *(Pages 25 - 36)*
- 9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.11.7.2022/9) *(Pages 37 - 40)*

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Coates (Chair), Bellamy, Bowler, Cain, Danforth and Gardiner

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager
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Friday, 1 July 2022



MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 17 January 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Attending Virtually Councillor Gardiner

35 Election of Chair

As Councillor Noble had notified Members that she would be late, a Chair was elected from the floor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Danforth be appointed Chair for the purposes of this meeting only.

36 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

37 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 25th November, 2021 (Dac.17.01.2022/2)

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 25th November, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

38 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.17.01.2022/3)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item reminding members that the Dearne Area Council had commenced the 2021/22 financial year with a budget of £208,783.34 followed by the receipt of an additional £31,638 from the practical support grant. Members were informed that following the spending commitments made throughout the year a budget of £56,980.34 remained to carry over into the next financial year.

Attention was drawn to the budget for the 2022/23 financial year with the assumption that the Area Council would receive the same allocation, giving a starting total of £256,980.34. Members were reminded that finances had already been committed to a number of services to a cumulative figure of £213,401 leaving £43,579.34 to spend on further priorities in the Dearne area during 2022/23.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

39 Dearne Area Council Commissioning Update (Dac.17.01.2022/4)

The Area Council Manager provided an update on the current position of services funded by the Area Council.

The B: Friend commission was due to end on the 31st July, 2022 and members had agreed at the Area Council meeting held on 15th November, 2021 that social inclusion remained a priority and to go out to tender for a service to meet the needs of those most vulnerable at a cost of £28,000. The specification had been developed and agreed with some minor amendments made to reflect the need to target more men.

Members were asked to review and approve the procurement timeline showing various deadlines in order for the contract to commence 1st July, 2022.

The Housing and Cohesion Officer post was in place until the end of March 2023 with the amendments being made to the service level agreement which had been signed off by the Area Chair, Area Manager and the Group Leader for Housing Management, Regulation and Service Improvement.

Assisting Employment and Skills commission contract had been awarded to Dearne Electronic Community Village for a period of 3 years following a moderation meeting held on 25th November, 2021 with points being scored based on the questions set during the tender process.

The Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer role was in place until the end of March 2024 due to further funding being agreed at the Area Council meeting held on 25th November, 2021.

Members were informed that a workshop would need to be convened to discuss future priorities in relation to the Environment, Education and Volunteer Service, as Twiggs had around 14 months left on their contract.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted: and
- (ii) that the procurement timeline for the Social Inclusion Service be approved.

40 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.17.01.2022/5)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 16th November, 2021 and noted that no meeting of the Dearne South Ward Alliance had taken place due to staff illness.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance received an update from Adam from Twiggs on future projects and work undertaken during 2021. A Covid-19 update was shared with Alliance members along with a list of future events being held over the Christmas period. Members had received a reminder of the new area priorities for 2022 with a view to holding individual member meetings for their input on the action plan.

Ward Alliance members were informed that no new applications had been received for funding.

RESOLVED that notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance be received.

41 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.17.01.2022/6)

The Area Council Manager provided an update in relation to the Ward Alliance Funds for the 2021/22 financial year.

Dearne North started the financial year with £10,182.92 and had funded 5 projects at a cost of £6,880.00 leaving £3,302.92 to carry forward

Dearne South had an opening balance of £11,317.72, had funded 4 projects at a cost of £5,500 and had £5,817.72 remaining.

RESOLVED that the report on the Ward Alliance Funds and the Performance Reports be noted.

42 Community Listening Report - Craig Taylor (Dac.17.01.2022/7)

Craig Taylor, Stronger Communities Project Officer, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members received an update on the Community Listening exercise which had taken place in order to reengage with Groups that had lost contact or closed down due to the pandemic as well as engaging with the wider public.

In total 234 responses had been collected which were evenly spread over the two Wards with the demographic hitting a wide range of age groups from working age up to 80 years old. However, it was reported that the majority of those taking part were female and minority groups had been underrepresented. Members were informed that the answers had been sorted into categories that aligned with the Ward Alliance and Area Council priorities.

A brief overview was provided of some of the questions and answers given showing the opportunities given to members of the community to talk about their concerns. Particular reference was made around the anti-social behaviour in the community and what could be done to combat that in collaboration with partner agencies.

In conclusion, members heard how people were generally happy with what was happening in the area and that there was a good sense of community spirit and neighbourliness. Community Groups were building back up with support within the wards and green spaces and facilities around the area were valued with a determination to keep things tidy and looking nice.

Members raised concerns and acknowledged that anti-social behaviour in specific areas of the Dearne was alarming and included criminal damage to properties which was regularly being reported to the Police and Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Members were informed that the Police and Crime Commissioner was aware of the issues and had invested £10,000 to help tackle the problem through a variety of resources such as police in the area, more notice boards particularly in Thurnscoe to

tackle the anti-social behaviour and litter picking equipment for distribution to groups in the area.

Members also commented that the perception of some members of the public was that gangs of youths congregating meant they would automatically be causing anti-social behaviour when they were just young people meeting up to socialise.

Members were informed that following the community listening exercise the Area Council Team had worked through the comments to pull together an action plan to tackle some of the issues raised and to show that the community were being listened to.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and update.

Chair

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 March 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Cain, Danforth and Gardiner

43 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 17th January, 2022 (Dac.14.03.2022/2)

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

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 25th November, 2022 be received and noted.

45 Performance Report Q3 (Dac.14.03.2022/3)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report which covered Quarter 3 ranging from October to December, 2021.

The Service provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had slowly been building back up following the pandemic with 164 volunteers working on events, 17 of which were new. Twiggs events had cumulated 349 volunteer hours with 353 bags of rubbish targeted. 33 areas had been scheduled for work alongside some additional proactive work being carried out and 7 fly tipping cases reported.

The b:friend service had supported 81 residents and 546 hours of one to one befriender interactions had taken place. There had been 42 volunteers with 16 of those new and 52 hours used for group social activities. The service was deemed a success and had commenced inter-generational work with young volunteers.

Dearne Electronic Community Village had 67 learners on roll with 20 of those new learners. 16 people had achieved qualifications, 3 had gained employment and 15 had moved into further training with other providers.

In relation to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement, 157 reports had been made, 32 properties had been improved and 35 people had been helped with positive changes. 38 fly tipping cases had been report and 38 houses had been supported to recycle and dispose of waste in a responsible way. It was reported that 30 houses had made improvements after just the first contact made.

The Dearne Development Fund which was supported by Barnsley Citizens Advice Service, had supported 49 people with a total of 72 issues raised claiming £300 of benefits and managed £7,825 worth of debt. The largest majority of issues raised were benefits, tax credits and employment issues.

DIAL numbers had increased once more with 145 enquiries made, 354 people had reported reduced anxiety since using the service and £163,212 of benefits had been claimed. A breakdown of issues dealt with was given, reporting that over half had been in relation to benefits and 14% were around social isolation, discussions had taken place with DIAL to signpost to relevant services.

Goldthorpe Development Group had seen 195 attendees at an Older Generation Get Together with 40 volunteers assisting the event.

Members were updated on staffing absences in the Housing Officer Post with an update that housing problems were being reported and dealt with through the main Core services. It was suggested that this be looked into at a future meeting as to whether the funding could be relocated elsewhere.

Members queried the b:friend contract and whether men were becoming more involved. It was reported that a discussion had been held and a new specification was being drawn up to target men but it would be a wait and see scenario as to whether it would be well attended. Further schemes were being investigated such as Men in Sheds.

RECOMMENDED that members receive and note the report.

46 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.14.03.2022/4)

The Area Council manager provided members with an update in relation to the financial position of the Area Council.

Members attention was drawn to the updated reported which showed a starting balance of £208,783.34, of which £175,000 had been committed to 4 commissions with £8,441 also being allocated into the Dearne Development Fund and extension of the housing officer post. An additional £31,638 had been received from the practical support grant leaving a total of £56,980.34 to carry over into the 2022/23 financial year.

Taking into account the already allocated funds of £197,277, a total of £59,703.34 would remain to spend on Dearne area priorities in the 2022/23 financial year.

Members were informed that the funds remaining included the reintroduction of the part time funding for the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer which had originally been allocated monies for a full time post.

In addition £14,003.41 remained in the Dearne Development Fund.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

47 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.14.03.2022/5)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North and Dearne South Ward Alliances held on 1st February, 2022.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance had reported surprising and welcoming uptake on hanging baskets by local businesses with nearly all brackets filled. A new action plan on priorities and potential projects was being produced and a covid update from the NEO had been received.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance received a finance update along with action planning on potential projects going forward and they had also received a covid update from the NEO.

RECOMMENDED that the notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

48 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.14.03.2022/6)

The Area Council provided members with an update in respect of the Ward Alliance Funds.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance had a starting budget of £10,182.92 including an underspend of £182.92 from the 2020/21 budget. To date 7 projects had been funded leaving a balance of £2,797.92.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance had a starting balance of £11,317.72 including an underspend of £1317.72 from the 2020/21 budget. 4 projects had been funded to date at a cost of £5,500 leaving a balance of £5,817.72. It was noted that since this meeting further projects had been funded.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

49 Future Meeting Arrangements (Dac.14.03.2022/7)

Members were asked whether now that restrictions had lifted, they would wish for future meetings of the Area Council to commence meeting back in the Dearne.

It was agreed that this would be the preferable option but with a view to finding a facility that could allow for hybrid interaction, and that if this was not feasible then meetings would continue in Barnsley Town Hall.

It was noted that this would be the last meeting of the Area Council that Councillor Noble would Chair and attend prior to stepping down as a Councillor. Members asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation for her services to the Council, to this Area Council and to the Ward and its residents that she represented. She would be sadly missed and was given best wishes for the future.

RECOMMENDED:-

(i) that the Clerk meet with the Area Council Manager at Dearne LIFT Centre to find a suitable room and test out the technology;

(ii) that the best wishes of the Area Council be extended to all Councillors retiring at the Election to be held on the 5th May, 2022.

Chair

MEETING:	Meeting of Dearne Area Councillors
DATE:	Monday, 16 May 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Room 2, Goldthorpe LIFT Centre

Notes of a meeting of Dearne Area Councillors

Present Councillors Bellamy and Cain

50 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Cain and Bellamy declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute number 54 Q4 Performance Report as they are both members of Goldthorpe Development Group.

51 Notes of the Previous Informal Meeting of Dearne Area Councillors held on 14th March, 2022 (Dac.16.05.2022/2)

The meeting received the notes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RECOMMENDATION that the notes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council Meeting held on 14th March 2022 cannot be ratified due to the meeting being inquorate.

52 Blood Pressure Campaign Update - Kaye Mann

Kaye Mann from the Department of Public Health was welcomed to the meeting to provide Members with an overview and update of the Blood Pressure Campaign. The campaign outlined the strategies being concentrated on, which focused on early detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease including heart attacks and strokes. Language had been changed to use terminology such as heart health and high blood pressure as much of the information tends to be clinical.

Efforts were being concentrated on a system wide collaborative approach to enable early prevention. The NHS Health Checks are about to be recommissioned, as they have been shown to ensure that patients' health is checked to put interventions in place if necessary. Having a targeted approach reduces inequalities and with blood pressure checks targeting the hard-to-reach cohorts, we can get outcomes for these people instead of people who may not need it.

Statistics show that 80% of heart attacks and strokes are avoidable, 36,000 people in Barnsley have heart disease and 28,800 of these occurrences are avoidable. This also indicates that a large proportion of the 55 people who are dying each month may be saved.

The Dearne area is significantly worse, specifically with late presentations. People are having strokes and heart attacks at home and are not seeking medical

intervention until days later. It is hoped that the message can be conveyed that if medical help is sought immediately, it can help prevent and reduce the impact. Furthermore, by informing the public that by reducing smoking and alcohol consumption and knowing the signs and symptoms of these conditions it may help people's health.

Blood pressure is a huge factor in Barnsley and a lot of people have undiagnosed high blood pressure. Specifically people in the Dearne who do not go to the GPs for blood pressure checks and especially males in their 50's.

A public health team is going out to take people's blood pressure and refer onto the pharmacy if a high reading is indicated. They will then be fitted with a monitor which measures blood pressure for 24 hours. Posters will be going up across the Dearne and the North to promote blood pressure checks and explaining there is a specific cohort to be targeted, this initiative starts the week commencing 6th June 2022. Items such as beer mats, posters and leaflets will be used to promote the service and there will be more campaigns as time goes on.

RECOMMENDATION C. Dawson, requested social media friendly information sending to support advertising the initiative.

In the ensuing discussion reference was made to the following:

- i. It was explained that GPs would be made aware of the service but that the people who do not visit a GP are the targeted cohort.
- ii. It is a national initiative since covid, to identify undiagnosed high blood pressure.
- iii. Ambulance waiting times are an issue, but people still need to be encouraged to call them.
- iv. Wives could be targeted to encourage husbands to get checked.
- v. Defibrillators and the training to use one along with emergency first aid will be explored.
- vi. Approaching clubs such as Bowling, Cricket and Fishing along with workplace initiatives.

The service is exploring a different model for health checks and have identified outreach working. Balmoral tanks was suggested, and Paul Clifford was noted as having has linked in with support, so he could be contacted for advice. Jubilee events were discussed and the Bounce into Summer event which is happening locally. Men around school waiting for their children could be identified to share the information with their male relatives.

RECOMMENDATION that Kaye be thanked for attending the meeting, for the presentation and for answering members questions.

53 Adult Skills and Community Learning - Caroline Oxley

Members welcomed Caroline Oxley from Adult Skills and Community Learning to the meeting to present an overview of the service. It is aimed at providing training, advice and guidance to over 19's in Barnsley in a supportive and friendly environment. Courses are available online at Wellington House or in the community and include skills courses such as Maths and English from the basics to GCSE level. They are all free as long as learners do not already have a qualification in the subject.

Furthermore, they provide training in ESOL and IT and digital skills and this is funded by a national entitlement, which aims to concentrate on essential and digital skills such as the internet, email and online payments. There is an administration qualification which supports learners with PowerPoint, Excel and Word and further courses in levels 1-3 for Teaching Assistants and 1-3 for Health and Social Care.

There is an additional strand to the learning pathway with a Wellbeing course which many people start with and then progress onto the skills learning. This focuses on mental health and confidence and supports learners to improve their positivity. Additionally, there are creative wellbeing activities which identify how creativity can improve wellbeing. These activities include drawing, painting, sewing, digital photography, glass painting and baking. Furthermore there are courses for learners with disabilities, which include skills for independent living and work life and wellbeing with a person-centred approach.

Statutory courses are provided for businesses which include Level 2 Food Safety, Level 2 Health and Safety, Level 2 Manual Handling, Level 3 First Aid at Work along with Paediatric First Aid but charges may apply based on income.

The offer includes employability support and advisors offer advice on a 1-1 basis. They work with people who are employed or unemployed and support them with the skills to develop CV's, job searches, applications and career pathways. Furthermore, they source and pay for suitable courses i.e. Dog Grooming and help to arrange and pay for childcare. They also assist with applying for benefits and refer to other agencies such as IAPT, citizens advice and food banks. They can support with sourcing work experience and volunteering opportunities in specific sectors and can help with paying for interview clothes and provide a bus pass to get to work. This is delivered every two weeks over the phone, in the community or at Wellington House.

During Covid enrolment did drop but has now increased with online support and help with wellbeing. However, returning learners tend to be higher level but the service aim is to concentrate on the lower level, lower skilled and vulnerable learners. To do this they will be working out in the community and are happy to explore further options. Caroline is covering Dearne and Barnsley South, but her colleagues will be covering other areas across Barnsley. They will be attending local groups and having discussions about barriers to engagement such as travel and childcare, with a hope to move people towards work and raise their aspirations. They would like to encourage people to go to Wellington House, but understand that travel can be an issue, which is why they will provide information on online services and courses. They are additionally having an open day at Wellington House so that they can provide a further opportunity to share their offer.

In the ensuing discussion reference was made to the following:

- i. The employability service in Dearne with improving engagement, however vacancies are more qualification focused and with some learners not having Maths and English, it would be beneficial for this to be delivered in tandem with their appointments. This is being explored and Thurnscoe Library has the facilities to enable this.
2. Support with a CV, interview process and clothing, work experience and appointments over the phone is essential and with the market opening in

Goldthorpe on a Monday, starting on 13th June, this may be a useful place to hold an information stall.

RECOMMENDATION that Caroline be thanked for attending the meeting, for the presentation and for answering members questions.

54 Performance Report Q4 (Dac.16.05.2022/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item which provided an up-to-date overview of current priorities, and it was noted that:

- During the Twiggs contract for the last quarter they worked with 211 volunteers, which delivered 969 volunteer hours and targeted 27 areas. They reported 10 fly tipping cases and are carrying out some good work with South Yorkshire Police.
- The B.friend service offer 1-1 befriending support in Bolton and Thurnscoe and deliver groups in Goldthorpe at the Snap Tin Café. They have helped 93 isolated neighbours and delivered 608 hours of 1-1 befriending, but this contract comes to an end in July 2022. The authority has now gone through the procurement process to identify a new provider for this work.
- The Dearne Electronic Community Village which supports service users with CV writing, interview skills and ICT qualifications have 94 current people learning, 27 people have been helped into further training and 7 people are now in employment.
- The Housing & Migration Officer is paid through the area council budget and working on targeting private sector housing. The employee for this role was on long term sick and has now handed in their notice however, a new dedicated worker is now in the area.
- The Dearne Development Fund is a grant scheme for the area council to assist people in meeting area priorities.
- Citizens Advice have supported 53 people with benefits, debt, legal and housing issues, employment and health and community care.
- DIAL's funding comes from the Dearne Area Fund and has reported 152 enquiries regarding benefits and benefit appeals.
- The Goldthorpe Development Group facilitates a monthly get together and, over the last quarter 180 people attended with 30 volunteers assisting.

RECOMMENDED that members receive and note the reports.

55 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.16.05.2022/6)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item which provided an up-to-date overview of financial position and projections to 2023.

The starting budget was £208783.34, and Dearne Area Council have committed £175,000 on four commissions, allocated funding into the Dearne Development Fund and extended the Housing Officer post. This leaves £25342.34 to spend on priorities. They also have an additional £31,638 from the practical support grant bringing the total to £56980.34 for the next financial year.

Dearne Development Fund were allocated an additional £30,000 which paid for Dial, CAB and Goldthorpe Development Group's Bounce into Summer activity. There is a remaining allocation of just over £14,000.

56 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances held on 22nd March, 2022 (Dac.16.05.2022/7)

- Dearne South held a virtual meeting on 22nd March 2022 with 2 new members and no funding applications. Projects were highlighted, and there is an action plan in development.
- Dearne North held a virtual meeting on 22nd March 2022 and their future projects were identified with an action plan well under way and looking positive.

RECOMMENDED that the notes from Dearne Ward Alliances be noted.

57 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.16.05.2022/8)

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an update in respect of Ward Alliance Funds.

- The Dearne North had a starting budget of £10182.92 with £8858.03 of this now being spent.
- The Dearne South had a starting budget of £11317.72 with £5500 of this now being spent.

RECOMMENDED that the report on Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

Chair

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 11th July 2022

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Future commissions

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to explore the options with regards future Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members consider the options set out in this report for future Dearne Area Council commissions

2.3 That members approve the procurement and specification for the “tackling the Environment” commission for two years at a total cost of £90, 000 in the first year and a 3% uplift in the second year

2.4 That members approve housing and officer service level agreement for a further two years at a cost of £33,277 in the first year and £33,967 the second.

2.5 That members approve the allocation of £30,000 into the Dearne development fund budget

3.0 Area Council commissions

3.1 The Area Council have had several commissioning intentions meetings during 2022 in order to discuss future commissions. Members have been provided with local data and intelligence as well as recent performance reports. The last meeting was held in June 2022 and members discussed current commissions at length.

3.2 Tackling the environment

The current environmental contract provided by Twiggs is due to end at the end of March 2023. Members have discussed the commission at length and state that the environment remains a priority.

Options

Option	Risk	Benefit	Cost
A, Do not recommission the environmental service	Groups will not receive support The area will become unsightly	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0

B, Recommission the environmental service	None	Additional support for people/groups in the area A targeted approach in dealing with area hotspots	£90,000 per annum, with an up lift of 3% in the second year
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At a special meeting in June members discussed the current specification and amendments they would like to make moving forward. The new specification has been shared with members prior to the Area Council meetings. Some elements that were previously in the specification have been removed and some additions that were made during COVID have been enhanced. It is recommended that members approve the procurement and specification of this commission for a further two years at a cost of £90,000 with an uplift of 3% in the second year. A procurement timeline will be shared at a later date. If approved the Area manager will work through the paperwork and process with the procurement team and inviting members to be part of this process.

3.3 **Housing and Cohesion Officer**

At the Area Council meeting on the 15th of November 2021 members approved the housing and cohesion officer until the end of March 2023. A review of the posts currently provided by the Area Councils as recently taken place and the decision was taken that the posts should still be funded by the Area Councils if they wish to continue with proactive support. However, if at any point the Area Council do not want to commission the officer any redundancy costs would be covered by the safer neighbourhood service.

Options

Option	Risk	Benefit	Cost
A, do not fund the housing and cohesion role	No proactive support for people in private sector housing Only reactive work will be dealt with	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0
B, Fund the housing and cohesion role	None	Additional support for people in private sector housing Proactive environmental issues are dealt with in a timely manner	£33,277 the first year and £33,967 the second

It is recommended that the Area Council Fund this post until the end of March 2025 at a total cost of £67,244. The Area manager will then work with safer neighbourhood service on reviewing the current service level agreement.

3.4 **Dearne Development Fund**

At the Area Council on the 21st of May 2021 members approved £30,000 to go into the Dearne development fund. The funds supported four projects that met the Area Councils priorities, Citizens Advice, DIAL, TADS and a contribution towards Goldthorpe Development Groups bounce into summer event. Spending a total of £23, 405, with an underspend from the previous year leaving £11,976.41 in the funds.

It is recommended that members allocate a further £30,000 into the budget in order to meet area priorities.

Officer

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Dearne Area Council Manager

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Date:

11th July 2022

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 11th July 2022

**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 2022/23

The starting budget for 2022/23 is £256,980.34. Finances are already committed to the services, employment and skills, environment, education and volunteering, social inclusion and the housing and cohesion and neighbourhood and engagement officer post. The neighbourhood and engagement officer was successful in securing a part time community development post, therefore the costings previously agreed and allocated to the full time post as now been reduced. Taking all of the above into consideration the amount allocated to these services is £197,277 leaving £59,703.34 to spend on Dearne area priorities during the 2022/23 financial year.

3.2 2021/22 Dearne Development Fund

In the last financial year the funds supported four projects that met the Area Councils priorities, Citizens Advice, DIAL, TADS and a contribution towards Goldthorpe Development Groups bounce into summer event. Spending a total of £23,405 leaving £11,976.41 in the funds.

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

4.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

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Dearne Area Council Manager

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Date: 11th July 2022

Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	
Carry forward	£8,783.34	£56,980	£59,703.34	
Total allocation for year	£208,783.34	£256,980.34	£259,703.34	
Employment and skills	-£33,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	-£34,000
Housing and Cohesion Officer	-£8,441	-£33,277		
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000		
Dearne Development Fund	-£30,000			
Social inclusion	-£27,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	-£28,000
NEO post		-£17,000	-£17,000	
Total spend (actual)	£183,441	£197,277	£79,000	
Practical support grant	+£31,638			
Overall allocation remaining	£56,980.34	£59,703.34	£	

Dearne Development Fund

2021/22 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Approved at the Area Council 24 th May 2021		£30,000	£35,378.41
DIAL	Jan 2022-Dec 2022	£10,235	£25,143.41
CAB	October 2021- October 2022	£8,140	£17,003.41
Goldthorpe Development group	August 2022	£3,000	£14,003.41
TADS	June 2022	£2027	£11,976.41

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**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

- 4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held on 17th May 2022 at Goldthorpe library. The chair welcomed the new Elected member Cllr Janine Bowler who introduced herself as the local Dearne South Councillor. Presentations were given by Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver from Adults Skills & Community Learning with regards training they could provide locally for anyone wanting to improve their skills and training whilst gaining qualifications alongside.

Three funding applications were received and all approved starting with the Bulky rubbish extension for a further 12 months, a small contribution to the shortfall on the hanging baskets in Dearne South and £4000 was agreed to fund projects for the next 12 months around the local priorities.

The Community Development Officer asked the Ward Alliance what potential projects they would like to see in Dearne South. All agreed to fund and support the shake, battle and roll event in Autumn 2022. They would also like to see a Christmas Fayre on St Andrews Square in which Carol stated BODVAG would happily run this with the support of the Ward Alliance members and the community. All agreed to start planning future events at the next meeting in August.

The current action plan is being developed and will be brought to meeting in August to be signed off with project plans to be realised this year.

Community Groups all gave their updates regarding their forthcoming plans and activities.

- 4.2** The Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting was held virtually on 17th May 2022. The chair welcomed the new Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy who introduced herself as the local Dearne North Councillor. Also present was Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver from Adults Skills & Community Learning who gave a presentation with regards the training they could provide locally for anyone wanting to improve their skills and training whilst gaining qualifications alongside.

The focus of the meeting was around forthcoming projects from the action plan and how the Ward Alliance members could support and run these. The Community Development Officer highlighted some potential projects for the summer with using the local green spaces and using some of the Community centres in Dearne North during the summer holidays.

There were four funding applications submitted all approved starting with the bulky rubbish extension for a further 12 months, a small contribution to the shortfall on hanging baskets in Dearne North, Thurnscoe flower Park to hold a 'Pictures in the Park' supported by the area team and finally St Helens church Hall for the jubilee celebrations.

The treasurer gave an update on the balances of the working funds from the budgets Mental Health & wellbeing, environmental, Healthy Holidays and the events in Thurnscoe. The working funds agreed to pay Busy Bees for start up costs from their mental health & wellbeing budget.

Community Groups all gave their updates regarding their forthcoming plans and activities.

- 4.3** 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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Date:
11th July 2022

Dearne South Ward Alliance

Notes taken by secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting title Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time 17.05.2022 Goldthorpe library meeting room (10am - 12pm)

Attendees

Cllr Sam Danforth (Chair)
Cllr Janine Bowler
Marie Sinclair (BMBC CDO)
Alan George (treasurer)
Donna Gregory (minute taker)
Dennis Hogg
Michael Bunting (GDG and caretaker to Goldthorpe Railway embankment group)
Beth Deakin (Project 14)
Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse)
Mick Moore (Dearne allotment group & local Veterans group)

Apologies

Cllr Dorothy Coates
Pat Hubery
Carole Hoyland (BODVAG)
Kelly Burton (Dearne active champion)
Alison Sykes (Salvation army)

Welcomes & introductions

Caroline Oxley & Elaine Oliver

Adults Skills & Community Learning

They're based in Wellington house in Barnsley but offer community learning around the borough.

They gave an informative presentation on what they offer to benefit the wider community, to help them get back into work/ training/ improving skills and gaining confidence. They offer a range of subjects from short courses i.e., first aid, wellbeing courses.

Longer courses are:

Math.... functional skills 1&2 to gcse grades 1-9

Englishfunctional skill 1&2 to gcse grades 1-9

ESOL..... Where English isn't their first language

IT & digital skills....to help build confidence in the new digital age

Working with children and young people- this course is level 1-3 to help become a teaching assistant.

Health & social care- level 1-3 to have the knowledge and skills to work with vulnerable people, the elderly, children & adults with complex needs.

Courses for adults with learning difficulties, these are tailor made to an individual's needs.

Their aim for employability is from writing a c.v to improving skills, 2 weeks work experience, interview techniques, to buying uniform, travel pass for access to work. This follows from them attending their courses and successfully gaining a qualification.

Q&A

SD & JB ...asked about travel expenses, how would that work?

CO & EO ...answered that the student would pay their way, hand in their ticket to reception and they'll have it sorted when their lesson is over in cash.

SD & JB ...both said the problem is having the cash to get there in the first place.

EO ...then replied that is why we want venues within the community. To be able to offer them qualifications within the community if there are enough students interested in the course offered. AG asked about how much first aid training cost?

CO & EO both said depended upon people's circumstances to if payment was due. On some certain benefits its free for a lot of the courses. If you're on jsa, esa , universal credit, (not the support element) then you're able to apply for courses and the benefits included such as childcare placements giving access to learning. In your case AG you would have to pay which is around £65.

MS then said to AG that she was already looking into the ward alliance for first aid training.

MB asked if they were interested in having a stall at the local pop-up market when its open.

EO answered that is the plan to hopefully get people engaged and interested into accessing a course.

Notes From Previous Meeting & any matters arising

Minutes from the previous meeting were moved as a true record

MM moved them

MB 2nd them

New Member Presentation for BMBC priorities and bigger picture.

MS asked what the best day for everyone was to attend a little get together with Dearne north ward alliance.

23rd June between 4pm -6pm venue to be confirmed.

This way we can discuss the priorities for Barnsley 2030 within the borough and welcome new members to the ward alliances such as Cllr Janine Bowler and Dennis Hogg(blades)

Action plan development projects required/ ideas?

Strengthen communities- the pop up Goldthorpe market is going to be open in June until December 2022. With the hopes that the market will fetch in more footfall to help local

businesses thrive. The market is going to be situated on the old horse and groom site next to the library.

Brightening the community- the hanging baskets will be filled with plants and help make the streets look brighter. Helping advertise local businesses and groups that have already paid for the brackets and plaques last year. It's a worthwhile investment year on year to pay for the local businesses as they're getting advertisement as well.

A wide range of subjects were discussed

Fly tipping, (bulky rubbish was mentioned) this was explained that it is targeted to certain houses that need the help. Because before the bulky rubbish scheme was being abused by landlords/ tradesmen/ or whole streets putting everything in. This way if it's targeted then only the household that have permission can use then.

MB mentioned that the council have a service that allows you to get rid of 3 big bulky items for £20 but MS corrected MB by saying it's now £30.

DG mentioned that we as a ward alliance may need to put provisions in for this winter due to the living crisis for bills and food prices rising. DG mentioned foodbanks won't get the donations needed as people won't be able to afford too which foodbanks are likely to close and then where do people go.

DG suggested turning all back gardens into veg boxes

MB mentioned it's the wrong time of year.

DG mentioned for indoor plants

MM mentioned the allotment sells food and how cheap it is and tips they give tips on the produce bought as well

MM also said that it's there to help anyone who wants it

BD mentioned that she is involved in a warm the person not the house project, which is pj, dressing gown and slippers for children. So, they can help keep them warm this winter.

Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and a great project that could be looked at for this year.

Finance ward alliance-balance

2 applications were submitted for the ward alliance to decide upon

1- for bulky rubbish hiring skips worth £1000 for each ward

2-hanging baskets £275

After the discussion the whole ward agreed that both projects were worthy to be funded

After another lengthy discussion the ward agreed that having a community contingency / support fund of £4000 MB moved it, DG 2nd it.

This helps with small amounts of money needed for projects for community groups of budgets up to £200. This allows the WA a working against:

- Training
- Community events
- Environmental
- Community Emergencies

AG- there is so much money ring fenced for the library fund

Money has been paid out for the easter eggs and toilets for the spring event at the embankment. And BODVAG had money for the flags for the jubilee for the square.

As we have agreed to having £4000 put to one side for the community contingency/support fund.

This now leaves the ward with £10,592.00 towards future projects throughout the year.

Group updates

MB – Goldthorpe embankment

Barnsley chronicle is going to do a piece on the volunteering for the embankment.

Network rail cleared the site of rubbish

There is a notice board to be put up when it is open.

The website is nearly completed

BD— Project 14

The talking benches which we have 8 of are nearly finished. They have been causing a stir. With the communities as they thought they were French because of the colors. BD explained that they were a significant color because it was part of the reason project 14 was formed. Eventually the group would want to hold courses for training to help people within the community.

AG– Snaptin

They have a newsletter that goes out for people who're signed up to can see

The group is looking in the future to set up a choir called Angel Voices so may need

To put a funding bid soon. To help set the choir up. They are also looking

At Dearne Astrea to become a board member at some point and to attend meetings. The Snaptin are holding a Christmas activity on 2nd December at Dearne Astrea between 3pm-8pm.

MM– Allotment group

The plants are potted

Wednesday morning between 10am- 12pm they have a cart on Thurnscoe Road they

Sell fruit and veg for 50p to £1.00. They give advice on how to cook the produce and

looking after plants. This helps the volunteers who have complex needs as it builds their confidence and contribution to the community.

MM– Veterans group

MM has set up a Dearne veterans breakfast group.

This helps bring people together who've not seen each other for a while. To help
Get them out of the house and helps them come out of their shell talking about things
And helps with their mental health by talking to one another.

John Healey MP labour shadow defense minister visited the breakfast club.

BD said that she would promote the group on her groups page.

JM— Dearne playhouse

The playhouse has money from the arts council for future events but currently the
Playhouse is having work done to the roof and other building works are in the plans.

Next year is the playhouse's 100 years anniversary to which JM is planning lots of
events. Such as fringe events, festivals. At the minute bounce into summer is to be
held in front of the playhouse.

Sheffield students have helped to design the gardens in front of the playhouse just
waiting on bmbc to approval the plans.

Dates and times of next meeting and venue

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Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 17 th May 2022 – 2pm-3pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Glennis Lingard – resident Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Darryl Hand – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Caroline Oxley - Adult Skills and Community Learning Elaine Oliver - Adult Skills and Community Learning	Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Peter Shields (internet problems)

1. Welcomes & introductions:

Welcome to Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver - Adult Skills and Community Learning

CO – spoke to the group about the range of funded and none funded courses available to people in the Dearne by Adult Skills and Community Learning. She spoke about a range of English, Maths, and ICT Courses. Some are skill courses the others are well-being courses (drawing, painting, positive thinking etc). Some courses are available of a 5-week taster course. They also offer courses on employability and for those with learning disabilities. They also offer business courses such as food safety, health and safety, manual handling, emergency first aid and paediatric first aid. Caroline Oxley spoke about other services such as arranging work experience, childcare or paying for additional courses that they may not offer. They can also provide interview clothing and bus passes. CO informed the ward alliance of their current community plan. Caroline's email is carolineoxley@barnsley.gov.uk and number is 01226 774735.

2. Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising

Minutes agreed

AG – raised the question as to whether Pete was still having issues with PayPal. Peter not present in the meeting. MS agreed to speak to Pete and feedback.

3. New member workshop/presentation (fix up of date)

MS – Marie proposed the possibility of a meeting to look at the Barnsley 2030 plan. Date proposed for Thursday 23rd June at 4pm-6pm (venue to be confirmed)

4. Finance

- Remaining WA budget & any submitted applications:

Deferred from last March –

- *retracted application from mental health mind matters*
- *Church Street crafty sew n sews – Gillian Totty spoke on behalf of Mandy Hazeldine and asked for these applications to be moved forward to next meeting, as she was unable to update.*
- *Chestnut Grove arts & craft sessions - – Gillian Totty spoke on behalf of Mandy Hazeldine and asked for these applications to be moved forward to next meeting, as she was unable to update.*

Discussed at this meeting -

- Pictures in the Park – Marie Sinclair explained she had put an application in to Barnsley better bonds and for the WA to match fund it. 3 films have been decided by the community. Outcome of application from BBB pending. All WA agreed to fund this application.
- Bulky Rubbish Scheme – Marie explained there £585 still left from previous year between both wards. AG asked how much is put in each year. MS - £1000. All WA agreed to fund this application.
- Hanging baskets for DNWA. MS explained about the shortfall in hanging baskets. All WA agreed to fund this application.
- St Helens Church Hall – jubilee celebrations. All WA agreed to fund this application.
- Busy Bees Sewing and Craft Group. MS explained its for £450 for room hire for 20 weeks for 2 hours a week. GT spoke about her worries about potentially already supporting one and then another group been close by. WC said that a lot that live in Park Court, don't use Church Street. It's a different people at each club. MS the working funds are available. AG suggested speaking to the group about the potentially to support for 10 weeks as a hurdle to support the group. All WA agreed to part-fund this application for 50% of the cost for 10 weeks.
- WA Working Funds balance – MS gave update: £1253 in healthy holidays, £751.25 mental health, and well-being. £1500 is now a working budget solely for Thurnscoe. Environmental budget is £1261.26. Total in bank £4765.51. Agreed to take busy bees money from the mental health and well-being fund.

5. Group updates

Big Local Thurnscoe: DB gave update about Thurnscoe Community Plaza. Grand opening is on Sunday 5th June 12pm-4pm. The cabin is now built, and they have a sponsor to connect the water. They are waiting on electricity. Pop-up stalls will be available from the businesses from their business support grants.

Thurnscoe Flower Park: We have had a small magnolia tree stolen and we have done some fundraising to buy a new one which will be much taller.

Berneslai Homes: New team leader in post as a contact for the Dearne. No one attended the Q&A session in the Dearne.

6. AOB

DH – explained that Dearne Cricket Club had approached for sponsors for the team at a cost of £30 per person. The club would offer online promotion of the WA in return. Group agreed not to sponsor any players to avoid any disrepute from other cricket clubs more locally.

DH – explained that 2 businesses had contacted about flag poles on their shop fronts in Thurnscoe. Group agreed it would be late for the jubilee but to look at costs and see if businesses would sponsor their own.

7. Dates & Time of next meeting - Tuesday 26th July 2022 (2pm)



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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Dearne North and South 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 North and South Area.

2.0 Recommendations

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

3.0 Introduction

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

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

4.0 Spend to date

4.1 The **Dearne North Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2022/23 financial year was £11,186.89 this includes the underspend of £1324.89 from the 2021/22 budget. To date they have provided funds to four projects at a cost of £3,220.00 leaving a balance of **£7,966.89**

The **Dearne South Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2022/23 financial year was £15,817.72 this includes the underspend of £5,817.72 from the 2022/23 budget. To date they have provided funds to three projects at a cost of £5,500 leaving a balance of **£10,542.72**

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One: Breakdown of Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Spend

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2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Dearne North Ward Alliance budget

For the 2023 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation - **£138.00 2019/20 SA overspend** + CF £1324.89 from 2021/22
£11,186.89 total available funding

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	March 2023	£1000.00	£10,186.89
002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping	31 st October 2022	£520.00	£9,666.89
003	Thurnscoe Flower Park (Pictures in the Park) run & supported via volunteers & WA members with area team	Aug 2022	£1250.00	£8,416.89
004	St Helens Church Hall (jubilee celebrations)	June 2022	£450.00	£7,966.89

Total spend = £3220.00

Match funded = £450.00

Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £5817.72 from 2021/23 **£15,817.72 total available funding**

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	31 st March 2023	£1000.00	£14,817.72
002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping	31 st October 2022	£275.00	£14,542.72
003	Community Support funding pot (DSWA projects/priorities)	31.03.2023	£4000.00	£10,542.72

Total spend = £5,500.00

Match funded = £0.00

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