

<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 5 September 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 11th July, 2022 (Dac.05.09.2022/2) *(Pages 3 - 8)*

### Items for Discussion

- 3 B:Friend Update (Dac.05.09.2022/3)
- 4 Young People - Angie Kelly (Dac.05.09.2022/4)
- 5 Welfare Reform Review (Dac.05.09.2022/5) *(Pages 9 - 10)*

### Performance

- 6 Quarter 1 Performance Report (Dac.05.09.2022/6) *(Pages 11 - 24)*

### Items for Information

- 7 Dearne Area Council Update on Commissions (Dac.05.09.2022/7) *(Pages 25 - 26)*
- 8 Finance Update (Dac.05.09.2022/8) *(Pages 27 - 32)*

### Ward Alliances

- 9 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.05.09.2022/9) *(Pages 33 - 38)*  
Dearne South Ward Alliance, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022  
Dearne North Ward Alliance, held on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022
- 10 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.05.09.2022/10) *(Pages 39 - 42)*

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  
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Thursday 25 August 2022



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

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Coates (Chair), Bellamy, Bowler and Danforth

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

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

### 2 Minutes of the Dearne Area Council Meeting held on 17th January, 2022 (Dac.11.7.2022/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the Dearne Area Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, the notes of the informal meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and the minutes of the inquorate meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

#### RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record;
- (ii) that the notes of the informal meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be noted; and
- (iii) that the minutes of the inquorate Dearne Area Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 3 Dearne Electronic Community Village Update - Rory Garforth

Rory Garforth, Dearne Electronic Village Ltd, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members were updated on the Assisted Employment Project. 25 learners had received support since April, 2022 with all session taking place at the Lifelong Learning Centre, Thurnscoe Library. All learners who joined received an initial assessment on IT, Maths and English and following that an individual learning plan was put in place.

Members heard how 6 learners had passed their courses since joining in April, 2022 and how that number was expected to increase. Work to aid learners in searching for jobs had also been undertaken in order to meet the requirements of the Job Centre. It was reported that the awarding body would be changing from OCR to Pearson due to them removing their digital skills qualifications.

Around 7 learners had gone on to find employment varying from customer service advisor, care worker, gardener and teaching assistant, amongst others. It was reported that 2 volunteers had started post lockdown.

It was reported that the project had been funded for 3 days per week, but that an additional grant from a different pot of money had been successful resulting in a further 2 days being funded bringing the capacity to the full 5 days per week. Member enquired as to how many people were seen within the working week and it was reported that around 25 people were seen a week on either a one to one basis or in small groups of up to 3 people and that most people seen were referrals from the Job Centre or via advertisements on social media.

Members were informed that the most needed courses of English and maths had previously been delivered through Dearne Valley College but that had ceased and conversations were ongoing with Adult Learning in order to provide these courses going forward.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation and update and that Rory be thanked for all his hard work.

#### **4 Twigg's Grounds Maintenance Update - John Twigg**

John Twigg and Adam Roberts from Twigg's Grounds Maintenance Ltd, were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were provided with an update on the work undertaken and informed that for the quarter 53 new volunteers had started equating to 285 overall and totalling 1,145 volunteer hours giving a social return of £15,625.85.

It was reported that 46 sessions had been held with 11 existing community groups but that no new groups were being formed and that some older groups were diminishing. 9 collaboration events had taken place with businesses and Berneslai Homes and 366 sacks of waste had been taken away with 4 cases of flytipping being reported back to the council.

Members questioned whether Twigg's had been able to cover all contracted hours with the information regarding being without a member of staff due to injury, it was reported that whilst all hours could not be covered fully, the main events and requests for works were being covered in the area. It was also reported that a schedule of works had been created from the Barnsley MBC Neighbourhoods service which had helped in avoiding duplication or missing something.

The issue around removal of purple volunteer bags and whose responsibility it was to oversee that was raised, members were informed that this was the responsibility of Neighbourhood Services but that Twigg's had helped out during the pandemic to remove purple sacks as and when required.

Members queried the level of training given to new volunteers, whether training on how to deal with sharps for example was provided. It was reported that there was no specific training course but that an informal chat was provided on handing over the volunteer packs.

Members were informed of the positive change in the upsurge in number of volunteers that had been seen since the start of the project in 2014, when it was reported that people had to be enticed in to help and now people voluntarily came forward.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given to John Twigg and Adam Roberts for the presentation and update and all the hard work the Twiggs Team were doing in the Dearne Area.

## **5 Best Bar None Awards - Darryl Hand**

Darryl Hand, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to provide members with an update on the Best Bar None Scheme.

Members were informed that the Best Bar None Scheme was a national accreditation scheme regulated by the Home Office. In total 9 venues had been accredited in the Dearne Area and around 16 had been identified in total but that there had been insufficient time to have them all accredited. Officers had identified a number of other venues to include in the future scheme such as cricket clubs and footballs clubs.

Members queried how venues became accredited and were informed that there was a list of 90 questions, mostly set by a national team but that some local schemes had been included such as pub watch which is a local safeguarding scheme. Out of the 9 accreditations, 6 of those venues also received awards at the awards evening.

For those venues that had either none or very few of the standards such as first aid training, public liability cover or a licence to record people on CCTV, a number of visits and information had been passed onto them in order to get them up to standard. Plans were in place to review what could be improved upon and that venues were already in contact who wished to take part in the future. Councillors requested a copy of the Best Bar None criteria and information packs that were distributed to licensees.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given to Darryl for the update and all the hard work that had been undertaken in pulling together the Best Bar None scheme in the area.

## **6 Future Commissioning Report (Dac.11.7.2022/6)**

The Area Manager introduced the item, referring to the Tackling the Environment commission provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance which was due to end in March, 2023.

Members were informed of the choices they had going forward which were outlined in the report and also how some aspects of the specification had changed for the new commission. In considering the choices set out for the service, members were minded to choose Option B to recommission the service at a cost of £90,000 per annum with an up lift of 3% for the second year.

Members attention was then drawn to the Housing and Cohesion Officer post funded by the Area Council which was due to end in March, 2023. Members were provided

with the 2 options set out in the report and informed that if at any time the Area Council wished to cease with the commission of the officer then any redundancy costs would be covered by the Safer Neighbourhood Service.

In considering the options members reiterated the importance of the proactive role in the Dearne Area and were minded to choose Option B to commission the post for 2 years at a cost of £33,277 for the first year and £33,967 for the second year.

Members were provided with an update on the Dearne Development Fund and requested to approve a further £30,000 into the budget from the Area Council Funds in order to approve projects that meet with the Area Council priorities in a timely manner. Following the publication of the report a further grant had been approved leaving a total of £5,976.41 in the pot.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the options set out in the report for future Dearne Area Council commissions be noted;
- (ii) that the specification for the Tackling the Environment Commission be approved and that approval be given to procure this service for 2 years at a cost of £90,000 for the first year with a 3% uplift in the second year;
- (iii) that the Housing and Cohesion Officer service level agreement be approved for a further 2 years at a cost of £33,277 for the first year and £33,967 for the second year; and
- (iv) that the allocation of £30,000 into the Dearne Development Fund budget be approved.

**7 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.11.7.2022/7)**

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

From a starting balance of £256,980.34, after all allocated spending of £197,277 on various commissions leaving a total of £59,703.34 to spend on Dearne area priorities during the 2022/23 financial year.

In addition members were updated on the Dearne Development which had since commissioned a further grant of £6,000 leaving a total of £5,976.41.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances held on 17th May, 2022 (Dac.11.7.2022/8)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

Dearne South had received a presentation from Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver from Adults, Skills and Community Learning with regards to training that could be provided locally for residents wishing to improve their skills and training whilst gaining qualifications. Three applications for funding had been received including the bulky rubbish extension. The planning of future events was underway with the funding of a Shake Rattle and Roll event and a Christmas event in St Andrews Square.

Dearne North had remained a virtual meeting and the newly elected member was welcomed and Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver had attended to provide members with the same update as had been presented to the Dearne South Ward Alliance. Focus was primarily around forthcoming projects from the action plan and how that could be supported by Alliance Members. Four applications for funding had been submitted and approved including bulky rubbish extension for 12 months, hanging baskets contribution, Thurnscoe Flower Park to hold 'Pictures in the Park' supported by the area team and St Helen's church hall for jubilee celebrations.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received

## **9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.11.7.2022/9)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report circulated.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance had a starting budget for the 2022/23 financial year of £11,186.89 which included an underspend of £1,324.89 from the 2021/22 budget. Four projects had been supported totalling £3,220.00 leaving a balance of £7,966.89.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance had a starting balance of £15,817.72 for the 2022/23 financial year which included an underspend of £5,817.72 from the 2021/22 budget. Three projects had been supported at a cost of £5,500 leaving a balance of £10,542.72.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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Chair

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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Dearne Area Council Meeting:  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Report of Dearne Area Council  
Manager**

**Welfare Reform Review**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To apprise Members of locality-based review of welfare services provision.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1. **Members refer to sections 3 to 7 of this report and discuss, with additional insights from the anti-poverty priority working group.**

2.2. **Members review the options available, section 8 and agree the preferred option for the Dearne Area.**

2.3. **An Area Council workshop is arranged to take forward the preferred option.**

**3. Background**

3.1. BMBC, through our Healthier Communities Service, currently funds a town centre-based core welfare provision offering information, advice and guidance.

3.2. Across the borough a range of different provision is currently in place to support communities. This provision is funded by both Area Council's and Ward Alliances. The provision varies significantly in terms of scale across the borough.

3.3. The feasibility of a universal borough wide hub and spoke model was explored through a review led by colleagues in Healthier Communities, but the funding is not available in order to expand the existing centrally commissioned provision. However, the potential efficiency in commissioning practice was identified as we currently have several different commissioning arrangements.

3.4. The Area Councils have been requested to review their arrangements for the commissioning and procurement of welfare services to determine whether there is any efficiency which can be derived from a more coordinated approach.

3.5. Dearne currently have a contract with CAB until October 2022 and DIAL until December 2023 both are paid for through the Dearne Development Fund.

#### **4. Area Council Provision**

All Area Councils have provided data for all locality-based advice services to evidence the level of demand in each area in order to steer the initial review. The data that was provided covers the periods 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, and indicates there has been demand for advice services across the borough during these periods.

The data shows a significant increase in utilisation between 2019/20 and 2020/21, which is maintained in the first half of 2021/22. As the increase coincides with the covid pandemic, it is assumed that this is either due to services being able to accept more referrals when not providing face to face clinic, and/or, an increase in demand linked to issues relating to the pandemic. Within the Dearne, welfare advice services operate 13 hours per week and during 2021 had 746 cases. It is anticipated that requests for such services will increase due to the increase in costs that many families are facing.

#### **5. Opportunities identified**

- 5.1. Combined commissioning provides an opportunity to condense the management fees
- 5.2. Encourage collaborative tendering by providers to co-deliver
- 5.3. The providers are all operating to the same standards and are AQS accredited.
- 5.4. The 'approved provider' list is concise.
- 5.5. Standardised collection of performance data to compare data between different areas.

#### **6. Threats identified**

- 6.1. The increase in the cost of living will require an uplift in contract value when contracts are renewed to ensure the same standards of provision can be maintained or reduced delivery expectations to reflect the financial envelope.

#### **7. Options**

- 7.1. Do not continue to fund a locality-based welfare provision service
- 7.2. Continue to commission a welfare provision service for the Dearne Area on an independent cycle, based on local need through the Dearne Development Fund
- 7.3. Align commissioning cycles and procure provision for multiple areas in one process, using different lots for individual area councils.

#### **8. Next Steps**

- 8.1. The Area Manager will arrange a further workshop to work up a delivery model for the priority, with the support of specialist officers.

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**Date:**  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

April to June  
2022

Dac.05.09.2022/6

# Dearne Area Council Performance Report



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Dearne Area Council  
Dearne North, Dearne South

# Area Council Priorities

The providers listed 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	2030
Twiggs	Environmental, volunteering and education service	£85,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2023		
B:friend	Social connectivity	£28,000 per annum	Funded until end of July 2025		
Dearne electronic community village	Employability	£34,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		
BMBC	Private Sector Housing Enforcement	£33,227 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		

# Commissions

**TWIGGS**  
Grounds Maintenance LTD



The quarter started with The Great British Spring Clean which along with the good weather helped increase volunteer numbers and participation. The work that took place had a positive impact on the environment and the social interaction also an impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities. Community efforts were boosted with work in the lead up to Easter events and celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with volunteer groups, and community organisations.

# Twiggs



286 volunteers worked with on events

53 new volunteers

1140 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

366 rubbish bags filled

12 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

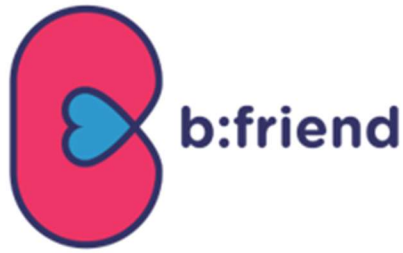
4 fly tipping cases reported



## Carrfield Primary Academy

Pupils were taught how to create habitat piles to encourage wildlife, horticulture management as well as general grounds management. The upskilling sessions ran throughout the spring and summer terms on the school grounds and also in the community. In total 13 sessions took place with between 20-30 pupils attending each and volunteers helping out on the bigger projects. As well as the skills learnt the sessions 77 sacks of rubbish were also collected and removed.





The social clubs in Thurnscoe and Bolton are now stable for the first time in a couple of year with around 20 attending each session. The new group aimed at providing for men is now on the way to becoming established with most of the meetings taking place at the Snap Tin but the location will continue to be flexible to encourage more men to join. There's has been a dip in the number of in volunteers coming forward this has been noticed in the other areas b:friend work so is not only a Dearne issue. Work has started to address this including an advertising feature in the Weekender. Work continued with existing community groups. A new link has been built with Robert Ogden with students helping in Bolton as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. B:friend's work was also recognised with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in this quarter.

# b:friend



98 isolating older neighbours supported

418 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions

65 hours of staff visits/calls

48 volunteers

8 new volunteers

52 hours of group social activities





## Muriel



Muriel used to attend the Thurnscoe Social club in 2019, but had to stop coming as her mobility was declining. She wasn't initially sure if she wanted a befriender but after experiencing isolation during the first lockdowns she changed her mind. Muriel was paired with Lisa over the telephone and they met in person after a few weeks. The pair hit it off straight away and have been friends for a year now. Muriel has said that 1:1 befriending has made such a difference to her as it has given her a new friend and something to look forward to each week. Muriel admits that she is quite a shy person and that she wasn't sure if this would work for her but she is so glad she gave it a chance. Muriel says "it's a lovely relationship we've got. She's so genuine It really has made a difference to me"



The three days a week of class learning is fully booked, those unable to attend in person due to health issues have dedicated phone/internet support. The number of new enrolments continues to increase, as footfall in the library returns and the DWP start to return to face to face with clients. All learners are signed up for the Learn My Way and Make it Click resources in partnership with the in partnership with Good Things Foundation to provide extra employability skills. Due to the close nature of learning additional help with PIP/Council tax/Housing advice is provided and referral made to other services for example DIAL

Barnsley. In the autumn, OCR will no longer offer an ICT qualification all learners currently on the course will complete the qualification suitable alternatives are being explored at the equivalent level 1 and 2.

# DECV



24 people learning

6 learner achieving qualifications

6 learners into employment

6 learners into further training



## Paul

Paul worked in a factory/warehouse for the past 30 years doing physical work. After he was made redundant through ill health he can no longer do those demanding tasks.

He knew that his very basic IT skills would need to be improved and qualifications would be key to securing work in the future. Paul was initially quite nervous when he enrolled, this was the first learning he had done in quite some time and he had bad learning experience in the past.

He is now working towards a level 2 qualification has created a CV and using all the major job sites to search and apply for roles. His new skills also allow him to report on his journal on the DWP website.

Paul says: "I didn't really think I needed that much help as I know a few basics. After an hour with Rory I realised there's so much more to learn, especially as I'd like employment which may use computers in the future. I am about to start my Level 2 and job search is now going well and I can also do this at home. Brill, thanks Rory and all at the library."





# Private Sector Housing Enforcement

A new officer came into post part way through this quarter. As such this has been the start of a learning period but whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering have been dealt with in this quarter. There has been a particular issues with waste on permises, fly tipping. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice. A monthly drop in session at the Salvation Army in Goldthorpe has been established to assist on issues work will continue to build relationships with residents, the community and partners.

## Housing Enforcement



66 reports made

7 properties improved

12 people helped into positive changes

95 fly tipping reported

10 houses supported to responsibly  
recycle or dispose waste

12 houses making improvements after  
first contact

## Case Study

A proactive walkabout in Bolton upon Dearne revealed a rear garden that was badly overgrown with items of furniture dumped and a large amount of loosely bagged household waste. Rats and other vermin had already been reported and this property was likely one of the biggest contributors to the issue.

Investigations from the Private Sector Housing & Environment Officer showed that, on balance, the tenant was the stumbling block to the issue being resolved. Following negotiations and appropriate time an enforcement order was placed on the tenant which was followed soon after resulting in the waste being removed. This helped build a good relationship with the landlord who thanked the officer for helping solve the issues.

# Waste on Premises



# 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. Most advice has is still being delivered by Adviceline and email services.

# Barnsley Citizens Advice

137 people supported

269 issues raised

£4,488 of benefits claimed

£7,825 of debt managed in last 3  
quarters



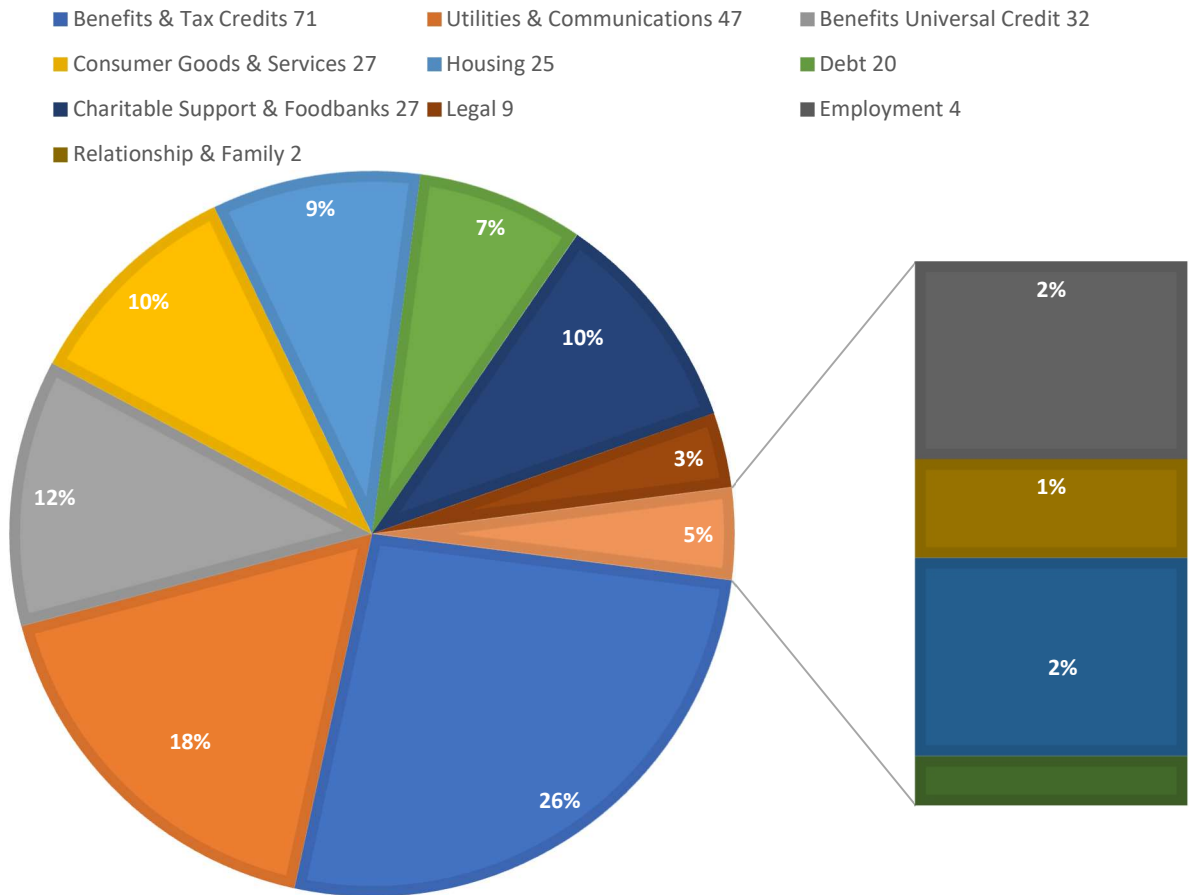
## Supporting



## Case study

Sandra employed some contractors to complete a couple of jobs in her house but there was a nagging sense of doubt that these workmen weren't legitimate. She feared that they were fabricating difficulties and extra tasks to demand more money from her. She decided to contact Citizens Advice Barnsley to see if they could suggest ways to remedy her situation. The adviser reassured Sandra that raising concerns and reporting work that might be unsafe was the right thing to do - particularly items like gas appliances, where there could be real danger resulting from poor standards of workmanship. He also offered her help in reporting them to Trading Standards if that became necessary. This advice and support gave Sandra the confidence to go back to the contractors with the knowledge that she knew the legal situation and able to return to Citizens Advice Barnsley if needed.

## CAB ISSUES DELT WITH



DIAL reduces 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 reintroducing face to face outreach sessions which started in June. 63 people received comprehensive telephone advice 26 were helped to fill in forms over the phone and 22 people were seen in person. DIAL also introduced safe and well checks to support vulnerable residents who were either shielding or self-isolating. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £23 into the Dearne.

# DIAL

# Barnsley



111 enquires made this quarter

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

£91,790 benefits claims supported

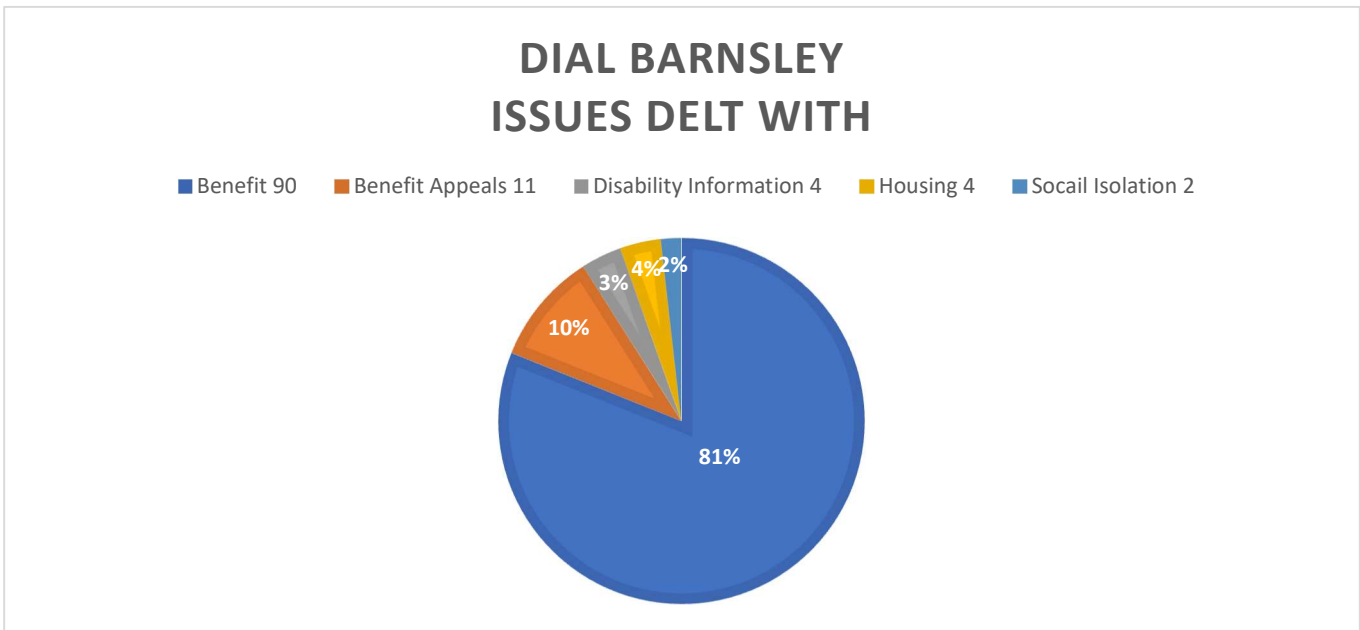
## Supporting



## Case study

Mrs S is 55 years old has multiple physical illnesses and mental health issues. Her daughter is her care giver as she struggles with mobility. She had been through the PIP process but was only awarded a small amount with the assessor not fully understanding her conditions she felt. DIAL looked over her circumstances and agreed that her care needs and walking difficulties were not fully taken into account. She was supported through the appeals process and awarded the standard rate of £61.85 a week.

Mrs S said: ““I was very upset when my PIP wasn’t awarded. The DIAL adviser was great. He went through the case with me and helped me to explain to them why I disagreed with their decision. This gave me the confidence to see it through.”



## Goldthorpe Development Group

The Older Generation Get Together events continue to be buffet style but to allow a COVID safe environment for volunteers and guests. As well as the usual entertainment the March meeting the Violence Reduction Unit, from the South Yorkshire Police attended. They gave a presentation and listened to concerns and worries to feedback the local issues.

# Older Generation Get Together

143 people attending

29 volunteers assisting





# Supporting



# Case study

There was no event in April due to Easter but events took place in May and June. There are now a good group of volunteers who help at the events, all willing to take up their assigned roles and help the event go smoothly. The May meeting was a VE celebration which was so well attended that the event was at capacity. This was ideal as the 'Winter Warmer' pack were being distributed by the group thanks to funding from the Dearne Area Team via their Local Support Grant (additional government money) these will hopefully make the coming winter more comfortable. Entertainment was 1940's themed and the performer Lady Kingsnorth made a very good impression on everyone. The June meeting was a Platinum Jubilee Party and was once again an enjoyable afternoon with great feedback from those attending.

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Commissioning update**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to receive an update with regards Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members receive the update on the Dearne Area Council commissions.

**3.0 Area Council commissions**

**3.1 Social inclusion service**

The social connectivity service specification was agreed at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. B:Friend will continue to deliver their one to one befriending and social groups in the Dearne area. This service will run from July 2022- end of June 2025. Mike Niles who established the project has now left the organisation and Colette Bunker is now in post and will oversee this contract.

**3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer**

The Dearne Area Council approved the housing and cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025. The new Housing and cohesion officer started in post in July 2022 and has been working around some of the suggested areas as well as working with other groups and partners. Amendments have now been made to the service level agreement and signed off by the Area Chair, Area Manager and Group Leader for Housing Management, Regulation & Service Improvement.

**3.3 Assisting employment and skills**

Dearne Electronic Community Village were the successful provider of the employability contract. The contract runs from the end of March 2022 for three years. The Area Team have been assisting in the recruitment of new committee members.

### 3.4 **Neighbourhood and engagement officer role**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 members of the Dearne Area Council approved a further two years for the Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer role. This role is now in place until the end of March 2024. The officer as also secured a permanent part time community development officer post therefore costings allocated from the Area Council for the NEO role will be less than projected. The officer as been working with local businesses, groups and individuals. Over the summer months the team have been instrumental in bring people together at various events, such as pictures in the park and healthy holidays programme.

### 3.5 **Environmental service**

The current contract delivered by Twiggs is due to end in six months. At various workshops and approved at the Area council in July 2022 the service specification for a future service is now complete and has been shared with the procurement team. A procurement timeline will be brought to the next Area Council.

**Officer**

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**Date:**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL****DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 5<sup>th</sup> September 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. 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 has now been reduced. In July 2022 the Area Council also committed £30,000 to the Dearne development Fund. Taking all of the above into consideration the amount allocated to these services is £227,686 leaving £27,552.34 to spend on Dearne area priorities during the 2022/23 financial year.

**3.2 2023/24 committed spend**

In the next financial year the Area Council have allocated £202,777 of the commissioning budget in order to pay for employment and skills, housing officer, environmental service, social inclusion and the neighbourhood and engagement officer post. Leaving £24,775.34 in the commissioning budget.

**3.3 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 and the older persons get together. In July the Area Council agreed a further £30,000 to be

put into the fund and Dial was successful in their application to run for a further year, leaving £25,488.41 in the Dearne development fund.

4.0 See Appendix one for financial breakdown

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

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## Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000		
Carry forward	£8,783.34	£55,238.34	£27,552.34		
<b>Total allocation for year</b>	<b>£208,783.34</b>	<b>£255,238.34</b>	<b>£227,552.34</b>		
Employment and skills April-end of March	-£33,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	
Housing and Cohesion Officer Jan -end of March	-£10,183	-£33,186	-£33,277	£33,967	
Dearne Clean & Tidy April-end of March	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£90,000	-£92,700	
Dearne Development Fund	-£30,000	-£30,000			
Social inclusion July-end of June	-£27,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	
NEO post, May- end of April		-£17,500	-£17,500		
<b>Total spend (actual)</b>	£185,183	£227,686	£202,777	£188,667	
Practical support grant	+£31,638				
<b>Overall allocation remaining</b>	<b>£55,238.34</b>	<b>£27,552.34</b>	<b>£24,775.34</b>		

### Dearne Development Fund

2022/23 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Approved at the Area Council 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 BITS	August 2022	£3,000	£14,003.41
TADS	June 2022	£2,027	£11,976.41
Goldthorpe Development group older persons event	July 2022-23	£6,000	£5,976.41
Approved at the Area Council 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022		£30,000	£35,976.41
DIAL	Jan 2023-dec 2023	£10,488	£25,488.41

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## BARNSELY 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**

- 4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at Heather Court Flats in Bolton on Dearne. Presentations were given by Andrea Spencer Membership & Engagement Officer at Barnsley Hospital Trust & Governor Malcom Gibson who highlighted a need for representation from the Dearne area, after their presentation 5 members of the Ward Alliance signed up, booklets were also handed out for the community to sign up.

Kevin Frisby the Housing & Enforcement officer gave an update on the issues in Dearne South that he's been dealing with, he's new to the role and spoke about the work he's putting in place to try and help families & individuals through educating them on recycling and referrals through the bulky rubbish scheme. He will be around the community over next few months attending several events so anyone can approach him for advice & support

Two funding applications were submitted for recommendation one from The Snaptin Community Hub towards rides at their Christmas Fayre many of the WA members had to 'declare an interest' due to them being on the board of the Community Hub – AG stated that some of the information was incorrect, so the application was deferred and sent back for more information. The 2<sup>nd</sup> application for Dearne Sports Bowling Club for £980 for external lights in which needed to be replaced – all were in favour of this application being approved.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance action plan was officially agreed and signed off and will now be worked on through projects and initiatives against the area priorities set by the Ward Alliance.

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

- 4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting was held virtually on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Presentations were given by Andrea Spencer membership & engagement officer at Barnsley hospital Trust & Governor Malcom Gibson who highlighted a need for representation from the Dearne area – Andrea agreed to send emails to all members on the Ward Alliance after the meeting for anyone wishing to sign up.

The Community Development Officer spoke in depth about the action plan reading through the priorities after sending the plan out a month before for all the members to have a detailed look at how projects and initiatives would now be worked up around their priorities over the next few months. The members agreed sub groups would a great way to start on themed priorities, the Chair thanked the officer for their hard work and stated what an in depth good plan of action had been delivered.

Two applications were submitted for recommendation from the Dearne Area Team for £988 to address the pride priority on environmental clean & green ensuring that any benches, railings, bridges that could be safely cleaned and painted could be done with the help of the local volunteers and businesses – all agreed this application. The 2<sup>nd</sup> application from Crafty Chestnuts was deferred sue to information been requested around their social media/marketing of products.

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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# Dearne South Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES – by Secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting Title:	Heathercourt flats Bolton on Dearne
Date & Time:	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2022 10am till 12pm

Attendees	Apologies
Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer) Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Janine bowler (Local Elected member) Alan George (treasurer) Donna Gregory (secretary) Pat Hubery (business owner/Dearne South resident) Michael Moore (allotment group/veterans' group) Denise Hogg (blades) Beth Deakin (project 14) Caroline Hoyland (B.O.D.V.A.G)  Guest speaker - Andrea Spencer and community governor rep Malcolm – NHS Barnsley Hospital Trust	Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (salvation army) Twiggs Cllr Dorothy Coates

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

Andrea Spencer membership & engagement officer Barnsley hospital Trust  
Malcom Gibson Governor Barnsley hospital Trust

AS gave a detailed presentation on what her job role entailed. Stating her job is to recruit new members for the hospital. Anyone can be a member but only a few can be governors to the hospital. She gave out paperwork for people to apply to be members of the hospital. She gave everyone a booklet showing what being a member and the council of governor's role was.

MG gave his presentation on what it's like to be a governor or part of the council of governors is which he is part of. Their meetings are all over zoom and he enjoys being part of the team. He did express that any help in learning and progressing the NHS put you on any training needed to help aid in being a governor.

Everyone was impressed with what both had to say, and no one knew anyone could be a member of the trust. People signed to become members as AS had said no one in the Dearne were a member but with this one meeting alone quite a few showed they were interested.

Safer neighbourhoods team Kevin Frisby gave a detailed report of his job role and what he brings and helps the community out with. As ex-police officer he knows the struggles people have mentally and physically and likes to treat people with respect and give people the benefit if the doubt if they need help. Everyone had a word with the issues locally and he discussed at length for what he was able to do within his job role and what it entailed.

### **2. Apologies as stated above**

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising AG** and MM true record

**4. Area council update** – due to Cllr Coates apologies from family matters the Area Council update will be deferred until next meeting

**5. Action plan for 2030** for all ward alliances a detailed update from MS on the whole work to do with the Barnsley plan and how it'll work for the future and which areas needed work and which didn't. Everyone had an input on what needs doing and which areas to do. AG and DH said about the shutters up Goldthorpe and for a mural to be put onto them. A long discussion happened afterwards, and everyone had an input onto what impact or lack of would likely happen.

**6. Finance**

Dearne South Ward Alliance working funds - AG gave a detailed report on the ward alliance funds

Working funds and a reactive fund of £4000, there was £633 for the library ring fenced from before covid, Healthy holidays £1195.01

Dearne South Ward Alliance finances Balance from last meeting £10,542.72

- Application from Snaptin Community Hub to provide a Christmas fayre for monies towards rides on the day but the application was then withdrawn as the figures were incorrect – AG to ask Stacey to resubmit once all figures are right.
- The prospect Road Dearne bowling club applied form for 4 spotlights for £880.00 this was approved was approved by majority however discussions took place regarding the memberships and publicity for matches and new people to join.
- **Balance after agreed applications today - £9662.72**

**7. Group updates**

**BODVAG...CH.** Christmas fayre 2022 if enough volunteers come forward, MS stated area team could help with organising this alongside the group.

**PROJECT 14...BD** ...we're having a charity match to raise funds and I've other things in the pipework which once ironed out I'll let everyone know about.

**Snaptin community hub** ...AG we're having a Christmas fayre at Astrea Dearne on 2<sup>nd</sup> December where Father Christmas will be for the children and other stalls of local trades and charities

**Veterans club** ...MM the breakfast club is doing well, and they all enjoy meeting up

**8. AOB** – MS reminded everyone for volunteers required for the breakfast Clubs in Dearne South

**9. Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022** - Venue to be confirmed

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 2pm-3.30pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Glennis Lingard – resident Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Guest speaker - Andrea Spencer and community governor rep Malcolm – NHS Barnsley Hospital Trust	Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Peter Shields (internet problems) Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Twiggs Kevin Frisby BMBC Housing Enforcement

### 1. Welcomes & introductions:

- Welcome to Andrea Spencer from Barnsley NHS Hospital trust

Andrea highlighted the membership strategy and its effectively engaging with members of the hospital trust and the governors that can be questioned on any matters arising for the Hospital, Andrea gave a good insight into the overall picture for Foundation Trusts in 2021 is one of change, with continuing operational and financial pressures lessening the resource available to develop and engage membership. The impact of these pressures, together with difficult financial choices in healthcare delivery and new models of care, give a renewed importance to ensuring that the public understand and are engaged with the changes being made which membership can be key to delivering – hence requiring more and more members to help check and challenge any processes along the way and give their initial thoughts and ideas and raise any questions that might need addressing. Their vision is to develop an actively engaged and vibrant membership. Over the next three years ideally making a fundamental step change in how they engage and involve their current & new members, building a more active membership and giving members a voice in shaping how the organisation works – followed by Q&A- Action Marie to send all paperwork from Andrea after meeting for anyone who wishes to sign up

Twiggs passed on late apologies due to staffing issues – short discussion took place on matters around environmental issues in the community. AG will address these before/at the next Area Council meeting.

### Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising

- All Minutes agreed

### 2. WA trustee roles renewal

Cllr Gardiner asked the members if anyone would take on the role as treasurer to allow Charlotte Williams to step down from the role, MS also asked for a secretary – no one came forward so outcome was for MS to devise a poster for secretary

### 3. Finance

AG – Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance **£7966.89** after 4 applications have been approved 2022/23 with a match fund of £450.00 against volunteer time

MS – DNWA working funds - MHW (mental health & wellbeing) £146.32, Healthy holidays £392.00, Thurnscoe activity fund, £1200.00, Thurnscoe environmental fund £448.00

*2 applications submitted –*

Crafty Chestnuts £556.41 applied for funds to assist in the purchasing of heat press, laptop and public liability to start up their groups – brief discussion took place with concerns about its social media presence and already making funds through the selling of merchandise made by a group member already – decisions – ***deferred for request of more information on their finances and sustainability of the group***

Dearne Area Team - £988 to purchase equipment to enable volunteers and local residents/staff to paint the railings, bridges and areas within parks/social green spaces in Dearne North – ***all agreed to fund***

#### **4. Action Plan completion with projects required**

AG – asked all the Ward Alliance members if they had read and understood their role and actions needed to work against the plan, MS advised the Alliance that this will form plans for the next 12 months against the area priorities, everyone thanked MS for her work and all agreed it's a really good plan to work on and delivery the actions agreed. MS will start putting plans in place and set up sub groups to help with forthcoming projects – discussion was had around what everyone

#### **5. Group updates**

**Big Local Thurnscoe:** DB gave a brief update on the plaza and the removal of the container due to anti social behaviour, the board are looking to be holding further events once the dust settles.

**Thurnscoe Flower Park:** PP stated that the Pictures in the Park event had been a complete success and thanked Marie & Darryl for their hard work and support in getting a first for the park on the map, it's something the park volunteers would love to run again. Pauline gave an update on the marvellous work the volunteers have been doing over the spring and summer and was looking forward to the Autumn and some well-deserved rain!

**Salvation Army:** Jackie gave an update on the issues that they are having from their families and individuals already feeling the pinch with cost of living crisis. They are seeing their food banks increase daily and the issues keep coming more for energy, Jackie & Alison have secured fundings from the Housing Support Grant to help families/individuals on low incomes and also on breadline – anyone who needs help they are more than happy to see. More in depth discussions were had around how we can help our local people to get through the next few months

#### **6. AOB - NONE**

#### **7. Dates & Time of next meeting - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2pm Teams**

**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 five projects at a cost of £4,208.00 leaving a balance of **£6978.89**

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 four projects at a cost of £6,155.00 leaving a balance of **£9662.72**

**5.0 Appendix**

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

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## 2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For the 2023 financial year the Dearne North & Dearne south Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

### Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

£10,000 base allocation + CF £5817.72 from 2021/22     **£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	March 2023	£1000.00	£14,817.72
002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	£275.00	£14,542.72
003	Community support funds – to fund, run & support projects & initiatives throughout Dearne South	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	£4000.00	£10,542.72
004	Dearne Sports Bowling Club (Prospect Rd)	31.12.2022	£880.00	£9,662.72

**Total spend = £6155.00**

**Match funded = £880.00**

### Dearne North Ward Alliance 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 <sup>st</sup> 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	£8416.89
004	St Helens Church Hall (jubilee celebrations)	June 2022	£450.00	£7966.89
005	Bridge/metal painting improvements in Dearne North	March 2023	£988.00	£6978.89

**Total spend = £4208.00**

**Match funded = £1438.00**

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