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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council		
DATE:	Monday 20 March 2023		
TIME:	2.00 pm		
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library		

AGENDA

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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- To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager Laura Hammerton, Early Start and Families Strategy and Service Manager Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities Julia Burrows, Executive Director Public Health and Communities

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Friday 10 March 2023

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Dac.20.3.2023/2

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MINUTES

Present

Councillors Coates (Chair), Bellamy, Bowler and Danforth

10 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

11 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 11th July, 2022 (Dac.05.12.2022/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on the 11 July 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

12 B:Friend Update

Jenny Pitman (Project Leader – B:Friend) delivered an update, accompanied by Colette Bunker (CEO – B:Friend).

It was celebrated that the group had received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, presented in December 2022 in Thurnscoe.

Members noted that the local clubs in Thurnscoe and Bolton upon Dearne were thriving and that one Thurnscoe club had began to attract a cohort of male participants, notable as typical participants were female. During Member discussion it was suggested that engagement with long-established male friendship groups could prove a useful mechanism to establishing a more representative gender split in the groups.

The Project Leader advised that a notable number of one-to-one befriending pairings had been established for a period of over one year.

It was noted that volunteer recruitment was a challenge and that volunteer social events were planned to combat this.

The Cost-of-Living Crisis was discussed at length and whether this was evident in the organisation's work. It was advised that there had been no impact on group footfall and that the suggested donation of £2 was continuing to be received. During Member discussion, it was suggested this financial contribution could be a barrier to attendance and that subsidisation could be explored as an option if required. Participants were being monitored to see if they were utilising the venues for warmth

and were being offered left over refreshments at the conclusion of sessions. It was scheduled for the Council Warm Homes Team to visit groups in January 2023.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

13 Young People Update

Jade Beever (Early Intervention and Prevention Worker) delivered an update.

It was advised that the Junior, Senior and Additional Needs groups were all wellattended. The service was working on several projects, as follows:

- A project partnered with the University of Sheffield, which captured stories from young people in the Dearne area, focused on culture, likes and dislikes and looked to the future.
- A project centred around The Heart of the Wood by Martin Riley, a story that focused on children and pit communities. This project was planned to run for a full year and would incorporate the creative arts, namely, acting, choir singing, set design and film production. The final performance was scheduled to take place in late 2023 at The Dearne Playhouse and options were being explored to subsidise tickets and book sales.
- A project partnered with Project 14 that would deliver artwork for the exterior of Dearne Youth Centre and a mural inside.

During Member discussion, a question was raised as to whether the service offered intervention for Anti-Social Behaviour. It was advised that high-level ASB was dealt with through a multi-agency approach headed by the Police and that a low-level ASB provision could be delivered by the team, although part-time contracts were stated as difficult to be recruited to at that time, hence capacity was low.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

14 Quarter 1 Performance Report (Dac.05.12.2022/5)

Members received the report, noting its content.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

15 Quarter 2 Performance Report (Dac.05.12.2022/6)

Members received the report, noting its content.

During Member discussion, it was highlighted in particular that the service provided by DIAL was value for money and that the support provided to benefits claimants was substantial. A concern was raised that any significant overlap between the support provided by DIAL and CAB should be addressed.

For both quarter 1 and quarter 2 it was acknowledged that despite the offer of faceto-face support being minimal, both DIAL and CAB had significantly higher figures that previously recorded. It was speculated this was achieved through telephone consultations and acknowledgment there was even further potential for growth as face-to-face appointments had at that time returned. The importance of this in-person support was agreed by Members, particularly for those residents who would struggle to complete paperwork unassisted.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

16 Welfare Reform Review (Dac.05.12.2022/7)

Members received the report, noting its content.

The Area Council Manager advised that the Healthier Communities Service funded a Barnsley town-centre based core welfare provision, offering information, advice, and guidance. Members were signposted to section 3.4 of the report which requested a review of Area Council arrangements for the commissioning and procurement of welfare services to determine whether there was any efficiency which could be derived from a more coordinated approach.

As part of Member discussion, it was considered that management costs could be reduced, and joint tenders may be more encouraged if partnership commissioning took place between Area Councils. Concerns over duplication of statistics being reported from central data and localised area data were also raised. It was however also acknowledged that there had been a significant take up of welfare services in the Dearne area in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

It was suggested that the Area Council commissioned a year-long service from CAB from January 2023 onwards, in line with the contract with DIAL that was forecast to run until the end of 2023. CAB had confirmed they could report statistics for the current period where a service wasn't being commissioned, as a means of comparative data.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That the report be noted; and
- **ii)** That members agreed to continue to commission a welfare provision service for the Dearne Area on an independent cycle, based on local need through the Dearne Development Fund.

17 Dearne Area Council Update on Commissions (Dac.05.12.2022/8)

Members received the report, noting its content.

As part of in-depth discussion, Members focused on section 3.5 of the report, the environmental service being delivered by Twiggs Ground Maintenance. A variation in contract was discussed and cost implications of this considered. It was theorised that a slight reduction in service or a variation with respect to the individual delivering certain services from the contract may eradicate any additional costs. It was proposed that a meeting be scheduled for January 2023 between Members and the contract provider with the aim of starting the schedule of works in February 2023.

A 7-year partnership between Dearne Area Council and Twiggs Ground Maintenance was acknowledged with Members endorsing that this partnership was to continue.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That the report be noted; and
- ii) That members agreed to a contract extension for one year to the end of March 2024 at a cost of £90,000 with the current provider Twiggs Grounds Maintenance rather than undertaking a full procurement exercise at this time.

18 Financial Update (Dac.05.12.2022/9)

Members received the report, noting its content.

It was reiterated to Members that the annual Dearne Area Council budget was $\pounds 200,000$. With this information in mind, Members discussed the need to balance underspend so the funds could be utilised at end of current contracts, some of which were forecast to end in 2024.

The Chair of the Area Council suggested to ringfence funds for working with young people, as previously discussed. It was suggested these monies could be accounted for through the Dearne Development Fund.

RESOLVED that Members noted the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

19 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.05.12.2022/10)

The Area Council received the notes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance meetings held on 02 August 2022 and 04 October 2022.

The Area Council received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance meetings held on 09 August 2022 and 11 October 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Dearne South and Dearne North Ward Alliances be received.

20 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.05.12.2022/11)

RESOLVED that Members noted the Dearne North and Dearne South Ward Alliance Fund Report, inclusive of spend to date for the Dearne North and Dearne South Wards.

Chair

October to December 2022 Dac.20.3.2023/4

Dearne Area Council Performance Report





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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	£90,000	Funded until end of March 2024		Sustainable Healthy
B:friend	Social Connectivity	£28,000 per annum	Funded until end of July 2025		Healthy
Dearne Electronic Community Village	Employability	£34,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		Crowing Crowing
вмвс	Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer	£33,227 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		Image: Substainable Image: Substainab

Commissions



Grounds Maintenance LTD

This was a busier period for the service compared to the same period last year there were a number of community events which attracted a good number of volunteers and participation. As always, the work not only had a positive impact on the local environment, but the volunteering opportunities had further effects on social and community interaction meaning a constructive impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities.



228 volunteers worked with on events

47 new volunteers

529 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

382 rubbish bags filled

28 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

6 fly tipping cases reported



Tree Planting Thurnscoe

In a bid to increase biodiversity and provide shelter and food for wildlife 11 new grown trees were added to the Thurnscoe Sports Ground green space in November. Located along the footpath 17 volunteer took part in the day and included Berneslai Homes, Park Services and employees from local business Contrac IT. It was the first involvement with the company and the great success led to a commitment from the firm to support other events with volunteers The day also resulted in 5 sacks of litter being removed and 42.5 hours of volunteering.



The social clubs in Bolton and Thurnscoe have welcome new members with 1to1 work to support people continuing. The partnership with BOPPAA (Barnsley Older Person's Physical Activity Alliance) led by Age UK Barnsley has included new falls prevention, exercise classes and a functional fitness 'MOT'. Work has started to encourage new volunteers to come forward. The link with Robert Ogden school has seen 7 students volunteers helping out at the social clubs and 2 have now completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. In December the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire presented b:friend with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at the Thurnscoe Social Club.

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431 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions
65 hours of staff visits/calls
78 volunteers
8 new volunteers
64 hours of group social activities







Dorothy



Dorothy was referred to b:friend by her granddaughter in September 2021 after she suffered a fall which led to her needing to move into a flat. Dorothy had become very isolated as the fall had impacted her mobility and she is also very hard of hearing. She was matched with Tracey a month later. The pair hit it off straight away and found that Dorothy actually knew Tracey's Mum as the worked at the same place many years ago. The match was also good for Tracey as her mum had recently passed away. A mutual love of dogs means Tracey often bring her dog along on her visits. They have developed a real friendship over the last year and are looking forward to continuing it.



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. onto online learning + OCR ICT Award. All learners are also undertaking Employability Skills sessions, extra learning is in partnership with Good Things Foundation using the Learn My Way and Make it Click resources. 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. During recent months there has been an increase in people aged 70+ looking to return to work wanting help with CVs and application. A common theme is they are struggling with the cost of living.



- 23 people learning
- 18 learner achieving qualifications
- 5 learners into employment
- 18 learners into further training



Suzanne

Suzanne wanted to return to employment after recovering from cancer. Her referral came from the DWP health adviser despite her eagerness to return to work her doctor thought she should wait a further 6 months. It was decided that she would use that time to build up her IT and employability skills, create a CV and look for suitable positions as physical work would sadly no longer be an option despite a long career as a fitness and martial arts instructor.

She was anxious at first but made good progress and is currently on her way to completing a Level 2 ICT course. Suzanne has a fantastic 'can do' attitude and has really thrown herself into the learning and sessions she has made new friends at the centre and now believes she has the ability to work with computers in a role not so physically demanding. If the doctors give the go-ahead Suzanne will be starting to apply for roles from February 2023.

She says:" Rory, massive thanks to you and Steve for all the help, advice and helping me get employment in 2023!



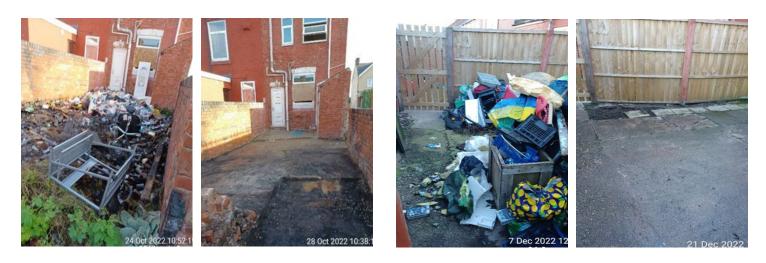
Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer

In this quarter there has been an increase in properties in poor repair. There have been complaints of damp, mould and boilers not working properly which in two case has resulted in notices being served agaisnt landlords. The officer is out walking in all areas of the Dearne most days dealing with whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering. More monthly drop in session at the Libraries have been added to the calendar. Also this quarter the MMIYP event at Goldthorpe Parish Hall in October and two events at the ASDA in Thurnscoe and Goldthorpe Market for Safeguarding week and Self Neglect week mean an additional 80 people were spoken with received information or advice. Monthly walkabouts with Berneslai homes staff have created

numerous jobs primarily waste in gardens or badly overgrown gardens, but more importantly built a good relationships with Berneslai home staff so jobs can be shared and/or passed on.



Waste on Premises



Overgrown Gardens



Dearne Development Fund

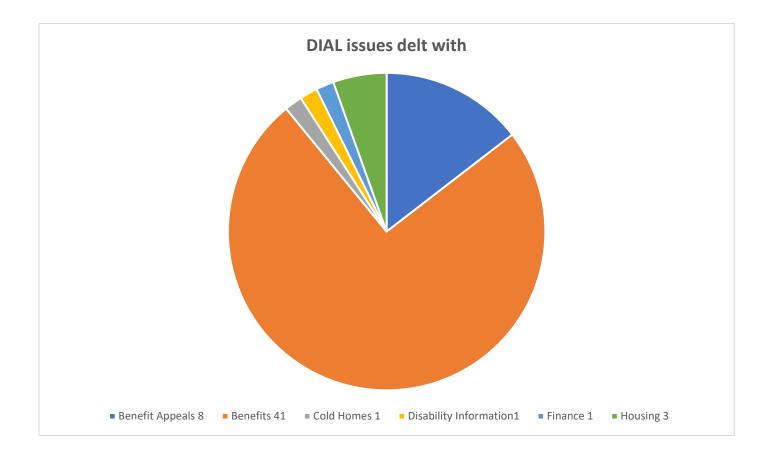


DIAL reduced the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they concentrated on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with continuing the face to face outreach sessions which recommenced in the summer. 109 people received comprehensive telephone advice 55 received face to face advice. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £31 into the Dearne.



Case study

Mrs B is 59 years old with mobility issues. She recently had a through lift fitted in the property she rented from South Yorkshire Housing Association, as she was no longer able to manage stairs. The lift access came up into the small spare room in the house, taking up most of the floor space. Despite being in the receipt of a number of benefits she was making a contribution of £51.52 a month to her rent as her Housing Benefit had been reduced by due to her having a spare bedroom in the property. Following the fitting of the lift she did not feel that this was fair as the room could no longer be used as a bedroom. Mrs B came to see DIAL at our outreach at Goldthorpe library. They helped her to write a letter to housing benefit asking them to remove the need to top up and when Barnsley Council stated that nothing could be done until South Yorkshire Housing Association reclassified the house as 1 bedroom helped with that as well. The result was a reduction in rent and a refund of £150 that had been made since the lift was installed. Mrs B said: " "I didn't think it was fair that I was being charged for a spare room that I could not use, but I didn't know what to do about it. The DIAL adviser was very good and I am very happy that I no longer have to top up my rent."



Goldthorpe Development Group

The Older Generation Get Together events provide a monthly afternoon event with food and entertainment. This is a volunteer led event but often partners such as Age UK Barnsley, South Yorkshire Police will attend to pass on useful information.



Case study

The sessions continue to be well attended with both the November and Christmas Get Togethers attracting over 90 people. While this is welcome it is starting to get towards the limit that the group can accommodate, however the loyal volunteers do a great job. As well as the usual partners attending the sessions in this quarter there were also Barnsley Council's Public Health team who came to carry out blood pressure tests and the Green Doctors. These are part of Groundwork Yorkshire who are energy efficiency experts helping vulnerable people and households to save money and stay warm. The feedback from those attending remains overwhelmingly positive with the food, entertainment and organisation of the sessions striking a good balance. There were also excellent comments from the Unity Club who host the Get Togethers who are happy to support the older members of the Dearne Community and suggested that they would be willing to help out if a second date in a month (without any food) were to be arranged.

Round up 2022

<mark>Dearne</mark> Area Team

Dearne Area Performance





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2022 – In the Dearne Area

After the pandemic this year was a real chance to get back out there and work in and with the community. This report will give you a flavour of what the Dearne Area Team have organised, supported and contributed to during the year.

This is not an exhaustive list. But shows the work the team has done in proactively and in partnership with the Dearne North and Dearne South Ward Alliances, the Dearne Area Council and the wonderful community groups and volunteers locally. In addition, we have worked with partners including the NHS our Barnsley Council colleagues, commissioned services and anyone interested in working with the community. There has been an effort this year to provide opportunities for our local businesses to reconnect with people as part of our commitment to supporting the local economy.

Here are some of the things we have been involved in during 2022 and the pages that follow give the details of some of our bigger projects.



Spring Fair - Easter

Held on The Embankment (Goldthorpe) the event was a follow up to the very successful fair held in the October half term. The event aimed to encourage families to start mixing and socializing again in an outdoor environment to improve their mental well-being especially after the pandemic.

The other aim of the event is to support the recovery of local community groups who have been hit by the pandemic by inviting them to have a stall and run an activity for families, but also to promote their group.

The event was supported by grant funding via BMBC Public Health (Local Support Grant), local business (Tesco, Co-Op) and Dearne South Ward Alliance. There were a number of activities including Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Story, Easter Bonnet competition and bunnies. The event was very well attended due to taking place on a Saturday and warm dry weather.



Pictures in the Park - Summer

The team help the Thurnscoe Flower Park volunteers put on an outdoor cinema event in Thurnscoe, with Funding from Barnsley Better Bonds and Dearne North Ward Alliance. The event saw in excess of 1000 people attend to watch 3 licensed films including Brassed off, Encanto and The Greatest Showman. The 3 films catered for all age groups.

Twelve local businesses to trade free of charge, in order to grow Barnsley and strengthen their business. The event may also help Thurnscoe Park re-gain their Britain in Bloom accreditation as hosting events is a condition of the award. There were lots of positives with in excess of 1000 people attended across all 3 film showings, 5 volunteers supporting the event, strengthening inter-generational relationships between young and old, increasing access to early health interventions (blood pressure) and an number of first aid training requests form the community.



Shake, Battle & Roll - Summer

The team wanted our families in Dearne South to have access to an indoor event and to socialise with their neighbours or people in the community who they may or may not know, we also wanted to provide all our young people access to a free meal of hotdogs and fresh fruit and a milkshake alongside board games traditionally played by many people over generations.







Breakfast Clubs - Summer

To give all our young people in our community access to a free breakfast alongside enriching activities outdoors during the August holidays. Six breakfast clubs were held across both wards. Funding came from BMBC Public Health (Household Support Grant) the £1530.00 funded the whole project. From the 148 children who attended 52% were in receipt of free school meals. Twenty six volunteers helped out on the project and the feedback from parents and children said they had really appreciated the sessions.









More Money in Your Pocket – Roadshow Autumn

With the cost of living been high on everyone's agenda this year and many of the Dearne families were starting to feel the pinch they were having to look at alternate ways in which they can reduce their spending and ensure their income coming in and disposable at the end of the month is spent on heating their home and reducing their energy costs as a whole to ensure they are safe and warm over the winter period

The Dearne team were able to support the 'More money in your pocket' roadshows currently running from the public health team which was cascaded down from BMBC and sent through our networks and Ward Alliances to help our families in the Dearne reduce their costs and look at alternate solutions on reducing the energy costs in the households to ease the burden in the homes this winter period. An application was made to BMBC Public Health (Household Support Grant) which brought over £4,500 into the area. This was used to fund energy saving devices give to those eligible. This included 90 slow cookers, 140 vegetable packs, 402 energy saving lightbulbs, 100 room temperature gauges.

In addition 27 other organisations/ service providers attend our roadshow 9 people signed up for adults skills & training, 9 people had blood pressure read, 68 adults consulted with Salvation Army, 15 packs of nappies handed out, 6 people signed up for the digital champions for IT advice, 12 boxes of healthy start vitamins handed out, 59 people completed the hygiene survey, 23 female hygiene packs handed out, 20 male hygiene packs handed out, 50 winter warmth packs handed out, 10 families supported with the recycled school uniforms, 100 children's toothbrushes and dental hygiene handed out and 18 people given advice on how to keep homes warmer.



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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 20th March 2023

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 and potential future projects.

2.0 **Recommendations**

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

3.0 Area Council commissions

3.1 Social Connectivity service

The Social Connectivity service specification was agreed at the meeting held on 15th November 2021. B: Friend continues 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. The social groups in both Thurnscoe and Bolton on Dearne are well attended and received.

3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer

The Dearne Area Council approved the housing and Cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025. The 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. The officer as been attending the Salvation Army and other events in the community.

Assisting employment and skills

3.3

Dearne Electronic Community Village were the successful provider of the employability contract. The contract is coming to the end of its first of three years. There have been some issues with the lease on the building which have now been resolved.

3.4 Neighbourhood and engagement officer role

On the 25th of November 2021 members of the Dearne Area Council approved a further two years for the Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer (NEO) role. This role is 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. He's a very passionate and proactive individual who has made a significant contribution to both the Area Team and wider community

3.5 Environmental service

The current contract delivered by Twiggs is due to end at the end of March 2023. At various workshops and approved at the Area Council in July 2022 the Service Specification is now complete and has been shared with the procurement team. After discussions with the procurement team, it was suggested that a waiver for one year should be granted instead of going out to tender, this was approach was approved at the last Area Council. Having a further year's contract will allow time for other Area Councils to have discussions about future procurement and economies of scale. The waiver as now been signed by senior management.

3.5 Future projects

Discussions have taken place over the last twelve months with regards meeting the Area Councils young people's priority. Officers from the young people's service have attended to inform the Area Council of their service offer as well as the other wrap around services. Other organisations in the area such as the Big Local have also aligned finances to meet this priority. Further exploration needs to be undertaken to ensure there is no duplication and the Area Council can meet the needs of the young people in the area. The Early Start and Families manager is now the link officer for the Area Council, so this feels like the perfect time to start those conversations again. A workshop will be convened to look at both gaps in provision and finances.

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Date: 20th March 2023

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 20th March 2023

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 was £256,980. Finances are already committed to the services, Employment and Skills, Environment, Education and Volunteering, Social Connectivity, the Housing and Cohesion and Neighbourhood 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 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 £29,294.34 to carry forward.

3.2 2023/24 committed spend

With the carry forward of £29,294.34 and the base budget of £200,000 the Area Council have already allocated £202,777 of the commissioning budget. This will pay for Employment and Skills, Housing officer, Environmental service, Social Connectivity and the Neighbourhood Engagement officer post, leaving £26,517.34 in the commissioning budget to spend on priorities in this financial year.

3.3 2024/25 committed spend

During the financial year 2024/25 spend as been committed to the Employment and Skills contract, Social Connectivity and Housing officer. The committed spend is already at £95,967.

3.4 **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 2022 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.

Therefore in total the Dearne Area Council have £54,782.75 to carry over into the 2023/24 financial year.

4.0

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

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Date: 20th March 2023

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	£56,980	£29,294.34		
Total allocation for year	£208,783.34	£256,980.34	£229,294.34		
Employment and skills April- end of March	-£33,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	
Housing and Cohesion Officer Jan -end of March	-£8,441	-£33,186	£33,277	£33,967	
Dearne Clean & Tidy April-end of March	-£85,000	-£85,000	£90,000		
Dearne Development Fund	-£30,000	£30,000			
Social Connectivity July-end of June	-£27,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	
NEO post, May- end of April 2024		-£17,500	-£17,500		
Total spend (actual)	£183,441	£227,686	£202,777	£95,967	
Practical support grant	+£31,638				
Overall allocation remaining	£56,980.34	£29,294.34	£26,517.34		

Dearne Development Fund

2022/23 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Approved at the Area Coun	cil 24 th May 2021	£30,000	£35,378.41
DIAL	Jan 2022-Dec 2022	£10,235	£25,143.41
САВ	October 2021- October 2022	£8,140	£17,003.41
Goldthorpe Development	August 2022	£3,000	£14,003.41
group BITS			
TADS	June 2022	£2,027	£11,976.41
Goldthorpe Development	July 2022-23	£6,000	£5,976.41
group older persons event			
Approved at the Area Council 12 th July 2022		£30,000	£35,976.41
DIAL	Jan 2023-dec 2023	£10,488	£25,488.41

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. <u>Purpose of Report</u>

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

2.0 <u>Recommendation</u>

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 the 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 Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting took place on 31st January 2023

Finances were presented from the current treasurer with one application submitted from the Bulldogs Rugby Club - which all recommended for approval.

Bulky Rubbish scheme was discussed around the criteria for 2023/24 budget on how many times households can use the service/how many items could be picked up etc – all agreed to look at funding more next year.

The Action plan was read with suggestions from the CDO (Community Development Officer) to collate individual projects around seasons, everyone was asked to bring ideas to the next meeting in March to start planning for the next budget year.

Group updates were read highlighting the excellent work and issues that needed addressing to other partners/elected members.

A minute silence took place to remember Cllr Gardiner that passed away last month.

4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on 24th January 2023

Welcomes & introductions were given with two guest speakers - Daniel Jarvis & Matt Goodman from Active Future Barnsley & Jenny Pitmen from Befriend

First presentation from Active Future Barnsley on their projects and what their organisation represents, along with their aims and ambitions for the future, they updated the Ward Alliance members with a brief background on who they are and what plans they have in the Dearne North with their company and the community, they spoke around their work with 25 local authorities throughout England they've a range of activities from dodgeball to freeplay. They gave a brief rundown on their running costs with a quick Q&A to finish.

Jenny Pitman from befriend gave a presentation on her organisation, what their aims and ambitions are, also the challenges they face with males not wanting to join the group sessions. She gave an overlay of what a typical pairing would consist of. She highlighted what a Befriend does when they are paired in brief it is a cuppa, chat and hopefully a friendship that is grown that lasts for a long time. This followed Q&A from the Ward Alliance members

Finance information was given via the Chair with three applications submitted from the Bulldogs Rugby Club, Defib supplies - which were both recommended for approval. Brickponds Angling Club submitted a further application for insurance for their young people, the Ward Alliance asked for more information. MS will act on this, and email once received. The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend.

The Bulky Rubbish scheme was discussed around the criteria for 2023/24 budget on how many times households can use the service/how many items could be picked up etc – all agreed to look at funding more next year.

The Action plan was read with suggestions from the CDO (Community Development Officer) to collate individual projects around seasons, everyone was asked to bring ideas to the next meeting in March to start planning for the next budget year.

Group updates were read highlighting the excellent work and issues that needed addressing to other partners/elected members.

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

Officer Contact: Claire Dawson <u>Tel. No:</u> 07741168798 **<u>Date:</u>** 20th March 2023

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES – by Secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting Title:	Heather Court flat, Carrfield Lane, Bolton on Dearne
Date & Time:	Tuesday 24 th January 2023 at 10am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Dorothy Coates (local Elected member) 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) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (Salvation army) Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer) Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Caroline Hoyland (B.O.D.V.A.G)	Dennis Hogg (local resident) Beth Deakin (project 14)
 Guest Speakers for updates Daniel Jarvis & Matt Goodman - Active Future Barnsley Jenny Pitmen - Befriend 	

1. Welcome and Introductions

DJ & MG from Active Future Barnsley gave a presentation on their projects and what their organisation represents, along with their aims and ambitions for the future.

DJ gave a brief background to who he is, what he knows from growing up within the area, also what he feels he can bring to the area with his groups he runs.

MG gave the ward an insight into his background and what inspired his way of running the organisation for getting the community moving. No matter what age people are.

The AFG work with 25 local authorities throughout England they've a range of activities from dodgeball to freeplay. They gave a brief rundown on their running costs as well.

The ward alliance members asked a range of questions about costings & times and capacity along with staffing ratios and they were answered. The overall response was good and the ward felt they had given a good pitch. Everyone thanked them for coming.

Befriend

JP from befriend gave a presentation on her organisation, what their aims and ambitions are, also the challenges they face with males not wanting to join the group sessions.

She gave an overlay of what a typical pairing would consist of. What a Befriend does when they are paired and what they aren't. They aren't carers so it's a cuppa, chat and hopefully a friendship that is grown that lasts for a long time.

The group sessions have 1 in Thurnscoe and 1 in Bolton upon Dearne. They have Robert Ogden volunteers that help when the groups are running. These groups help combat social isolation.

MB from Goldthorpe Development Group told JP that they have the same issues with men not attending their over 50s club. This is down to many women becoming widows mainly. He also asked if Befriend offered a service to fetch people to their social events. As his group for those less mobile are offered a taxi service.

JP responded that they don't offer a taxi service as people need to be able to get to the social events on their own or with their carer.

The ward alliance members asked JP a range of questions and she answered them all. The ward thanked her for her time as everyone found that her group do an amazing job within the dearne.

2. Apologies as stated above Dennis Hogg & Beth Deakin

3. matters arising

DG pointed out she had misspelt Dennis' name and had written Denise instead

4. Notes from October 2022 meeting & any matters arising everyone was happy with the notes from the last meeting other than the one stated above was the only issue mentioned

5. Finances

applications - menopause group over social media the dearne area team ran a facebook poll for if the group was needed. The response was 89% wanted the group and wanted face to face. It's not just for women but partners too. -set up costs for venues -renaissance centre is 180 pounds for rent -reviewed after 4 months MS- said it part of the Dearne Area Team action plan for the area. The ward alliance discussed the application.

MB -discussed his wifes symptoms and the venue to be used

AG- wanted to know from a man's perspective on how to support his wife/daughter family

JB- talked about Davina Mccoll book and programme and that Tesco are being supportive about menopause for their employees

DC -wanted to know on resources needed or what will be needed as the application wasn't asking for enough.

MS- money will be reviewed once we have the numbers attending on a monthly basis. For what tips are suggested because what helps one won't necessarily help everyone but doesn't hurt to try some thing they've not tried before.

PH - asked about rents

The ward suggested leaflets.

Everyone discussed the menopause group and came to a consensus that the group needed more money to cover hidden expenses.

The ward suggested 400 pounds this allows 180 towards rent and 220 towards resources for the next 6 months.

The whole ward alliance approved this application

Brick ponds application

insurance to set up a youth group to fish

this was deferred as too many questions were asked than able to answer.

everyone agreed for the questions to be answered and the ward would consider in the future.

Embankment application

- easter eggs 150 pounds needed
- the ward discussed this and agreed that to keep moral up for the children it was a good idea to support this for the easter egg hunt
- the ward agreed that the embankment would get the funds out of the cash in hand fund

Bulldogs application

- 1000 pounds
- to go towards developing the clubhouse
- the aim is for the bathroom, skirting boards the interior to be developed to be able to be usable for the community.

The ward alliance discussed this at length on what would the ward actually be funding. The decided they wanted an itemised quotes before approving the funding.

This application was deferred til questions answered.

De fibs application from dearne area team

- replacement pads for the legion defib
- the legion needs a guardian for the defib
- AG offered to be guardian
- DC suggested dearne south have another defib to cover the bottom half of bolton upon dearne
- AS said needs defib training for everyone
- battery and pads needs checking first

The ward agreed that the defib pads need replacing and approved this application of 166.80 for 4 pads

Treasurer's report

AG- did a detailed report on spending the total spend came to 6155 in total match funded by 880

ring fenced money is	ward alliance reactive fund 4000
library fund418 healthy	environmental1000
holidays1195.01 mental	community projects1000
health275.54	youth1000

support funds.....737.08

cash in hand amount is 292.58 but out of this MB was given 150 towards the embankment easter egg hunt leaving 142.58 in cash in hand monies.

AG – mentioned he needs 2 signatories on the account due to one person isn't a councillor and no longer a ward alliance member, plus another one has died so was a matter of urgency this was sorted. Pat Hubery and Michael Moore said they would be signatories to the accounts.

6. Action plan & potential projects for 2023

another meeting would discuss this at a later date due to timing issues with guest speakers as the meeting ran on longer than expected

7. Group Updates

Bodvag – no updates

Snaptin

-AG&MS -bought lights and gazebos for the christmas fayre

- 2 had been taken and cost 114 for the lights so this loss was taken out of the profits for the event for the christmas market.

AG said that the AGM was open to the public for the snaptin if anyone wants to go

Salvation Army

AS - supporting families within the community with language barriers.

- as many are from overseas and language benefits google translate misses a lot and
- miscommunication happens so they need help from barnsley inclusion team. So need a council rep to be in touch to help in these matters.
- halal food need help in supplies for the families religion and diets
- lots of families are sent to the hope church in barnsley on a wednesday because AS knows they have better resources to help but its not enough
- lots of families aren't getting help with warm homes grant if a council tenant
- more money in your pocket she won't be doing again as it doesn't help those its designed to help
- people need access to the hardship fund but people aren't able to access this either
- AS had lots of issues that are overwhelming for the families and is desperately needing help from the council to help with a lot of this for these families.

Goldthorpe development group/ embankment

MB gave an update for the embankment

- working with twiggs to revitalise the old orchard as they're planting trees to make a forrest

MB -also gave an update on the over 50s social club as its a great success and people really

- enjoy this event

Allotment group/Veterans group

MM - said they had issues for the polytunnel for the allotment group

MM- said the breakfast group for veterans had been running for 12 months now and is a great

- success

Dearne playhouse

JM- closed for the new roof

- stage is being stripped
- contractors in from monday 30th jan
- opening in April
- delays on building work for basement
- major project with schools, thurnscoe male voice choir, barnsley brass band.
- A production within the dearne with the kids from the community taking part in the show.

8. AOB

it was proposed that the meetings start half an hour earlier as they always run longer than they should this was agreed by the whole ward they should start earlier

9. Future dates & times of DSWA meetings

7th march 2023 9.30am til 12pm venue heather court complex

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Dearne Ward Alliance		
	VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES	
Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance	
Date & Time:	Tuesday 31 st January – 2pm-3.30pm (Rainbow Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe	

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member	Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School (annual
Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member	leave)
Glennis Lingard – local resident	Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe
Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer)	Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army
Peter Shields (internet problems)	
Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team	
Gillian Totty – Berneslai Homes	
Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park volunteer	

1. Welcomes & introductions:

2. Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising - NONE

3. Finance

WC - Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance £3082.17 after 10 previous applications been approved 2022/23

Applications submitted – Bulldogs Rugby Club £800.00 to match fund for extension/refurb to clubhouse (all in favour)

CW – Balance in working funds £2859.49

- Mental Health & Wellbeing £0.00 (now completed)
- Healthy Holidays £413.32
- Thurnscoe Activity Funds £620.00
- Environmental projects £448.00
- Menopause Support £499.16
- Bank charges/room hire charges/Misc. £879.01

Charlotte reminded everyone that from March 31st she would be stepping down in role as treasurer, so someone needed to take over the role. – Suggestions to ask local businesses or colleges for volunteers to gain experience MS to produce flier/poster and put in notice boards for secretary and treasurer roles that are currently vacant

4. Action Plan & projects outlined

MS read through the latest action plan with the Ward Alliance members highlighting what had been established and what could be completed against which priority. MS – Also asked the members to start thinking of ideas on planning what events & initiatives they would like to run this next financial year starting with categorising the 4 seasons of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. Adding in what they would like to see in Dearne North and what could be achievable with the capacity of the Area Team and Ward Alliance as volunteers on planning & also on the day – suggestions to be brought to the next meeting in March.

Provisionally Agreed to fund Bowling sessions in Half term or summer holidays/Bulky Rubbish extension/summer Healthy holidays project.

5. Group updates

Thurnscoe Flower Park: PP memorial service will go ahead this year despite losing the British Legion in the area, Simon to sort service nearer the time. Volunteers working hard and planning the summer events

Magnolia tree has been installed (larger than life) but better as its more stability than a small tree, PP thanked everyone involved for this, really appreciated.

Bulbs have been donated by BMBC which will be planted over the next few weeks

PP has had a meeting suggested by Area Team with community payback James to assist in projects around the park over the coming months on a regular basis to help with the maintenance (Marie gave a brief outline of their work and what they can do in the community)

Berneslai Homes: GT - Housing management were having a structure in which Gilli will feedback any updates at the next meeting in March.

Big Local Thurnscoe: - GL – The Plaza is finally completed however the drainage system is still a problem with the ground surrounding the concrete still being very wet and sodden, a new contractor has been brought in to complete the works as soon as possible

Sports camps will be arranged bookings only

Dearne Memorial Group – Peter has had his laptop cloned and been defrauded out of £2000 from their account from the Credit Union he gave a detailed report into what had happened which has been very upsetting for him and his family. He is trying to keep going but finding no help on tracing his money is making things difficult for him to carry on

Station House – CW reported that they are full to capacity on after school club which is a positive incline, the cost of living has had a massive impact on the community pantry that they have for anyone coming inside the porch area dropping their children off, it's been slow take up at first but they have now seen the basket is emptied every day, JK added they can help provide food if necessary to keep it topped up.

The Christmas Feedback form the food vouchers was positive and really helped the families this year

Working with Big Local Thurnscoe with spring project 'Let its shine' giving away cleaning items and hygiene products to all families/individuals that are suffering with the cost of living and just making ends meet, CW asked for helpers from the WA and area team to assist in picking and packing and taking the bags around to the groups/family centres etc.

6. AOB – NONE

7. Dates & Time of next meeting – March 28th 2pm Rainbow Centre

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 £1,324.89 from the 2021/22 budget. To date they have provided funds to 11 projects at a cost of £8,904.72 leaving a balance of £2,282.17

The **Dearne South Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2022/23 financial year was $\pounds 15,817.72$ this includes the underspend of $\pounds 5,817.72$ from the 2021/22 budget. To date they have provided funds to 9 projects at a cost of $\pounds 9,786.68$ leaving a balance of $\pounds 6,031.04$

5.0 Appendi

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</u> <u>no.</u>	Project	Project end date	Allocation	Allocation remaining
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	£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
006	Rainbow Centre (new accessible tables)	March 2023	£992.00	£5,986.89
007	St Helens church hall (set up of new mother & toddler group)	March 2023	£510.50	£5476.39
008	Memorial bench on John Street, Thurnscoe510.50	March 2023	£1441.80	£4034.59
* 009	DEFIB pads (Goldthorpe Library, One Stop Shop Thurnscoe)	March 2023	£333.60	£3,700.99
010	Menopause Support Group (Thurnscoe)	March 2023	£650.00	£3,050.99
011	Dearne Valley Bulldogs	March 2023	£800.00	£2,250.99
*	Adjustment on DEFIB Pads prices		+£31.18	£2,282.17

Total spend = £8904.72

Match funded = £3728.50

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Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

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

£10,000 base allocation + CF £5817.72 from 2021/22 **£15,817.72** total available funding

App no.	<u>Project</u>	Project end date	<u>Allocation</u>	Allocation remaining
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	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 funds – to fund, run & support projects & initiatives throughout Dearne South	31 st March 2023	£4000.00	£10,542.72
004	Dearne Sports Bowling Club (Prospect Rd)	31.12.2022	£880.00	£9,662.72
005	Angling for all	31.03.2023	£1200.00	£8,462.72
006	Bolton Kids Zone	31.03.2023	£740.00	£7,722.72
007	Defib replacement PADS	31.03.2023	£166.80	£7,555.92
008	Menopause support group 'café'	31.03.2023	£400.00	£7,155.92
009	Bulldogs Clubhouse 'remedial work'	31.03.2023	£1000.00	£6,155.92
***	Defib replacement PADS (additional costings)	31.03.2023	£124.88	£6,031.04

Total spend = £9,786.68

Match funded = £3,820.00

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