

<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 22 May 2023
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Notes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 20th March 2023 (Dac.22.05.2023/2) *(Pages 3 - 6)*

### Items for Information

- 3 Introduction of the Dearne Area Council Link Officer - Laura Hammerton
- 4 B:Friend Update
- 5 Quarter 4 Performance Report (Dac.22.05.2023/5) *(Pages 7 - 16)*
- 6 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.22.05.2023/6) *(Pages 17 - 20)*

### Items for Decision

- 7 Dearne Area Council Update on Commissions (Dac.22.05.2023/7) *(Pages 21 - 22)*

### Ward Alliances

- 8 Notes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 7th March 2023 (Dac.22.05.2023/8) *(Pages 23 - 28)*
- 9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.22.05.2023/9) *(Pages 29 - 34)*

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Coates (Chair), Bellamy, Bowler, Cain, Moore and Morrell

Area Council Support Officers:

Laura Hammerton, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer

Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council 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 12 May 2023



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

## MINUTES

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

**Note: this meeting was inquorate**

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

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

### 22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 5 December 2022 (Dac.20.3.2023/2)

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

**RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 be approved as a correct record

### 23 Introduction of the Dearne Area Council Link Officer - Laura Hammerton

Apologies for absence had been received from Laura Hammerton the newly appointed Link Officer and, therefore, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

### 24 Quarter 3 Performance Report (Dac.20.3.2023/4)

The Area Council Manager submitted her performance report for Quarter 3 and Members noted its contents.

Arising out of the discussion, particular reference was made to the following:

- The Area Council Priorities, the commissions including TWIGGS, the B:Friend service, the Dearne Electronic Community Village and the work of the Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer, Arising out of this discussion, the Area Council Manager stated that she would clarify the detail in relation to the number of contracts/volunteers in relation to TWIGGS and would provide a narrative within the report for the next meeting
- The amazing work undertaken by DIAL
- The work of the Goldthorpe Development Group
- The Dearne Area Performance for 2022 and the activities undertaken. Specific reference was made to, Spring Fair, Pictures in the Park, Shake, Battle and Roll, Breakfast Clubs and the More Money in Your Pocket Autumn Roadshow

**RECOMMENDED** that the update be noted.

## **25 Dearne Area Council Update on Commissions (Dac.20.3.2023/5)**

The Area Council Manager presented an update report with regard to the Dearne Area Council commissioned services and potential future projects.

Particular reference was made to the following:

- The Social Connectivity Service
- The work of the Housing and Cohesion Officer who had been in post since July 2022 following approval by this Area Council.
- The Employability Contract in assisting employment and Skills. Reference in this respect was made to the Dearne Electronic Community Village
- The Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer Role and the work undertaken
- The contract delivered by TWIGGS. It was noted that, as reported at the last meeting, this was due to end at the end of March 2023 and, after discussion with the procurement team it was suggested that a waiver for one year should be granted as in the previous year. This had now been signed by senior management
- Potential future projects – further investigation was to be undertaken to ensure there was no duplication with other services and also to ensure that the needs of the young people in the area were met

**RECOMMENDED** that the updated be noted

## **26 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.20.3.2023/6)**

The Area Council Manager submitted a report providing an update regarding the Area Council's financial position.

The report outlined the committed spend for 2022/23, for 2023/24 and for 2024'25 together with information about the Dearne Development Fund and a detailed financial breakdown was included within an Appendix to the report.

It was reported that the committed spend for 2024/25 did not include ongoing costs for the Social Connectivity and Housing Officer and, therefore, a further update would be provided.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Financial update be noted.

## **27 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.20.3.2023/7)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January and the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023.

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

## **28 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.20.3.2023/8)**

The Area Council Manager submitted a report on the spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne North and South Area.

It was noted that with the Dearne North Ward there was a balance of £2,282.17 and within Dearne South, £6,031.04 remaining and a detailed breakdown of expenditure was provided as an appendix to the report.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Ward Alliance Fund Report, inclusive of spend to date for the Deane North and South Wards be noted.

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Chair

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January to  
March  
2023

# 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	£90,000	Funded until end of March 2024		
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 and Cohesion Officer	£33,227 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		



# Commissions

## TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



There has been lots more activity for the service this quarter compared to the same period last year. Nearly double the amount of bags were filled and nearly five times as many proactive areas were targeted. Support for community events and involvement with community groups was very strong which saw a twice as many new volunteers compared to the last quarter (Q3 2022/23). 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.

# Twiggs



275 volunteers worked with on events

64 new volunteers

639 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

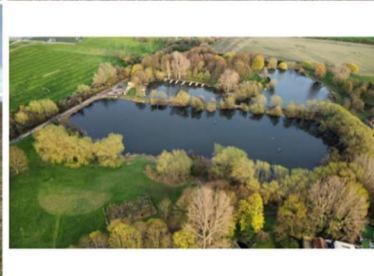
749 rubbish bags filled

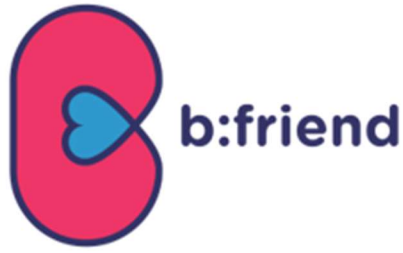
158 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

5 fly tipping cases reported

## Brick Ponds & Tiny Forest

This area has seen lots of activities taking place recently with many community groups supported and plenty of volunteering opportunities. Support has been given to the Brickyard Group, Angling For All, IKIC Youth Group, Astrea Academy working with the Area Team. Work included maintenance, litter picks and the planting of new fruit trees at the old orchard. This is part of the Tiny Forest project led by Jenny Yates also included wood carving with artist Dan Jones and creating bug hotel towers and maintaining the outdoor seating/classroom area.





The social clubs in Bolton and Thurnscoe continue to thrive and welcome new members with 1to1 befriending work to support people continuing. The befriending pairs enjoyed a fully funded trip to the Tropical Butterfly House as part of the “Buck-It” project. There has been a slight increase in referrals made this quarter plus several requests for service from other organisations looking to signpost people. Volunteer recruitment continues to be a priority. Funding work has also been put in place to deliver King’s Coronation parties during next quarter and a Barnsley Better Bonds grant to fund a canal barge trip and refreshments for social club members.

# b:friend



117 isolating older neighbours supported

440 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions

65 hours of staff visits/calls

88 volunteers

8 new volunteers

65 hours of group social activities



# Cynthia



Cynthia rarely left the house and had limited social interaction with others. In March 2022 she was paired with volunteer Amy. They have become great friends and enjoyed outings to the shops, café and Cynthia has met Amy's children. She was invited, to join Amy at her daughter's nativity play at Christmas meaning Cynthia feels like she has found a friend but a family. Also, the 'Buck-It' project enabled Cynthia to join the trip to the Tropical Butterfly House in Sheffield. A place she enjoyed with her husband but has been unable to visit since his death many years ago. Cynthia didn't think she'd ever be able visit again as she had no one to go with and no means of getting there. Reflecting on her friendship with Amy, Cynthia said: "We got on so well, right from the start! You honestly couldn't have paired me with anyone better"



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.

# DECV



19 people learning

26 learner achieving qualifications

6 learners into employment

23 learners into further training



# Cheryl

Cheryl came to the first sessions with her iPad which she didn't know how to use. She has never used a computer and relied on family to help her, especially with online [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

shopping. She recently became unemployed, the first time Cheryl has ever been out of work, she was shocked at the amount of work involved when applying for jobs and the amount that required a computer and IT skills.

A program was put together that while looking for work her digital skills would also be developed not only in term of employability but also essentials. These included online shopping, staying safe online, online banking and keeping in touch with friend and family as she had recently moved from Manchester.

Cheryl will soon complete her IT qualifications and started a new job as a Shop Assistant at Cannon Hall at the end of March.

She says: "Thank you so much for the fab CV that you did for me, and also for believing in me!"



\*Rory with another learner



**BARNLSLEY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

## Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer

January as usual saw a large increase in fly tipping across the Dearne following the Christmas period with a lot of Christmas decorations, trees and old toys flytipped work was done to ensure the areas where this occurred did not exacerlate or become a long term issue. The vast majority of work is proactive, as such, a questionnaire was conducted to try to ascertain the issues around bin presentation and the use of incorrect bins and recycling this will inform future work. The cost of living crisis continues to be a major issue across the area and continues to make it a very difficult winter for not only the vulnerable community within the Dearne. Winter warm packs have been given to the most vulnerable and work with landlords

with properties with low EPC ratings. Work with partners continues to build in terms of referrals, complementary works and attending/holding drop in events for residents.

# Housing Enforcement



229 reports made

19 properties improved

23 contacts with household waste on premises

92 fly tipping reported

17 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose waste

10 vulnerable homes identified

## 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 52 received face to face advice. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £23 into the Dearne.

## DIAL

## Barnsley

52 enquires made this quarter

48 people reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service this quarter

£60,648 benefits claims supported this quarter

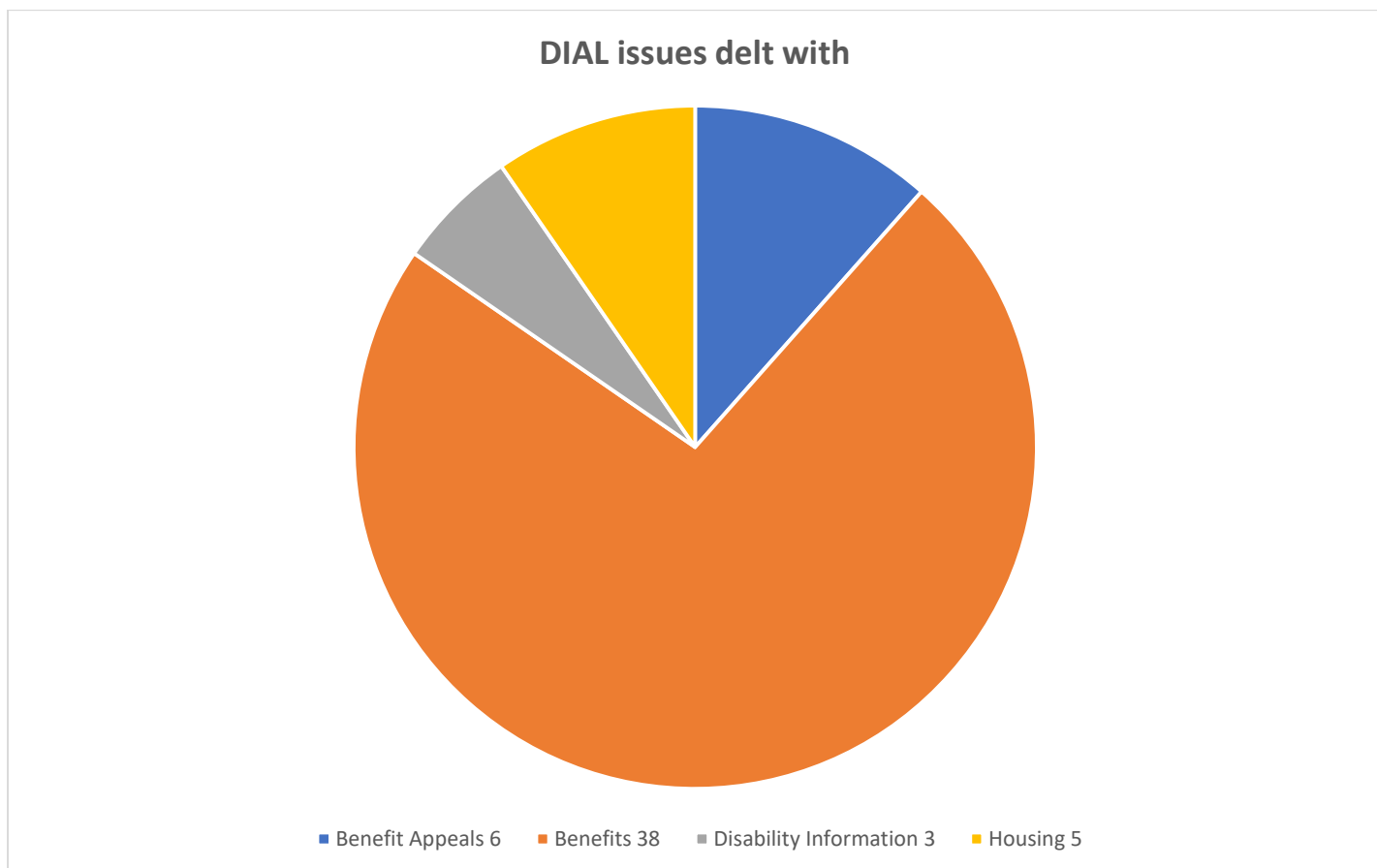


## Supporting



# Case study

Mr N is 59 years old he is autistic, but this has not stopped him working all his life. In 2022 he had to stop work due to severe COPD, recurring chest infections and heart disease. This had an effect on his mental health. As he received Universal Credit he was required to complete a Capability For Work Questionnaire from to assess his ability to work. He was very anxious about the form and the assessment. Mr N came to see DIAL at the outreach at Goldthorpe library, they helped him complete the paperwork with enough evidence for the DWP to decide to increase his benefits slightly without needing to participate in the face-to-face assessment. Mr N said: "I was very scared about the assessment as I have not had to do anything like this before. DIAL was fantastic. Not only did they help me with the form, but they also explained everything to me and this made me feel less anxious about it all. I am very happy with the outcome"



# 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.

## Older Generation Get Together

255 people attending

27 volunteers assisting



## Supporting



## Case study

The sessions have been very well attended compared to the same time last year with a number of new faces particularly at the January and February meetings. The combination of the poor weather and the rising cost of living may have tempted more people to come forward. The entertainment was again enjoyed by all and the singer at February get together managed to keep the dancefloor full. The get togethers seem to be making good progress in reaching those who are more isolated as the number of people using the taxi service is increasing. This is one of the main aims of the group – including those who are lonely.



**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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 2022/23 Spend**

The starting budget for 2022/23 was £256,980.34. 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 £227,907.84 leaving £29,072.50 to carry forward.

**3.2 2023/24 committed spend**

With the carry forward of £29,072.50 and the base budget of £200,000 the Area Council have already allocated £191,631 of the commissioning budget. This will pay for Employment and Skills, Housing officer, Environmental service, Social Connectivity and the Neighbourhood Engagement officer post for two months, leaving £37,441.50 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 £62,929.91 to carry over into the this financial year.

4.0

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

**Officer**

Claire Dawson

Dearne Area Council Manager

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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	£29,072.50		
<b>Total allocation for year</b>	<b>£208,783.34</b>	<b>£256,980.34</b>	<b>£229,072.50</b>		
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		-£17,721.84	£6,354		
<b>Total spend (actual)</b>	£183,441	£227,907.84	£191,631	£95,967	
<b>Practical support grant</b>	+£31,638				
<b>Overall allocation remaining</b>	<b>£56,980.34</b>	<b>£29,072.50</b>	<b>£37,441.50</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 22nd May 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.

1.2 To approve the continuation of the employability and social connectivity services.

**2.0 Recommendations**

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

2.2 That members approve the continuation of the Social Connectivity Commissioned Service into the second year of a three year contract from July 2023 to the end of June 2024, at a cost of £28,000; and

2.3 That members approve the continuation of the Employment and Skills Commissioned Service into the second year of a three year contract from April 2023 to the end of March 2024, at a cost of £34,000.

**3.0 Area Council commissions**

**3.1 Social Connectivity service**

This service is now nearing the one-year mark with the social groups in both Thurnscoe and Bolton on Dearne continuing to Thrive. Eighty-eight volunteers also supported 117 older neighbours during this quarter.

It is recommended that the Area Council approve continuation into the second year of a three-year contract.

**3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer**

There were 229 reports made to the service, ninety-two fly tipping cases were reported. The officer continues to proactively identify problematic areas.

**3.3 Assisting employment and skills**

The contract is now at the end of its first of three years. There have been some issues with the lease on the building which have now been resolved. In the last quarter nineteen people have accessed the courses provided with six people moving on into employment. The service has seen a increase in older people accessing the service for support.

It is recommended that the Area Council approve continuation into the second year of a three-year contract.

**3.4 Neighbourhood and engagement officer role**

The neighbourhood and engagement officer part time post was paid for through the area council until May 2024. The post holder also secured a permanent part time post in the Dearne Area Team. However as of 1<sup>st</sup> of June the post holder as also secured a permanent part time post in the North East. Therefore the actual cost to the Area Council in this finical year will only be £6,354.

**3.5 Environmental service**

Twiggs are now two months into their contract extension which ends at the end of March 2024. The team will be working 3 days in the area with a team leader and apprentice. They will be working with groups, volunteers and undertaking scheduled works which has already been developed by the Area Council and passed on to the provider.

**3.6 Project development**

Now that new elected members are in place a workshop will be convened to discuss environmental and young people's initiatives.

**Officer**  
Claire Dawson  
Dearne Area Council Manager

**Date:**  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Report of Dearne Area  
Council Manager**

**Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes**

**1. Purpose of Report**

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

**2.0 Recommendation**

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

**3.0 Introduction**

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

**4.0 Ward Alliance**

4.1 Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting in March was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and the Ward Alliance not been quorate – the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Darryl Hand from the Area Team gave an update on the forthcoming volunteer passport training with a detailed description on what the training was for and the benefits each volunteer would gain from enrolling, paperwork was left for all Ward Alliance members to contact him if they were interested. This training was part of the Ward Alliances action plans on upskilling the community and the Ward Alliance members in their leadership roles within the community focussing on safeguarding, health & safety, risk assessment, first aid, food hygiene and much more valuable training.

Finance information was given via the Chair with the end balance for 2022/23 budget. The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend with a view to utilising this monies next year for future projects run by the Ward Alliance or financially supported in some way.

The Bulky Rubbish was agreed to fund each household can use the programme twice in one year with up to 4 items being collected.

Future events were discussed and referred with a view to holding an event planning meeting later in the month to plan events/projects for 2023/24.

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**

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**Date:**  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023



# Dearne South Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES - 2023

Meeting Title:	Heathercourt flats Bolton on Dearne
Date & Time:	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March at 10am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Dorothy Coates 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 (local resident) Carole Hoyland (resident) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (Salvation army) Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer)	Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Beth Deakin (project 14)

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

#### **Darryl Hand from Dearne Area Team CDO (Volunteer passport training initiative)**

Darryl gave a brief outline of the training from Adult Skills BMBC are offering to the Ward Alliance members and local community activists against their priority on Information & support by upskilling local volunteers to enhance their training needs and be competent in their leadership roles within their group and the whole community – DH guided them through the training package and exactly what they would gain by enrolling. Training to include the following: Introduction to volunteering, Equality, and diversity, Safeguarding adults and children, First aid, Food hygiene, Mental health, Health, and safety - Venue: Salvation Army in Goldthorpe with sessions 4 hours in total each session – brief conversation took place with information sheets for anyone to sign up, he asked them to email him direct and if enough sign up the courses can go ahead

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

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising - MM and PH true record**

Bully Rubbish - MS asked the members of the ward alliance if they wish to go ahead with the Bulky Rubbish as agreed over emails previously to ensure continuity in April for the funds starting in April 2023 – 2024 – all agreed with restrictions of only 4 items per household and each household/tenant only using the service twice per year £1500.00 was agreed signed off by Cllr Danforth Chair of DSWA.

Brickponds application - MS also informed the Ward Alliance embers that the application from Bolton Brickponds for insurance declined due to already been paid had made the group treasurer aware of the decision.

Renaissance centre - Ms also advised the Ward Alliance members that the £1800.00 paid 3 years ago to the Renaissance Centre has been requested to be returned due to the monies no longer been spent on the purpose it was intended for. MS stated to Malcolm that they were more than welcome to reapply in the future for any further works they needed.

Performance report - MS asked the Ward Alliance members that the promotional cheque is now available for them to start to showcase their work and funding to the local groups – MS will make contact with the groups to arrange dates when we can use this (All agreed to wait until after elections)

Menopause drop in café – MS will make contact with Emma from Renaissance Centre to set up coffee morning once per fortnight on a 8 session start

#### 4. Finances

##### AG – working funds balances £4448.94

1. **£1250.00 Library funds** (committed spends) - £18.33
2. **£2300 Healthy Holidays** (committed spends) - £1195.01
3. **£1500 Mental Health & Wellbeing** (committed spends) - £275.54
4. **£400.00 Menopause drop in café (committed spend MS to seek Renaissance Centre dates/times to help)** - £400.00
5. **£4000 Community Support Working Funds**
  - £1000 environmental – balance remaining £1000.00
  - £1000 Young People – balance remaining £1000.00
  - £1000 events/projects/initiatives – balance remaining £1000.00
  - £1000 community support grants/small funds – balance remaining £198.86

AG mentioned to the Ward Alliance that monies had to be paid from the working funds for more supplies to the Defibs due to the company we have sourced been more expensive than the other defibs in the Dearne, not a lot can be done as the machine is a different model – all agreed for Alan to purchase the right ones and take from the Project budget.

**SD – Ward Alliance balance** – No applications were submitted due to the end of financial year - the Bulky Rubbish will be taken from 2023/24 budget so will be recorded on the next meetings minutes and finances.

#### 5. projects & initiatives 2023

MS read through the project plan adding instructions and volunteers for each initiative that the Dearne South members could work on over the next 12 months – All Ward Alliance members were happy with the projects that have come forward from their action plan given ideas what they would like to see – MS proposed an action planning meeting separate to keep the meeting on time. (Date planned for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April)

#### 6. Group updates

**Snaptin community hub** ...The committee is having a restructure with a new Chairperson – current plans to ensure all event planning is completed and other groups/organisations are fully informed of dates to avoid duplications. Grant funds have been handed out to several groups to run projects in Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne for the Kings Coronation (street parties etc) The Community Hub will be providing a spring fayre as well as helping Julie on Phoenix Park and embankment throughout the year - Scarecrow competition will go ahead again this year as well as Christmas Fayre.

MS enquired what stage the Legacy was in - AG replied will be updated at the next Ward Alliance meeting.

**Salvation Army** – AS all going well full with foodbank customers actually over prescribed, there is enough funding to help all families and individuals – assisting at the More money in your pocket event – all going well at the moment with agencies all working together. Issues surrounding language barriers is affecting the workload of Alison & Jackie with the foodbank getting heavily used by other families out of the Dearne area, so provisions are in place for appointment only situations no drop ins for anyone outside the Dearne.

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

**Allotment Group** – MM – all going well with sustainable growing and all the adults with learning difficulties and volunteers learning about growing and sowing their own produce.

**BODVAG** – Carol informed the group that sadly BODVAG had decided to fold due to lack of commitment from members and she was struggling herself to recruit and commit – the Ward Alliance agreed to help with St Andrews Square and to make sure they get all the events planned beforehand to ensure the area would still be included and get a fair share of the projects.

**Embankment Group** – MB lots of work is happening on site with spring on the horizon, they are planning the Spring Fayre (anyone who is available to help please do so) Dan Jones the local sculpture artist has designed a promise tree in which is now placed in full sight on the top and looks brilliant – feel free to take a look  
They will be planning the Autumn Fayre and hopefully having some summer sessions for the schools and children and maybe looing to open for summer picnics for all at some stage.  
They are also hoping to hold a dinosaur day to create models like Jurassic Park with painters/artists coming along – more information needed at next meeting

Goldthorpe Development Group – Bounce into summer is in full swing with wristbands been priced at £5.00 per child all stalls are now fully booked

Older persons event is full and going really well 90+ attendees all positive feedback and all thoroughly enjoy themselves

- 7. AOB** – Anything taken from the container needs to inform Alan George (keyholder) so he can run the stock check and also liability forms need writing out so anyone who borrows anything needs to pay/replace if any items get damaged in future  
Both tents that are currently in the container have been agreed to let the community have them Bulldogs the big white one, embankment the green – AG to sort direct.

**8. Date & Times of next meeting**

Event planning – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Willowcroft

Ward Alliance – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.30am Heathercourt

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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Update on Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Fund Spend**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

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

**2.0 Recommendations**

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

**3.0 Introduction**

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

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

**4.0 Spend to date**

4.1 The **Dearne North Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2022/23 financial year was £11,186.89 this includes the underspend of £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** this will be carried over for 2023/2024 budget

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 2021/22 budget. To date they have provided funds to 9 projects at a cost of £7,846.68 leaving a balance of **£6,031.04** this will be carried over for 2023/2024 budget

**5.0 Appendi**

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

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Dearne Area Council Manager

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**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

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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**

<b><u>App no.</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Project end date</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation remaining</u></b>
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
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, Thurnscoe	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		<b>+£31.18</b>	£2,282.17

**Total spend = £8904.72**

**Match funded = £3728.50**

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## 2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

### 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

<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
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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