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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday 31 January 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 6 December 2023 (Cen.31.01.2024/2) *(Pages 3 - 6)*

Items for Discussion

- 3 Creative Recovery (Cen.31.01.2024/3)

Items for Decision

- 4 Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.31.01.2024/4) *(Pages 7 - 14)*

Ward Alliances

- 5 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.31.01.2024/5) *(Pages 15 - 32)*
Dodworth – held on 6 November 2023
Kingstone – held on 13 December 2023
Stairfoot – held on 13 November and 11 December 2023
Worsbrough – held on 16 November 2023
- 6 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.31.01.2024/6) *(Pages 33 - 38)*

Additional Items

- 7 Date and time of the next meeting (Cen.31.01.2024/7)

To: Chair and Members of Central Area Council:-

Councillors K. Dyson (Chair), Bowser, Christmas, Clarke, Fielding, Lodge, O'Donoghue, Mitchell, Moyes, Murray, Risebury, Shirt, C. Wray and P. Wright

Area Council Support Officers:

Steve Loach, Central Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Sarah Blunkett, Central Area Council Manager
Lisa Phelan, Central Area Council Manager
Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager

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Tuesday 23 January 2024



MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday 6 December 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors K. Dyson (Chair), Clarke, Fielding, Mitchell, Moyes, Murray and P. Wright

22 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 27 September 2023 (Cen.06.12.2023/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 27 September 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 27 September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

24 Support for Private Tenants and for Berneslai Home Tenants - Lisa Harris, Dominic Dimanna and Sharon Laister (Cen.06.12.2023/3)

Lisa Harris, Housing and Cohesion Officer, Barnsley Council, Dominic Dimanna, Tenants First Team Leader, Berneslai Homes, and Sharon Laister, Cost of Living Advisor, Berneslai Homes, were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were made aware of the Hardship Fund which was available to Berneslai Homes tenants. £0.5m from Housing Support Grant was made available to assist those struggling in the cost of living crisis. Support was available in the form of payments for gas and electricity, including pre-payment vouchers or assistance with arrears, or by providing vouchers for food and toiletries.

The fund was capped at £750 per household per 12 months, and details of income and expenditure was required to be provided to assess eligibility. Members heard that members could apply every 3 months if the maximum of £750 per household had not been reached.

Members noted that food vouchers were available for a variety of supermarkets, and available in different denominations. Applications to the fund could be made online, or via telephone, and tenants could self-refer or be referred by various external agencies. Members noted that around £280k remained in the fund, but that there was a backlog of applications to be processed.

In addition, members were made aware of two other sources of financial support, one which provided help with hoarding cases, and another for support with water debt,

school uniforms and hygiene. It was noted that with hoarding, financial support could be provided in the form of skips or cleaning, and that referrals would be made to support agencies.

Questions were asked in relation to leaseholders, who were not tenants, and it was confirmed that only tenants were eligible, however support may be available through the More Money In Your Pocket for those in other housing tenures. It was noted that the fund was not equipped to respond to urgent needs, and applications could take from 2-6 weeks depending on the current backlog of applications.

It was noted that eligibility criteria would be circulated to Members. Members were encouraged to promote the fund to pensioners, as they were currently underrepresented as recipients.

Those present were then provided an update in relation to the role of the Housing and Cohesion worker and their work with tenants in the private rented sector and with owner occupiers. Members noted that financial support could be provided through Household Support Grant in the form of £49 energy vouchers for pre-payment meters, and that the officer had made many referrals to the fund. It was noted that applications from each household could only be made every 30 days.

Members noted the work undertaken to support tenants with damp, with many noticing deteriorating conditions due to the rise in fuel prices and heating being used more sparingly. Members heard how some households had been supported with food vouchers to help offset the increased heating charges and in other cases blankets, moisture boxes and extra quilts had been provided for individuals to keep warm.

Members noted that heavy rains had also highlighted cases of damp and disrepair, and many vulnerable tenants had been supported to deal with these issues with the officer liaising with the landlord on their behalf.

The proactive nature of the post was acknowledged and Members heard that the officer was currently supporting 36 households. Noted were the widespread difficulties due to rising costs, which had led to a number of owner occupiers unable to service their boilers, potentially leading to significant health impacts. Where possible referrals to other sources of support, such as Age UK were made. Those present also discussed other sources of support such as CISWO.

Members noted the additional pressures on landlords, and the options available to improve conditions for tenants, such as serving improvement notices. The option for works in default with a charge on the deed being made, or payment plans was discussed.

Those present heard of the support to landlords and tenants, with resources available in the form of a 'how to rent' booklet for the latter.

Noted was the workload of the Housing and Cohesion Officer, with the current prevailing weather increasing the number and severity of issues faced by vulnerable residents.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the attendance of officers, the information provided, and their continued hard work to support residents.

25 Performance Management Report Quarter 2 (Cen.06.12.2023/4)

The Area Council Manager introduced the report that provided an overview of performance in quarter 2 and covered the period August- September 2023.

Members heard that contract management meetings had been held with all organisations delivering for the Area Council, and no issues with performance had been identified.

RESOLVED that the report be received, and the contents noted.

26 Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.06.12.2023/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the report which provided the current position of Area Council commissions, service level agreements and grants. It was noted that a panel had met to consider applications to the Social Isolation Fund. Four had been selected to proceed, and details would be made available in the new year.

Members noted that deadline for the Youth Work Fund call for submissions had recently passed and those received would be considered shortly. An update on both funds would be provided at the next meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements, and grant funded projects, with associated timescales be noted;
- (ii) That the actual financial position to date for 2023-2024 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-2025 as outlined in appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted;
- (iii) That it be noted that the Social Isolation moderation panel met on 17 November 2023 with details of successful applicants being made available to the next meeting of the Area Council.

27 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.06.12.2023/6)

The meeting received the notes of the following meetings of the Ward Alliances within the Central Area:-

Central – held on 23 August, 27 September and 25 October 2023

Dodworth – held on 3 October 2023

Kingstone – held on 2 September and 15 November 2023

Stairfoot – held on 11 September, 9 October and 13 November 2023

Worsbrough – held on 7 September and 12 October 2023

It was remarked that Dodworth had held a very well attended Christmas Fayre, which had been funded through the contributions from the Ward Alliance Fund and from Better Barnsley Bonds. The latter was recommended as a useful source of external funds.

RESOLVED that the notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances be received.

28 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.06.12.2023/7)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

Central Area Council Meeting:
31 January 2024

Report of Central Area Council Manager:
Sarah Blunkett

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2023-2024 and the projected financial position to 2024-2025. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2023-2024 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-2025 as outlined.
- 2.3 Members note that the Social Isolation and Loneliness moderation panel met and were able to progress four applications at a total cost of £102,736.20
- 2.4 Members agree to Recommended Option 1a to progress the commissioning of services via a 'Social Isolation and Vulnerable Persons Challenge fund' with a financial envelope of £62,666.80 for grants to end prior 31st March 2025. Members are also asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of CAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director.
- 2.5 Members agree option 2a to allocated additional £515 to the Youth Work Fund to support both applications for YMCA and Youth Association in their entirety

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3 Overview of Contracts and timescales

The table below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**

Priority	Service/ Fund	Provider	Value	From	To	Type
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life	Age UK Barnsley	£79,187 £40,000	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	£79,165.17 £41,800	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community	£30,252.96 £15,500	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience & wellbeing in children & young people School Year 6 to Year 9	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £139,876 Year 2 £139,867	01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2024 31/03/2025	Contract
	2022 Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £52,000 Year 2 £52,000	01/07/2022 01/07/2023	30/06/2023 30/06/2024	Grant Agreement
	2022 Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,934 Year 2 £12,934	01/07/2022 01/07/2023	30/06/2023 30/06/2024	Grant Agreement
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	Year 1 £110,000 Year 2 £110,000 Year 3 £110,000	01/04/2022 01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	Contract
	CAC Commission Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 £35,000 Year 2 £35,000 Year 3 £35,000	01/04/2022 01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	SLA
	CAC Commission Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 £35,000 Year 2 £35,000 Year 3 £35,000	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	SLA
Vulnerable People	Uplift project <i>Funding agreed as match funding with Arts Council</i>	Creative Recovery	Year 1 £15,000 Year 2 £15,000	01/10/2022	30/09/2024	Grant Agreement
	Central Wellbeing	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £29,597	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Grant Agreement

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Fund Tranche 1 Advice Drop-In		Year 2 £29,597	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
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4. Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

4.1 Social Isolation and Supporting Vulnerable People Priorities

4.1.1 As per decisions made at the CAC meeting on 19 July 2023; the Social Isolation and Loneliness grant fund will run for 1 year and a total financial envelope of £130,000.00 is available. Responsibility for the procurement of these grants was delegated to the Executive Director.

4.1.2 The fund launched at the end of September and closed 31 October 2023. A total of ten applications were received. These were scored by the panel and independently moderated. The panel were able to progress four applications at a total cost of £102,736.20. At the time of this report draft grant applications have been issued to:

- Barnsley FC, Community with Reds Connect £22,760.20
- Citizens Advice Barnsley with Advice Drop in Service £21,160
- DIAL Barnsley with Community Timebank Project £18,838
- Age UK with My Community My Life £39,978.20

4.1.3 £27,263.80 of the fund was unallocated. There is also £35,403 unallocated from tranche 2 supporting vulnerable people priority.

4.1.4 Suggested options for Members to consider:

Recommended Option 1a: Open a social isolation and vulnerable persons grant fund to run for 1 year up to £62,666.80. This would bring any grants offered in line with other current commissions to end March 2025. This would enable members to review all priorities together during 2024. This would also allow trial projects to take place furthering local intelligence for this priority. Applications to this fund would be considered via a funding panel made up of elected members and the area council manager and that responsibility is delegated to the Executive Director of Public Health & Communities to agree procurement of these grants.

Option 1b: Open a social isolation challenge fund or commission to run for 2-3 years to allow for a more sustainable offer.

Option 1c: Defer the fund and decisions making until 2024 to form part of the wider CAC review

4.2 Youth Work Fund

4.2.1 Further to the Area Council meeting on 19 July 2023, Members agreed that the Area Council Manager should progress with funding outreach youth work from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 to line up with the expiration of all other funds in anticipation of a full review of all Area Council Priorities. The panel met and considered two very worthy applications from the Youth Association and YMCA. The amount allocated by CAC was £50,000. The total application amount was £50,515.

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4.2.2 The panel recommends that an additional £515 is allocated to the Youth Work Fund to support both applications in their entirety.

Option 2a Allocate an additional £515 to the Youth Work Fund to allow both projects to be funded in their entirety.

Option 2b to work with providers to make savings to allow both projects to run with reductions.

5. Financial Position

5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing CAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on CAC funding.

The 2023-24 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

There is £27,263.80 of the fund that was unallocated from the social isolation challenge fund.. There is also £35,403 unallocated from tranche 2 supporting vulnerable people priority. This allows for £62,666.80 available for allocation.

5.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure is attached for information This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other "informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with future potential proposals shown in **red**. There are no items for consideration at this meeting.

The budget projections remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may be subject to change

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual Income and Expenditure

Appendix 2: CAC Budget Allocation and Forecast

**CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING
BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2017/18 TO
2023/24**

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	2023/24	
					Profile	Actual
Base Expenditure	Baseline Budget	n/a	n/a	n/a	£500,000.00	
C/F From Previous Year	C/F from the previous year	n/a	n/a	n/a	£153,336.36	
Additional Income from Grants	Internal & External Funding	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Additional Income from FPN's etc.	Fixed Penalties etc.	n/a				
TOTAL INCOME					£653,336.36	£0.00
Emotional Resilience - C&YP	YMCA (The Unity Project)	Apr-23	2 years	279,743.00	£139,878.00	£93,252.00
Clean & Green service	Twiggs	Apr-22	1+1+1	330,000.00	£110,000.00	£73,333.32
Private Rented New tenancy support	BMBC - Community Safety (SLA)	Nov-19	1+1	65,000.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Private flytipping SLA (Targeted Householed opping)	BMBC SLA	Nov-19	1+1	64,000.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Central Wellbeing Fund	Creative Recovery (Grant)	Jul-19	(Extended delivery to	30,000.00	£15,000.00	£11,250.00
Central Wellbeing Fund 2023-2025 the 2	TBC	TBC	TBC	70,806.00	£35,403.00	
NEW Central Wellbeing Fund 2023-2025	DIAL (Grant)	Apr-23	2 years	59,194.00	£29,597.00	£22,197.75
Youth Work Fund New Grant 2022	Youth Association	Jul-22	Jun-24	104,000.00	£52,000.00	£39,000.00
Youth Work Fund New Grant 2022	YMCA	Jul-22	Jun-24	25,868.00	£12,934.00	£9,700.50
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Age UK Barnsley	Apr-21	2 years + 1	121,186.68	£40,000.00	£30,000.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Reds in the Community	Apr-21	2 years + 1	45,752.96	£15,500.00	£11,625.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Apr-21	2 years + 1	120,665.17	£41,800.00	£31,350.00
Devolved to Ward Alliances						
Year-End reconcillation						
Expenditure Incurred in Year					£562,112.00	£391,708.57
Balance at year end to carry forward					£91,224.36	£261,627.79

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Central Area Council - Budget Option 2023-2025

Income	Priority	2023/2024			2024/2025		
Central Area Council Allocation		£ 500,000.00			£ 500,000.00		
Other Funding							
Carried forward from previous year		£ 153,336.36			£ 91,224.36		
Other Funding Applications TBC							
Total Available Spend:		£ 653,336.36			£ 591,224.36		
Expenditure - Service / Provider		2023/2024			2024/2025		
		Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Additional Proposal
Clean & Green (<i>Twiggs</i>)	C&G	£ 110,000.00			£ 110,000.00		
Targetted Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education (<i>JP</i>)	C&G	£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
Youth Work Fund (<i>YMCA & Youth Association; Pending</i>)	CYP	£ 64,934.00			£ 16,098.00	£ 50,000.00	£ 515.00
CYP Emotional Resilience (<i>YMCA</i>)	CYP	£ 139,878.00			£ 139,865.00		
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (<i>Reds, Mind & Age UK; Pending</i>)	SI	£ 97,300.00			£ 102,736.20	£ 27,263.80	
Creative Recovery	SVP	£ 15,000.00			£ 7,500.00		
Supporting Vulnerable People Central Wellbeing Fund (<i>Dial; Pending</i>)	SVP	£ 29,597.00	£ 35,403.00		£ 29,597.00		
Private Rented Tenancy Support (<i>LH</i>)	SVP + C&G	£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
<i>year-end reconcilliation</i>							
Totals:		£ 526,709.00	£ 35,403.00	£ -	£ 475,796.20	£ 77,263.80	£ 515.00
Total anticipated contract spend:		£ 562,112.00			£ 553,575.00		
In Year Balance		£ 91,224.36			£ 37,649.36		

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DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 6th November 2023 @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Councillor Will Fielding (Chair)</p> <p>Councillor Chris Wray</p> <p>Councillor Sam Christmas</p> <p>Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG)</p> <p>Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes)</p> <p>Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH)</p> <p>Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident (SM)</p> <p>Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT)</p> <p>Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB)</p>	<p>Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC)</p> <p>Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD)</p> <p>Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB)</p>

1. Welcome and Introductions		Action/Decision	Action led
	Councillor Wray welcomed everyone to the meeting with no introductions necessary.		
2. Apologies for Absence		Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Higham Cricket Club – Christmas Light Motifs</u></p> <p>In respect of the costs quoted by BMBC for erecting the Christmas light motifs, the price has now been reduced, however, it is still felt by the organiser’s at the Club, that the price is still too high. It was reported that a notice has therefore been put up at the Cricket Club stating the Christmas Light Motifs will not be going up.</p> <p>DG stated that prices quoted by BMBC for the Ward Alliances Christmas Motifs to be erected have now also been queried. DG will report back with their response to this matter, and what if any reductions are made to their initial quote.</p> <p><u>Christmas High Street Event</u></p> <p>It was reported that regarding the Christmas High Street Event, some details are still in need of finalising. DG stated that funding from the Better Barnsley Bond has also still to come through and was still struggling to get it processed for payment to be received.</p> <p><u>Higham Community Garden</u></p> <p>DG reported that she has rechecked the email she has received in respect of ownership details of the land. DG reported that a strip was owned by BMBC, but the rest was thought to be owned by the Coal Board.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 3rd October 2023, were agreed as a true record.</p>		

4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action led
	There were no declarations of pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest declared.		
5. Budgets		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £7,862.38</p> <p>Small Sparks Balance:- £337.91</p> <p>DG reported that the Ward Alliance should be able to both ring fence amounts of funding for projects, and also carry forward any remaining budget into the next financial year.</p>		
6. Update for Christmas		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>DG reported that the Ward Alliance's Christmas Light Motifs should be erected by the 28th November.</p> <p>DG also stated that the 3 Christmas trees donated by KDA, should have been put up by Neighbourhood Services within the next week or so.</p>		

7.	Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Love Gawber and Pogmoor in Conjunction with St. Thomas’s Church – Christmas in Gawber</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from the Love Gawber and Pogmoor Group in conjunction with St. Thomas’s Church to hold an after- school Christmas party event at Gawber Community Centre. Primarily aimed at both Gawber Primary School and Nursery and their parents, but all others are welcome also. The application requesting £400 will be spent on providing festive refreshments, a small gift for each child presented by Father Christmas, party lights to decorate the hall, hall hire, Father Christmas outfit, and fees to cover costs for brass band to attend to play festive tunes.</p> <p>The Funding Application was approved for the full amount, with Ward Alliances Members stating it was a worthwhile event bringing members of its community together.</p> <p><u>Dodworth Methodist Church & Toddlers Group – Christmas Coffee Morning</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from Dodworth Methodist Church & Toddlers Group for the sum of £380.</p> <p>The funding will be used to provide a Christmas Coffee Morning at Methodist Church and 2 Christmas Toddler Group Parties. It will be spent of providing Christmas Gifts and Refreshments to children participating at the Coffee Morning, and</p>		

	<p>gifts for all the children at the Toddlers Group Parties as well as refreshments, buns and cakes for the toddlers and their carer's.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members thought this was a very worthy project, and the funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>Small Sparks Application - Planters in front of Dodworth Library</u></p> <p>A small sparks funding application was received requesting the sum of £150 from 2 local volunteers. The funds required are needed to make improvements to some of the beds outside the library to purchase membrane and mulch/barking chippings to keep the area weed free and therefore low maintenance.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Ring Fenced Public Health Funding Allocation</u></p> <p>DG reported that a project /scheme which the £2,000 funding received from Public Health stills needed to be identified. DG reiterated that the monies must be spent on a wellbeing/public health event or improvement project.</p> <p>A discussion was held about potential projects the money could be spent on. It was suggested and agreed that the instalment of a Defibrillator should be explored. DG will investigate this</p>	<p>DG</p>	

	<p>proposal further and report back to the Ward Alliance. Ward Alliance Members will continue to consider other potential ideas/projects which fits the funding criteria.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>		
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 5.30 pm.</p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6th February 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March 2024</p>		

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KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	13 December 2023
Location:	Worsbrough Common Community Centre

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Wright, Craig Aubrey (CDO), Peter Roberts, Florentine Booth-King, Peter Robertshaw, Kelly Quinney	Cllr Ramchandani, Rowan Briscoe, Vera Mawby, Steve Bullcock

2. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
3. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None that aren't covered in the agenda		
4. Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Alliance Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget available: £5,370.23 • Environmental budget: £565.40 • Events budget: £964.06 • Small Sparks: £970 		
5. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to be discussed 		
6. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All aspects moved on to next ward alliance meeting 		
7. Any Other Business:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging Baskets to be discussed at the next Ward Alliance • Environment Group will look to start in 2024, once Hanging Baskets has been agreed upon. • New benches were discussed and will be presented at the next meeting to look at planning installation possibilities. 		
8. Date and time of next and future meetings:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 January 2024 5.45pm – 7.15pm WCCC 		

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Stairfoot Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	13 November 2023 10am – 11.30am
Location:	St Andrew's Church

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Dyson (Chair), Craig Aubrey (CDO), Roy Marsden, Cath Winder, Rob Stendall, Dave Winnard	Cllr Murray, Cllr Shirt, Cynthia Cunningham, Lisa Hammond, Fiona Kouble, Helen Lindley, Sian Pearson

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
Roy Marsden for Ardsley bowling Club		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None arising, all on the agenda		
5. Budget		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main budget: £12,539.89 • Environmental budget: £1500 • Events: £958.53 • Small Sparks Fund: £1,050 		
6. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Space Ardsley: After supporting the warm space last year, the ward alliance are happy to support again and support it to push on to even bigger and support more people. The ward alliance communicated at supporting the warm space more to increase this year. • Ardsley Bowling Club: The ward alliance agreed to fund the Bowling Club's project. The ward alliance acknowledged the hard work that has gone in and the none ward alliance funding supporting the improvement of the green from where it was until now. This will support the completion of this project of improvement. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Process the application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support the space improvement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Process the application.</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
7. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween update: The Halloween window project had over 100 packs go out to families in Stairfoot, schools also participated in curriculum time. 15 entries to the competition came in from this. Thanks to Kendray Together for support with this. They also held a scarecrow competition which was successful in Kendray, with interest coming from other areas too in Stairfoot ward. This will be used next year to support a wider competition. • Christmas: The Older Blowers are booked in for a Christmas Concert 		

<p>on 12th December 6pm, confirmation of space is underway and will be sent around in due course. We are waiting on Barnsley Brass with dates for 2 more concerts too. The Ward Alliance has agreed to support 400 selection boxes being handed out by Santa across the ward, with Kendray Together supporting this going out and providing a Santa. The Ward Alliance will also be hosting a bauble competition across the ward this year too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artwork across Stairfoot: The Ward Alliance have been given permission to paint a mural on the wall below High Grove Care Home and have contacted Creative Recovery for advice and support. This project will be picked up in 2024. The Ward Alliance would like to add context to the artwork on Stairfoot Roundabout, this would be a description visible from the road explaining the context. • 2024 work: the group would like to look at new projects and would begin this process now. Members would be communicating with their groups and the community to identify new starting projects. 	<p>Organise the Christmas Events and share info</p> <p>Work with Kendray Together on Santa Project</p> <p>Pick pack up in January</p> <p>Discuss with community</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CW/CA</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>8. Ongoing Projects</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging Baskets: Paul Hamby has contacted the Ward Alliance to let us know he hasn't been successful in getting the hanging baskets contract. The Ward Alliance would like to acknowledge how thankful they are for the work of Paul over the past few of years and the support he has given the Stairfoot Ward Alliance, we hope him all the best and would love to work with him again in the future. • Memorial Work: The costing of a memorial would possibly be around £2500; this is separate from the Letters to heaven. The Group will contact Barnsley College to look at supporting the project and possibly working with students to design and build. 	<p>Wait for update and then communicate</p> <p>Contact Barnsley College to progress</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride of Place funding is out with the first deadline being 17 November. CA has communicated with Ardsley Church around them putting in an application to support improvement of their facilities. • A number of areas were identified to look at support from highways or Twiggs to improve, these will be sent through to be worked upon. • The Ward Alliance would like to look at supporting information out to make more people aware of Ward Alliance and their projects • The Ward Alliance would like to send a formal thank you out to Bridie for her work in Ardsley Park picking 	<p>Contact appropriate services</p> <p>Design project</p>	<p>KD/CA</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>10. Date and time of next and future meetings:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 11, 2023, 10am – St Andrew's 		

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Stairfoot Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	11 December 2023 10am – 11.30am
Location:	St Andrew's Church

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Murray (Chair), Cllr Shirt, Cllr Dyson, Craig Aubrey (CDO), Cath Winder, Rob Stendall, Dave Winnard, Cynthia Cunningham, Sian Pearson. Jo Wooton (Game Changer), Hannah Wright (Game Changer), Rachel Pearson (Youth Association), Adam Roberts (Twiggs)	Roy Marsden, Lisa Hammond, Fiona Kouble, Helen Lindley,

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None arising.		
5. Budget		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main budget: £7,009.89 • Environmental budget: £1500 • Events: £801.08 • Small Sparks Fund: £951.70 		
6. Game Changer Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
Hannah Wright GC Lead and New Community Jo Wooton introduced themselves, and updated on the Game Changer project for 2023, and the direction they have turned with new activities. Ward Alliance Members were invited to contact Hannah or Jo to look at activities across Kendray, they believe would be supported by the community or to invite Game Changer to events/meetings to discuss with the wider public.	Pass contact details on to both parties	
7. Youth Association introduction and update	Action/Decision	Action lead
Rachel Pearson the youth worker supporting the Central Area commissioned Youth work introduced herself and the work she has undertaken across Central Area, and the specifically the Stairfoot Ward. She spoke of communication between the ward alliance members and herself, if there are any areas they feel young people would benefit from working with them. Rachel left her details for the ward alliance members to contact her.		
8. Any Other Business:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Alliance members spoke to Adam Roberts of areas identified to 		

<p>be addressed by the team at Twiggs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A late application has arrived and will be sent out to be decided over email. It will be around Christmas Hamper support for Stairfoot Foodbank. • The first Brass band event went well on 6th December and we look forward to the next two, and where people can could they support the events. • The ward alliance would like to acknowledge the passing of Brian Mathers, and highlight the brilliant work he did for Ardsley and the Stairfoot Ward as a Cllr, mayor and a volunteer. We will be forever grateful to him. 		
<p>9. Date and time of next and future meetings:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 8, 2024, 10am – St Andrew's 		

Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday, 16 November 2023 @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke (JC)		
CDO:	Sarah Davey (SD) on behalf of Michelle Toone (MT)		
Secretary:	N/A		
Committee Members:	Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Tracey Hamby (TH) Mireille Eastwood (ME) Allison Johnson (AJ)		
Guest:	N/A		
2. Apologies for Absence			
None given in meeting.			
It was asked that Ward Alliance members would please send apologies if they are unable to make the meeting.			
Sherry Holling (SH) sent apologies by email- CDO accessed later.			
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest			
None declared			
4. Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Not available: will be sent in due course	MT to send	MT
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	To be followed up in next formal meeting	MT to follow up	MT
6.. Ward Alliance Budget 2023/2024		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Total remaining allocation for 2023/2024:	MT to check the amounts on return to work	MT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Fund = £ 9,136.09 Engagement Fund = £ £2030.53 		
7. WAF Applications/ Potential spend / Ratified spend		Action/ Decision	Action lead
a.	No WAF applications this month		

b.	Confirmation that Small Sparks grant had been processed for Stitches		
8. WAF Monitoring		Action	Action Lead
	Mierille reported that she has not yet had chance to do this, and that it might be difficult for groups before Christmas, but she has programmed it in for the New Year and is looking forward to it.	Mireille to email Cllr Clarke when visiting groups	ME
9. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Social Isolation and Challenge Fund: SD reported that this grant has been released to replace the current social isolation contract that ends in March 2024.</p> <p>The new grant will be for 1 year from April 2024 to March 2025, and will be for community and voluntary groups to tackle social isolation.</p> <p>The closing date was on 31 October and about 10 applications had been received.</p> <p>It was asked if all applications were being considered or the panel was filtering them out, so SD assured the group that the normal processes were being followed.</p>		
b.	<p>Pride of Place Fund: SD reported that this grant had been released by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and that organisations could apply for funding which fits the Council's objectives around Healthy Barnsley, Growing Barnsley, Learning Barnsley and Sustainable Barnsley.</p> <p>Community and Voluntary groups can apply for capital or a mix of capital and revenue and the funds need to be spent by end of March 2024.</p> <p>The closing date for applications was 17 November 2023.</p>		
10. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions		Action/Decision	Action lead
	To discuss at next formal Ward Alliance meeting	MT to lead	MT/ planning committee
11. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus		Action/Decision	Action lead
	To discuss at next formal Ward Alliance	MT to lead	ALL
12. Coffee, Cake and Community: Sarah Davey		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>SD gave a brief overview of the Worsbrough group- Coffee, Cake and Community which operates within Worsbrough Library on a Thursday between 3 and 4.30 pm. It is a social and activity group for those in the Worsbrough area. The group does arts and craft activities, quizzes, and bingo.</p> <p>These sessions are part of the Stepping- Stones Programmes, which aim to develop volunteers and provide opportunities to participate for those who are vulnerable</p>	Cllr Clarke to check out Elm Court as a possible temporary venue and to let SD know	JC

	<p>and/or marginalised. The other programmes are Micro-volunteering and Coffee, Cake and Confidence.</p> <p>SD explained that the group is being run by 4 volunteers, supported by herself, but that the aim is for volunteers to run the sessions in the near future as a group in their own right.</p> <p>At the end of November, the library is closing down for refurbishment until April 2024, meaning that the group needs to find somewhere close by to meet. Because a proportion of participants are from Ariya House, a brain injuries rehab centre in Worsbrough, the venue would need to be accessible by them. They have no transport. Suggestions were Elm Court, Barrow Club, and potentially running it on a temporary basis at Ariya House if that is allowed and they have the space. Cllr Clarke mentioned that to get into Elm Court a fob might be needed and will explore possibilities here.</p>		
13. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>a. New Area Manager: Cllr Clarke shared that Kelly Lycett, the new Area Manager for the Central Area Team, was starting towards the end of January and would replace Lisa Phelan who was now managing the NE team. Kelly would work part time alongside the other Area Council Manager, Sarah Blunkett.</p> <p>b. Creative Recovery Christmas concert: SD shared that there would be an event at the Barrow Club, organised by Creative Recovery Uplift Project either on 7 or 14 December depending on the availability of the brass band. They are awaiting confirmation as to when the band is available.</p> <p>c. Worsbrough Sports and Community Association: The question was asked if a Christmas event had been organised at Worsbrough Sports and Community Association. SD did not have this information, but said that she was sure Michelle would have started the process.</p>		<p>MT to inform the group with regards to Christmas events/ SD to contact Craig Aubrey/ Alan (WA) if needed to find out if Sports Association had been booked</p>	<p>MT</p>
Date and time of next meetings			
	<p>14th December: Social (venue TBC)</p> <p>25th January: Ward Green Baptist Church</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>MT</p>

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting

DATE: 31 January 2024

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Officer Contact: Sarah Blunkett

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Submission Date: 19 January 2024

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2023-2024. This forms the report for the financial year and remaining allocations carried forward from the financial period 2023-2023.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

3. Introduction

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

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

- 3.2 In considering projects for the use of 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. Commitments to Date

- 4.1 A breakdown of the approved CAC spend for the 2023-2024 financial year, is attached at Appendix 1.

- 4.2 Ward Alliances continue to review priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds.

Appendix 1

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2023-2024 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2023-24 each Ward had an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2022-23 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2023-24 allocation, managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding were approved through the Ward Alliance.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£14,669.00	Carried forward from 2022-23
£10,000.00	Base allocation 2023-24
£24,669.00	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Central Small Sparks Budget top up	£360.00	
Hanging Basket Sponsorship (2 Baskets)	£200.00	
Litter Picking Equipment	£1,710.00	
Summer Sports Van	£375.00	
Family Fun Day	£2000.00	
Litter Picking Equipment		£10.00
Summer Sports Van		£30.00
Contribution to Central Area 10 Year Celebration	£500.00	
Buckley Methodist Church Providing Refreshments	£400.00	
Full House Estate A year of bringing the community together	£1,000.00	
Harborough Hills Christmas Motif Lights	£909.22	
Youth Association Hoyle Mill Skate Park Etiquette Sign	£828.00	
Total Remaining	£16,426.78	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,312.66 Carried forward from 2022-23

£10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24

£18,312.66 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Wharnccliffe Craft Group Electronic Equipment	£350.00	
Secretary Payment Apr-Jun 23	£125.00	
Contribution to 10-year celebration	£500.00	
Top of Dodworth Bottoms - Bingo machine & Entertainment	£989.00	
Summer Sports Van and Pitch Lining	£440.00	
Dodworth St John the Baptist CE Primary Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Robert Acton Litter Picking Equipment	£370.00	
WA Christmas in Dodworth	£4,322.56	
Summer Sports Van		£30.00
Pitch Lining		£1.28
Buttons Cat Rescue Fundraising Event	£500.00	
Perspex Replacement on Community Noticeboard	£260.00	
St John the Baptist PCC Santa's Visit	£325.00	
Dodworth Library Activities for Dodworth	£500.00	
Secretary Payment Jul-Sep 23	£125.00	
Gawber Community Celebrates Christmas	£560.00	
Dodworth Parents & Toddlers Christmas	£380.00	
Total Remaining	£6,797.38	

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,824.23 Carried forward from 2022-23

£10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24

£18,824.23 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Festival of Flowers	£250.00	
Events Budget Top Up	£1,308.00	
Worsborough Common Primary School Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Worsborough Common Community Association Summer at WCCA event	£1,306.00	
Contribution to 10-year celebration	£500.00	
WCCA St Lukes Stroke Group	£460.00	
Twiggs Bulbs in Kingstone	£1,014.00	
Creative Recovery Christmas in Kingstone	£1,316.00	
HOPE Communication/Marketing Campaign	£2,068.00	
True Colours SEN Group	£1,650.00	
Exodus Tents and Mattresses	£1,500.00	
Total Remaining	£5,652.23	

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 9,724.10 Carried forward from 2022-23

£10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24

£19,724.10 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
St Andrews Church Room Hire	£240.00	
D H Marrion Installation of Defib storage unit	£631.06	
Contribution to Defib Project		£1,100.00
Ardsley Bowling Club	£400.00	
Kendray Community	£1,550.00	
Contribution to 10-year celebration	£500.00	
Kendray Together Summer Gala	£500.00	
Barnsley Central Crown Green Bowling Club Regeneration to Bowling Green	£2,958.00	
Environmental Budget Top Up	£1,505.15	
Christ Church Ardsley Warm Space	£1,600.00	
Ardsley Bowling Club Tipping the Green	£3,330.00	
Total Remaining	£7,609.89	

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,745.33 Carried forward from 2022-23

£10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24

£18,745.33 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Art History Project Intergenerational Telecoms Box	£1,500.00	
Community Notice Board Replacement	£895.00	
Worsbrough Bank End Primary School Enterprise Challenge	£995.00	
Engagement Budget Top Up	£2,000.00	
Worsbrough Tidy Group Insurance	£319.24	
The Mill Academy Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Contribution to 10 Year Celebration	£500.00	
Engagement Budget Top Up	£2,000.00	
Total Remaining	£8,736.09	