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<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 17 July 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 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 22nd May 2023 (Dac.17.07.2023/2) (*Pages 3 - 8*)

### Items for Information

- 3 Housing and Cohesion Officer, Kev Frisby - Verbal Update
- 4 Dearne Electronic Community Village, Rory Garforth - Verbal Update
- 5 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.17.07.2023/5) (*Pages 9 - 12*)

### Ward Alliances

- 6 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.17.07.2023/6) (*Pages 13 - 26*)  
  
Dearne North Ward Alliance Meetings held on 2 May and 20 June 2023  
Dearne South Ward Alliance Meeting held on 6 June 2023
- 7 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.17.07.2023/7) (*Pages 27 - 32*)

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

## **MINUTES**

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

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

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

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the notes of the inquorate meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved; and
- (ii) that the minutes of meeting of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 be approve as a true and correct record.

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

Laura Hammerton (Early Start and Families Strategy and Service Manager) and Link Officer for the Area Council attended the meeting.

She gave a brief overview of her role and responsibilities and responded to Members questions. Particular reference was made to the following:

- How her service could assist in addressing the key aims and objectives of the Area Council, its procured and commissioned services and how such an approach could help in obtaining wider support and thereby better meet the needs of the residents of the area
- the service developments that were taking place:
  - to improve service delivery and provide targeted support where it was most needed
  - current caseload which were extremely high and the arrangements in place to address this
  - The recruitment of new staff
  - The receipt of £3.1m financial support to 2025. This would ensure the development of a one stop shop approach for families to enable them to access the support they needed
- the main issues identified by the service which, amongst other things included children's emotional well-being and mental health and the drivers that related to that and particularly in relation to financial and housing issues and domestic abuse

- the ways in which referrals could be made to the service and the way in which services of the Council and with other agencies were developed in order to provide a seamless approach
- the Family Hubs Plan and a Delivery Plan that had been submitted to the DfE
- the wider consultation that was being undertaken which would inform future delivery proposals and particularly the development of the Family Hubs. A link to the survey would be provided for the Area Council Manager. A report on the findings could be submitted to a future meeting once complete
- the development of an appropriate service offer which was agile enough to move things forward and be responsive and reactive to the needs of families

Ms Hammerton was then thanked for her attendance and for answering Members questions.

#### **4 B:Friend Update**

Jenny Pitman (Project Leader – B:Friend) delivered an update and for newly elected Members she also gave a brief resume of the work of the B:Friend service.

There were currently two social clubs operated, one in Thurnscoe and one in Bolton together with a 1-1 befriending service as well as other social events. Volunteers were ordinary members of the public who gave their up their time free of charge to help others. Anyone over the age of 18 was welcome to volunteer and would be given an appropriate DBS check for which help was available if required.

Members noted that groups were struggling to attract male participants and work was being undertaken to try to encourage take-up.

The Chair reminded Members that in 2022 the Group had received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Information was also provided about various 1-1 befriending pairings held recently.

Various events had been held recently including, amongst other things, barge trips and coronation events.

Reference was also made to meetings/events held at the Little Theatre in Thurnscoe to which various speakers were invited. These events were held at three different times with the same speakers so that as wide a group of people as possible could attend. If anyone knew of an organisation or a person who would be willing to give a talk/presentation they should let Jenny know so that a wider programme of events could be provided going forward.

Arising out of this discussion, reference was made to the possibility of the Theatre seeking grant aid from the Park Springs Community Benefit Fund.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

#### **5 Quarter 4 Performance Report (Dac.22.05.2023/5)**

The Area Council Manager submitted her performance report for Quarter 4 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 the discussion, the following matters were highlighted:
  - in response to questioning, the Area Council Manager stated that she would provide information in the future about the social return on investment.
  - The amount of work undertaken at the Dearne Electronic Community Village was noted, however, this was continuing to increase, in part due to the increased emphasis of the DWP to push people back into work.
- The Dearne Development Fund and the continuing amazing work undertaken by DIAL. It was noted that for every £1 spent, there was a social return of £23
- The work of the Goldthorpe Development Group which was coming to the end of its grant funding period. Reference was made to the cost of some events which, although small, could put some people off from attending. There were not many events for which a charge was levied. It was noted, however, that the cost of running the service over 12 months was not covered by the grant funding received which was a contributory factor to the need to charge for some events.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

## **6 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.22.05.2023/6)**

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

The report outlined the spend for 2022/23, the committed spend 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 noted that in total the Area Council had £62,929.91 to carry over into this financial year.

The Chair reported that at a recent Area Chairs meeting she had raised the issue of funding and was pushing for additional finance to be allocated in the future.

**RESOLVED** that the Financial update and the impact on future budgets be noted.

## **7 Dearne Area Council Update on Commissions (Dac.22.05.2023/7)**

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 – it was recommended that the Area Council approve the continuation into the second year of the three year contract
- The work of the Housing and Cohesion Officer and to the continued proactivity in identifying problematic areas
- The Employment and Skills Service – it was recommended that the Area Council approve the continuation into the second year of the three year contract. It was noted that the issues associated with the lease on the building had now been resolved
- The Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer Role and the work undertaken. It was noted that the post holder had secured a permanent part time post in the Deane Area Team, however, as of 1<sup>st</sup> June, the postholder had also secured a permanent part time post in the North East. The actual cost to the Area Council in this financial year was, therefore, only £6,354. Arising out of this discussion, Members placed on record their thanks and appreciation of the services of the Officer and to the way in which this work might be undertaken going forward
- The Environmental Service contract delivered by TWIGGS. It was noted that, as reported at the last meeting, the contract extension had been agreed which would now end at the end of March 2024. The Team would be working 3 days in the area with a team Leader and an apprentice. They would be working in groups with volunteers and undertaken scheduled works which had already been developed by the Area Council and passed on to the provider.
- Potential future projects – now that newly elected members were in place, a workshop was to be convened to discuss environmental and young people's initiatives

The Chair briefly reported on a potential new funding initiative she had become aware of which amounted to approximately £1m for the Ings Lane and wider area towards Wath-upon-Deane in respect of which applications were sought. She would email the Area Council Manager with details so that this could be explored further.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that update report on Dearne Area Council Commissions be noted;
- (ii) that the Social Connectivity Commissioned service be approved for the second year of a three year contract from July 2023 to the end of June 2024 at a cost of £28,000;
- (iii) That the Employment and Skills Commissioned service be approved for the second year of a three year contract from April 2023 to the end of March 2024 at a cost of £34,000; and
- (iii) that the Chair inform the Area Council Manager of details of the potential funding initiative for improvements to the Ings Lane and wider area and the Area Council Manager be requested to investigate this matter further.

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 7th March, 2023.

It was noted that the Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting had been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

It was suggested that in future, and in common with other Area Council meetings, Members provide a verbal update to the Area Council of the main issues discussed at Ward Alliance meetings they have attended.

**RESOLVED** that notes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance be received.

## **9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.22.05.2023/9)**

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 to carry forward over for 2023/24 and within Dearne South, £6,031.04 remaining to carry over to 2023/24 and a detailed breakdown of expenditure was provided as an appendix to the report. The Area Council Manager also reported that this meant the starting balances for the current financial year 2023/24 was £12,282.17 for Dearne North and £16,031.04 for Dearne South.

Laura Hammerton, the Area Council Link Officer, referred to the work of Family Hubs that would be helping to support and establish various groups and to the possibility that such groups might want to seek financial support from the Ward Alliances and other funding agencies. It was noted that such groups would have to be properly constituted. The Area Council Manager stated that support could be offered both in the form of signposting to funding streams and in developing applications for funding from Ward Alliances and also in terms of appropriate training opportunities.

**RESOLVED** that the Ward Alliance Fund Report, inclusive of spend to date for the Deane North and South Wards together with the funding available for the 2023/24 financial year be noted.

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Chair

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**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 this financial year.

4.0

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

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**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 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>	<b>£183,441</b>	<b>£227,907.84</b>	<b>£191,631</b>	<b>£95,967</b>	
<b>Practical support grant</b>	<b>+£31,638</b>				
<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**

**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 have had two meetings during this period the first meeting took place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

The main discussions were around previous applications that had been awarded and the performance reports that need to be collated and brought to the next meeting. The group also discussed the 2023 summer provision through the healthy holiday's budgets in their working funds. All agreed to fund the Crown Green family Bowling and source other groups activities to keep the children and families active.

The Community Development officer gave an update on the menopause café and highlighted that a specialist or medical trained professional would be a good addition to the group.

Group updates took place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through Spring and what is coming up in the summer months.

The second meeting took place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** starting with welcomes and introductions for the newly appointed Dearne North Elected member Cllr Martin Morrell and the newly appointed secretary Vikki Longden.

Jenny Pitman from B:friend gave the Alliance members some information about the organisation. She included their aims and ambitions and some of the challenges they face with recruiting males to the social groups.

The Chair presented the 2022/23 performance report (emailed to each Ward Alliance members before the meeting) highlighting all the brilliant work that has happened.

The members had a further discussion about applications that were coming into the alliance, they agreed to cap the limits to £1000 with one application per year agreed.

Finance – 4 applications were submitted all approved.

Group updates were given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne North.

The next three meeting dates were agreed.

- 4.2** The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** in which a warm welcome to the newly elected member for Dearne South, Cllr Abi Moore.

Finance – 2 applications were submitted and both approved.

The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend.

Projects were discussed around summer provision and activities in Bolton on Dearne – all agreed to hold sub meeting to look at the future programme.

Group updates were given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne South.

Next three meeting dates were agreed.

- 4.3** The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

**Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes**

**Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes**

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# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – 2pm-3.30pm (Rainbow Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe

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

### 1. Welcomes & introductions:

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

### 3. Finance (Ward Alliance budget & working funds)

#### **Applications previously agreed in April 2023: –**

- Bulky Rubbish referral scheme £1500
- Ward Alliance & Volunteer Celebration event £500.00
- Community Support funds – enable projects/initiatives in Dearne North £1500.00
- Station House Community Association – replacement patio doors £1000.00
- Thurnscoe Library - activities with young children & adults £365.99

**Current Balance - £7,404.18**

#### **No applications submitted to the meeting**

**MS - Balance in working funds March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - £4064.49**

Marie asked for anyone who wanted to take on role of secretary to let her know (no one was interested) MS will keep updating the members in the interim

MS highlighted the monies in the Healthy Holidays £413.32 would be spent this summer on plans in place taking the balance to zero so receipts and evaluation can go to Better Barnsley Bonds.

Summer provisions agreed to be paid through Working fund (money to pay for refreshments only MS to assist groups)

- £205.00 refreshments for Bowling 3 x sessions in Half term or summer holidays/Bulky Rubbish extension/summer Healthy holidays project – 25<sup>th</sup> July 27<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Aug, 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am – 12pm all FOC
- £205.00 Family Yoga x 3 Sessions (to provide breakfast/refreshments) 28<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 9.30am – 11.30am all FOC (age 8+ would need to pre book)

#### 4. Menopause Café support group

Marie gave an update with numbers dropping from the drop in café and asked for advice what they wanted to do to keep them running, 13 turned up for the first meeting with 10 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> but only 2 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> it was agreed to see how the 4<sup>th</sup> one went and relook at the next meeting. **Action – MS will look into getting a specialist menopause & health & wellbeing professional and price up to facilitate this for the next meeting.**

#### 5. Ideas for projects/initiatives for 2023

CW stated the plaza would be up and running soon to enable anyone to utilise the area for summer events, ideas floated around Foods of the world, Alison Vint has been working with some of the BLT members to look at holding a food type festival during the holidays Darryl from the area team is assisting – Chris from Cook crumb at Fareshare alongside fitness & food type initiatives (festival would be nice) **Action - CW to update at next meeting on any potential projects that they are working on.**

#### 6. Group updates

**Thurnscoe Flower Park:** Volunteers working hard but due to illnesses and lack of volunteers no summer events will be held in the park, sadly 2 trees have been stolen through the daytime by a young man on a bicycle seen on CCTV but no one knows who it is just yet - PP asked if anyone who would like to go and help please do, they really need the volunteers. They are entering into Barnsley in Bloom on a red, white and blue theme so it's all hands-on deck at minute.

Magnolia tree has been installed (larger than life) and beautiful buds are starting to come through

**Big Local Thurnscoe:** - CW The Plaza - a new contractor has been brought in to complete the works as soon as possible when plans for events will start early summer, Alison Vint has started to plan soe fun activities for the holidays for the young people, adding that Alison is also pulling together funding to ensure the plaza gets fully used and people see the potential it has for a beautiful social space.

The next 12 months will see the end of BLT and the start of the Thurnscoe CIO (the legacy) the aims to make Thurnscoe a better village to live and work, it will also oversee the environmental projects like the planters, raised beds and further develop the area around the plaza as well as keeping the development worker for a further 2 years to help raise funds for the area and make sure the projects in Thurnscoe and the green spaces keep thriving.

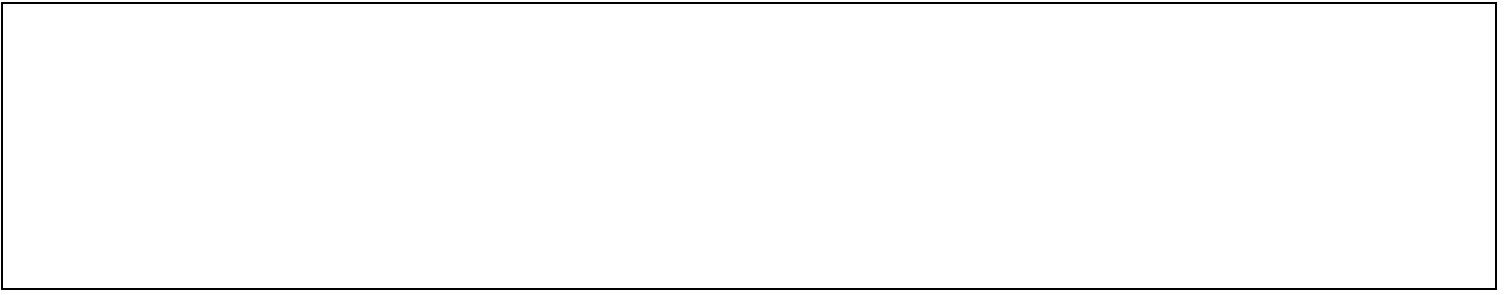
**Dearne Memorial Group** – Peter gave a brief update about the loss of not only his laptop but the £2k stolen form their account, with no monies have been returned he highlighted the stress this has caused him and his family to the point he feels like almost giving up on the project – everyone gave him their full support and empathy.

**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 – Salvation Army have now offered to help on this if needed. The community shop on the go is a real success outside station house with many families and individuals now paying for the food items each week but way cheaper than supermarkets can offer.

#### 7. AOB – NONE

#### 8. Dates & Time of next meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> June - 2pm Rainbow Centre





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# Dearne Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 2pm-3.30pm (Rainbow Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe)

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Cllr Martin Morrell – Elected Member Glennis Lingard – local resident Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Berneslai Homes Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Jenny Wort – B:friend	Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park volunteer

### 1. Welcomes & introductions:

Cllr Cain welcomed everyone to the meeting with a round of introductions for Cllr Martin Morrell next elected members for Dearne North and Vikki Longden who has come along for an induction to become the future secretary of the Ward Alliance & Jenny Wort from B:friend

MS read out the role of secretary, so everyone understood Vikki's future role on the Ward Alliance.

Action - MS will set up the payment for £125.00 every QTR (full total £500 annually) as per the guidance in the governance framework

Action - MS to meet with Vikki to run through role and terms and conditions etc

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

### 3. Performance report

*WC read out a brief bit of the 2022/23 performance report (emailed to each Ward Alliance members before the meeting) highlighting all the decent work that has happened.*

*MS read out all the up-to-date information on this year's performances so far including Bulky Rubbish for the full year, the celebration event which was an enormous success (Marie thanked everyone that came along), Station house for their new patio doors CW stated this had made a huge difference to the lighting too.*

*All projects so far have been on target and monies spent.*

#### 4. Finance

WC – asked the Ward Alliance if they wanted to agree to cap the limits for £1000.000 per application to ensure monies can be shared around enough – also discussed and agreed one application per group in any one financial year.

WC - Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance **£7,404.18** after 5 previous applications been approved for 2023/24

##### **Applications submitted –**

1. Thurnscoe East Angling Club £687.00 (Q's around how long the Dye would work for, how many platforms, MM stated he could look at fixing the strimmer and use as a spare) - all in favour
2. Thurnscoe Tap £553.00 (Q's around paying for event insurance as this is a new group, they have no surplus funds to pay for this) all agreed this would bring the community together use the green spaces, help a new group, and raise monies for a charitable event.
3. GPCC £260.00 split application with Dearne South WA (Qs around would the snow machine be able to be hired is this a cheaper option? However, MS raised concerns on who would be liable if the machine got damaged and would they be in a place to re-imburse) all agreed in favour to pay the split amount
4. A further project was put forward to the Ward Alliance with limited information on a WAF form for summer provision from Simon Carr on theatre summer provisions at St Helens Church Hall to create drama, musical, theatre and performing arts over the holidays so 10 children could attend the sessions and do something different to outdoor sports/events the Alliance discussed to see if this could be done for £1600 to reduce the food & room rent so to utilise the £600.00 from the community support funds and £1000 application to the Ward Alliance – Action MS to ask Simon if this could be feasible & rewrite the application onto the new Ward Alliance application form for 2023.

Action – MS to speak to Simon after meeting and assist in re-writing and submitting the form (all agreed £1000)

In the absence of a treasurer Marie Sinclair the Community Development Officer will keep updating the spreadsheet, consulting with Charlotte, Jackie, and Pauline (who currently oversee the online banking app and can make payments through debits online) MS happy to report at each meeting the up-to-date balances.

##### **MS – Balance in working funds May 2023 - £4594.42**

- Healthy Holidays - £413.32
- Thurnscoe Activity Funds - £620.00
- Environmental projects - £448.00
- Community support with projects - £1500.00
- Menopause Support - £499.16
- Defib -£500.00(BLT £235.02 / WA £264.90)
- Bank charges/room hire charges/Misc. - £613.94

MS advised the Ward Alliance members to start looking at projects against these priorities to ensure the monies get spent

#### 5. Group updates

**B:Friend** – JW gave a full update on the services that B:friend are commissioned to run in the Dearne 4.5 years have now gone by since its set up in the Dearne commissioned by the Dearne Area Council to tackle the social isolation in the Dearne area - in which both have classes are fully booked for older people in Thurnscoe & Bolton on Dearne, Jenny stated that the befriending service is also going well with many matches of younger people matching with the older members its lovely to see and hear the fabulous stories that get fed back. Brief discussion took place

**Thurnscoe Flower Park:** Volunteers have been limited with illnesses and holidays so they have just been doing what they can and when possible. All bedding plants have now been installed from Markham Grange around the WW1 memorial. Derek has been watering a lot due to the May dry weather the two trees that were stolen they have decided not to replenish. The

Magnolia tree donated by the community is now blossomed but still needs some growing to full capacity. They will be taking part in Barnsley in Bloom not for Gold, but it also adds value to keep the insurance discounted. No events will be done this year due to lack of funds and capacity on the volunteers

**Berneslai Homes:** GT – An update was given on the new Neighbourhood Management Teams which are now in place. If you need to speak to a neighbourhood officer and see them on your estate, just call them over. They will be happy to help. You can also contact your neighbourhood team by using the online form on Berneslai Homes website, or Email [northeastdearneneighbourhood@berneslaihomes.co.uk](mailto:northeastdearneneighbourhood@berneslaihomes.co.uk)

You can also phone the general enquiry number 01226 787878 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Thursday or 9am to 4.30pm on Friday.

The customer services team will be able to help you with most enquiries, and if they cannot help, they will take details of your question and a neighbourhood officer will contact you about it within five working days.

**Big Local Thurnscoe:** - DB gave an update on the plaza that the works have all now been completed just a little bit of flooding on the waterlogged areas however these were there beforehand so with heavy rainfall it is still going to happen; planning permission has gone in for the metal artwork around the entrance to the Plaza.

Derek read out all future events taking place over the next few months starting with the following:

- Thursday 22nd June 11-12pm: Eco warriors from Gooseacre School to litter pick and conduct a bug hunt.
  - Saturday 24th June 11-2pm: 'What's Your Move' event featuring Archery Tag and Parkour Dodgeball delivered by Grassroots Sports Academy using funding secured by Thurnscoe Regeneration CIO aimed at young people 10+, maximum 44 places
  - Summer 2023 school holidays, 3 days per week, 10-2pm: Fusion Camp based at Houghton Road CC but much of delivery taking place at the Plaza. Range of sporting and cultural activities with lunch provided. Delivered by Active Fusion using HAF funding matched with BLT money. Aimed at ages 7+
  - Saturday 2nd September 11-3pm: 'Flex at the Hex' delivered by Team Extreme- display of skate, scoot and bike experts followed by have-a-go sessions for any young people attending. TBC
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- Autumn 2023, date, and times to be confirmed. Event aimed at older people in partnership with B:friend. TBC
  - Spring 2024: date and times to be confirmed: Celebration Event to mark the closing out of Big Local Thurnscoe.

The area is available for anyone to use throughout the year

**Dearne Memorial Group** – PS explained the fully story to Vikki regarding the issues with the stolen funds and his laptop and how is struggling to manage the account – discussion around fraud and how he could close the bank account side of things to avoid any more transactions done without his knowledge

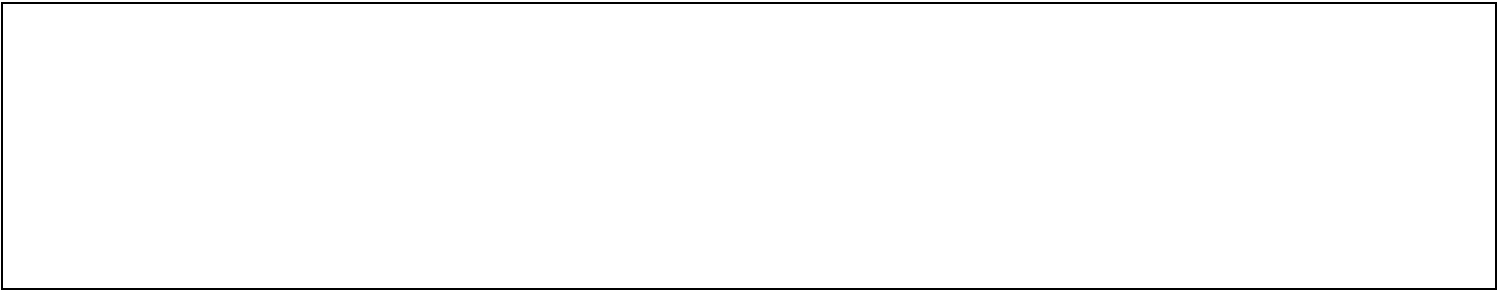
**Station House** – CW Cost of living crisis continues to impact our families and our own running costs. Alongside our existing services this summer as part of BMBC healthy holidays we have 4 weeks of play and food for children aged 5-11 years. Additional funding is being sought to enable the children who are not eligible to attend (eligibility is benefits related free school meals)

Station House featured on Calendar news, discussing the cost-of-living crisis and the inequalities of levelling up and what this means to people in this area. There is a video of the transition on our Facebook page.

6. **AOB** – Marie gave an update of the hanging baskets situation highlighting the plaques for the new sponsors are still to be installed, she has been informed by the contractor that they will be in place end of week or beginning of next week

7. **Dates & Time of next meeting** –

- Tuesday 1st August 2pm
- Tuesday 12th Sept 2pm
- Tuesday 24th Oct 2pm



# Dearne South Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES – by Secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June - 9.30am until 11.30 am

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Marie Sinclair (C.D.O)</p> <p>Alan George (treasurer)</p> <p>Donna Gregory (secretary)</p> <p>CLlr Janine Bowler (chair)</p> <p>CLlr Dorothy Coates</p> <p>CLlr Abi Moore</p> <p>Pat Hubery - local resident</p> <p>Alison Sykes (salvation army)</p> <p>Dennis Hogg local resident</p> <p>Carole Hoyland (resident)</p>	<p>Beth Deakin (project 14)</p> <p>Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse)</p> <p>Michael Moore (allotment &amp; veterans' groups)</p> <p>Michael Bunting ( Goldthorpe development )</p>

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

Everyone introduced themselves to the new elected councillor. Everyone gave Abi Moore a warm welcome to the ward alliance.

### **Apologies**

As stated above.

### 2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

it was recorded as not a true record and will be amended accordingly - due to people were marked as attending when they weren't there (noted)

### 3. **Finance**

- Ward Alliance funding –

Applications already awarded, Bulky rubbish referral scheme - £1500 (split £3000.00 with Dearne North Ward) & Celebration event for WA - £500

St Andrews church hall application for security cameras ....application approved with a majority with stipulations for the height of the cameras so they aren't vandalised. Action – MS to speak to Irene Burke/Father Schaffer

Fishing for all - Discussions over the cost of the bait by everyone. Discussed how many people and families would be using the activity? Also about sustainability. Majority ruled in favour of the application with questions attached – Action MS to speak to Lenny Fowler to arrange visit & promotional marketing for funding awarded previously.

## **treasurer's report**

6442.24 cash in bank  
6022.94 cash in hand .

1800 paid back into account from renaissance centre for money not spent on computers  
77.94 spent on defib pads for the legion club Bolton upon Dearne  
70.00 from the CSF working funds spent on business cards for Michael Moore for his group  
220.00 from the CSF working funds spent on refurb for 4 seats

Committed spend against external funding:

- library fund balance - £18.33
- healthy holidays balance - 1195.01
- mental health balance - £275.54

Community Support funding for Dearne South projects funded by DSWA of £4000

- Environmental - £1000.00
- Community grants/small grants - £780.00
- Youth provision - £1000.00
- Community support- £183.06

Alan enquired about missing receipts from Embankment Group for the 150 they received for easter event Action MS to speak to Jenny Yates or Michael Bunting after meeting.

AG was given receipt from Ms for the 4 seats of 220 for the repair work on the benches near Heathergarth school

### **4. Summer Holiday Provisions**

Boxing at Carnegie  
3 sessions of 2 hours cost is £540  
this pays for 3 coaches and room rental (all agreed)

Bulldogs rugby club  
1 day x 6 weeks - 3 coaches up 45 children for 8 to 15 yr. olds x 2 hrs training and food  
cost is £100 per session (all agreed)

Action – MS to arrange a site visit with WA members for photo opportunity and seek opportunity for ‘pictures on the pitch idea’

BPL was discussed but the downside was discussed too (No actions needed all agreed this wasn't viable)

Dearne & district haven't returned MS email/phone calls or text – referred until they do!

Dearne & District also no return on Outdoor cinema MS to speak to Alan Lee from Bulldogs - out door cinema idea will be a cost of roughly £1500 to £2000 but until venue, logistics can be confirmed no costs can be given

MS/DC to seek other venues for holding the cinema.

Asking both Dearne & district along with Bulldogs for holding this project and for them to do all refreshments to make money for their Club.

CH stated that BODVAG donated the gazebos to bulldogs, a marquee was also donated to them from the container.

MS gave list of summer activities confirmed by BMBC Active travel with Goldthorpe - 24th August 3pm - 6pm & Bolton on Dearne - 31st August 12pm - 3pm.

Bounce into summer Wednesday 23rd August on Pavilion Dearne & District Grounds £5.00 per wristband



Bolton on Dearne Christmas Market on St Andrews Square (ward alliance event) pencilled in for Sunday 3rd Dec 2023 (12pm - 4pm)  
MS stated that all Ward Alliance members & community volunteers would be needed to plan & run this event.

Snaptin Christmas event 1st dec 2023

## **5. Group Updates**

### **Salvation Army... Alison Sykes**

AS is working with extremely vulnerable families and siblings with complex needs – she highlighted their personal circumstances needing advice and support from external partners on their situation. The Councillors agreed to speak to Alison privately after the meeting on the matter.

AS is wanting to arrange a one off event for those who English isn't their first language. With a range of professionals to support the clients, so they can understand the benefits system, travel expenses explained. This event needs the council there with the inclusion team to be there.

AS also explained that the Salvation Army building has had an attempt burglary with the food bank being targeted the suspect was caught on camera but as they had their face covered could not make out who they were – information was passed to SYP.

AS raised concerns over the misuse of healthy start vouchers, she is working with health visitors for the rose voucher for fresh fruit and vegetables, the trouble is that only certain areas use these, and no local supermarket uses them – discussion took place.

### **Snaptin - Alan George**

- Scarecrow competition is being discussed
- Christmas window display
- Christmas event at the local high school will be on the Friday 1st December

### **Menopause sessions - Donna Gregory**

The event has around 8 people attending, ranges of issues raised on each occasion. 1 lady was in a bad way for her range of issues and she was really happy she was able to talk about her problems – coffee morning and sharing seems to be having a positive impact on the attendees.

## **6. AOB**

**Marie gave an insight into the** Household support grant that the Area Team had applied for Bolton in Dearne families to help them through the cost of living crisis £7,500.00 had been awarded to run the project to help tackle personal hygiene & care alongside period poverty – with the whole purpose to have a twice weekly bank of items that anyone referred in can come to and pick items they may need that will help them with the financial costs during this difficult time.

Breakdown £750.00 to pay for the facilitating of the project (Renaissance Centre volunteer Emma Bruce has kindly agreed to do this) the rest will buy in the products working with Tesco at Wath who is giving some of the items at a reduced price to help with the project.

DC asked whether it could be moved around the village for access to other venues, so no place was left out. MS stated this would not be possible due to coordination of moving the items around Dearne South too big & heavy. Discussions took place

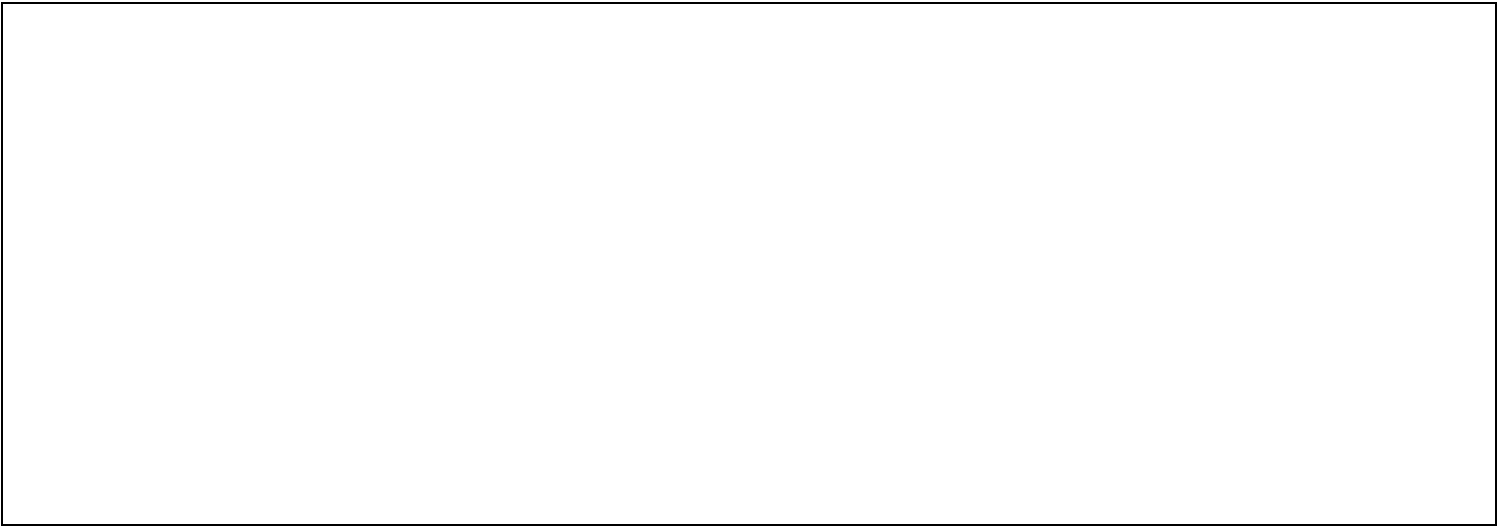
AG added the to the issues around signage the Renaissance Centre committee are looking into costs of having a sign arranged to be put up.

Talk about funding formulas for priorities for the future

Hanging baskets plaques 110 out of environmental budget MS to bring totals to next meeting

## **7. date and times of next 3 meetings**

Tuesday 9.30am Heather court flats  
25th July, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7th Nov



**BARNSELY 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 2023/24 financial year was £12,270.17 this includes the underspend of £2,270.17 from the 2022/23 budget. To date they have provided funds to 8 projects at a cost of £7,365.99 leaving a balance of **£4,904.18**.

The **Dearne South Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2023/24 financial year was £16,031.04 this includes the underspend of £6,031.04 from the 2022/23 budget. To date they have provided funds to 4 projects at a cost of £5,946.07 leaving a balance of **£10,084.97**.

**5.0 Appendix**

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

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**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## **2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

### **Dearne North Ward Alliance budget**

For the 2023/2024 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £2,270.17 from 2022/23      **£12,270.17** 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 (split £3000 with Dearne South)	March 2024	£1500.00	£10,770.17
002	Ward Alliance & Volunteer Celebration event	August 2023	£500.00	£10,270.17
003	Community Support funds – (enable projects/initiatives in Dearne North)	March 2024	£1500.00	£8770.17
004	Station House Community Association – (replacement patio doors)	June 2024	£1000.00	£7,770.17
005	Thurnscoe Library (activities with young children & adults)	March 2024	£365.99	£7,404.18
006	Thurnscoe Angling Club (equipment & clean up of pond)	March 2024	£687.00	£6717.18
007	Thurnscoe Tap (charity event)	August 2024	£553.00	£6164.18
008	Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church (potential match funding with Dearne South WA)	March 2024	£260.00	£5904.18
008	Little Theatre – (summer theatre & arts performance provisions)	Oct 2024	£1000.00	£4904.18

**Total spend = £7,365.99**

**Volunteer match funded = £4932.00**

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## **2023/24 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

### **Dearne South Ward Alliance budget**

For the 2023/2024 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £6031.04 from 2022/23      **£16,031.04 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	£1500.00	£14,531.04
002	Celebration event for the WA & local volunteers	August 2023	£500.00	£14,031.04
003	St Andrews Community Centre – (security cameras & CCTV)	December 2023	£1946.07	£12,084.97
004	Brickponds Angling Club – (summer holiday family fishing)	March 2023	£2000.00	£10,084.97

**Total spend = £5,946.07**

**Volunteer match funded = £4863.60**

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