

<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 20 November 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 4 September 2023 (Dac.20.11.2023/2) *(Pages 3 - 8)*

### Performance

- 3 Quarter 2 Performance Report (Dac.20.11.2023/3) *(Pages 9 - 18)*

### Item for Information

- 4 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.20.11.2023/4) *(Pages 19 - 22)*

### Item for Decision

- 5 Future Environmental Service (Dac.20.11.2023/5) *(Pages 23 - 26)*

### Ward Alliances

- 6 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.20.11.2023/6) *(Pages 27 - 38)*

Dearne North Ward Alliance 26 September 2023  
Dearne South Ward Alliance 10 October 2023

- 7 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.20.11.2023/7) *(Pages 39 - 44)*

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  
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Friday 10 November 2023

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<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 4 September 2023
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<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## MINUTES

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

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

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

### 18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 17 July 2023 (Dac.04.09.2023/2)

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 17 July 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 19 Cultural Strategy Update - Liane Holdsworth (Dac.04.09.2023/3)

Members received a presentation from Liane Holdsworth, Development Manager, which outlined the reasons as to why Barnsley needs a Cultural Strategy to ensure its work around participation and engagement with culture and heritage, and its contribution to the visitor economy which is strategically aligned to the Barnsley 2030 priorities of the borough and B2030 outcomes.

In response to series of questions raised by Members regarding the potential for the Dearne Playhouse Theatre to be utilised as a creative space, L Holdsworth commented that it was intended to make the theatre a community and cultural hub. Plans were underway to refurbish the theatre to create a flexible space to include a recording room and a room for community and craft groups. The roof and electrical works had recently been completed and the internal works to the theatre and basement would commence in Spring 2024.

Members were requested to provide L Holdsworth with the contact details of any local artists, musicians etc.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

## 20 Youth Work Update - Verbal Report Angie Kelly

Jade Beevers, Early Intervention and Prevention Worker was welcomed to the meeting.

Members were provided with an update on the youth work undertaken during the summer period:-

- The Goldthorpe Centre had held sessions on photography, gaming and textiles, approximately 10 individuals had attended each session, with the intention to capture what culture and Goldthorpe meant to them. Follow up sessions would be held for photography and gaming. Recordings from each session would be combined into a video which would be shared with the Area Council in due course. Sheffield University students would come into the centre from September 2023 to create a digitised townscape of Barnsley.
- Activities had been ran for under privileged individuals to attend the youth centres to enable them to try different experiences.
- A trial had been held for a teenage mothers' group. Unfortunately the four individuals booked onto the trial had not attended. The trial would be re-run, with the aspiration for it to be held on a monthly basis.
- One-to-one perinatal care sessions had been held. The sessions were accessible for any young person. The figures for perinatal young people within the Dearne area had reduced and Dearne had one of the lowest figures for this within the borough. Prior to the 6 week holiday period, a Year 6 transition session had been held to introduce the service and support that was on offer. From 2024, the service would be opened as an evening provision.
- A special needs group was also in place, which was a protective group consisting of 12 individuals.
- There were currently 3 members of staff within the team and recruitment was underway for Assistant Youth Worker posts.

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the update.

## 21 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.04.09.2023/5)

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

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

It was noted that in total the Area Council had £57,429.91 to carry over into this financial year.

A discussion ensued in relation to the Housing and Cohesion Officer, who would be reducing his working hours from 5 days to 4 days per week. The Area Council Manager commented that additional resources were available through the

Core Service. She would make further enquiries and report back to Members in due course.

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

## **22 Quarter 1 Performance Report (Dac.04.09.2023/6)**

The Area Council Manager submitted her performance report for Quarter 1 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.
- Since the last quarter, Twiggs had worked with 258 volunteers which had included 639 volunteer hours at Twiggs' events, a total of 362 rubbish bags had been filled and 99 areas had been targeted in proactive and reactive work.
- During the quarter, the B:Friend service had supported 187 isolating older neighbours, provided 65 hours of staff visits/calls, had a total of 90 volunteers which included 7 new volunteers and had provided 52 hours of group social activities.
- The Dearne Electronic Community Village had provided learning to 29 individuals during the quarter, with 21 learners achieving qualifications, 6 learners had moved into employment and 21 learners had progressed into further training.
- A total of 153 reports had been made by the Housing Enforcement during the quarter, 35 contacts had been made with household waste on premises, 135 fly tipping incidents had been reported and 6 vulnerable homes had been identified.
- During the quarter, DIAL Barnsley had received a total of 75 enquiries and 95 individuals had reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service. From the outset of the project, each £1 spent had returned £24.08 into the Dearne, which was an excellent social return on investment.
- A total of 281 individuals had attended the Older Generation Get Together within the Goldthorpe Development Group during the quarter, and 40 volunteers had provided assistance across 3 events.

Councillor Coates expressed her thanks to the team for the Dearne 10 year celebration event, which had been well organised and a fantastic evening.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Coates, the Area Council Manager would ascertain the total number of volunteers within the Dearne area and inform Members accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

## **23 Future Environmental Service (Dac.04.09.2023/7)**

The Area Council Manager submitted a report which provided the current position regarding the Dearne Area Council environmental commission, funding and contract timescales. The report also provided information regarding the recent Member briefings which discussed the future direction and provided several options for the Dearne Area Council to consider.

L Hamilton would liaise with Members outside of the meeting with a view to arranging visits at the family centres in Thurnscoe and Bolton Upon Dearne.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That Members received the background information set out in section 3.0 of the report.
- (ii) That Members agreed to delay making a decision on the proposed options for the future direction of the environmental priority until the next Area Council Meeting in November 2023.

## **24 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.04.09.2023/8)**

The meeting received the notes from Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 25 July 2023 and the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 1 August 2023.

Members received a brief update from the Area Council Manager of the main items discussed and the activities promoted at the meetings:

### (a) Dearne South

- Five applications for funding had been approved.
- The Treasurer had given an update on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend.
- There had been a discussion regarding the summer provision and activities in Bolton Upon Dearne, which included an outdoor cinema that had been very well received.

Councillor Coates suggested that the Ward Alliance funding be put into the winter planning, which would be discussed at the next Ward Alliance meeting.

Councillor Bowler expressed her thanks to the Dearne Area Team for the work undertaken over the summer period which had received fantastic feedback from all participants including children, parents and carers. She also expressed her thanks to the Community Development Officer and her team for the outdoor cinema, together with BMBC for the funding provided.

(b) Dearne North

- Three applications for funding had been approved.
- T Hughes from Healthwatch had given an update of the work within Dearne North and explained how the community groups, Ward Alliance, their families and individuals that attend could assist to provide the relevant health opinions on the services on offer within the Dearne area.
- The Community Development Officer provided an update on the project planning for Autumn/Winter, which had been referred until January 2024.
- Group updates had been provided on the excellent work undertaken during the summer holidays and Autumn period in Dearne North.

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

**25 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.04.09.2023/9)**

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 within the Dearne North Ward Alliance there was a starting balance for 2023/24 of £12,270.17 which included the underspend of £2,270.17 from 2022/23. Eleven projects had been funded at a cost of £8,088.49, leaving a balance of £4,181.68. Within the Dearne South Ward Alliance there had been a starting balance for 2023/24 of £16,031.04 which included an underspend of £6,031.04 from 2022/23. A total of nine projects had been funded at a cost of £9,468.57, leaving a balance of £6,562.47.

**RESOLVED** that the Dearne Area Council received the Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Fund Report and noted any spend to date for the Dearne North and South Ward.

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Chair

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July to  
September  
2023

# Dearne Area Council Performance Report



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Dearne Area Council  
Dearne North, Dearne South

# Area Council Priorities

**Health and Wellbeing**  
Young People  
Local Economy  
Skills for Work  
Our Environment

Barnsley 2030 priorities

Sustainable Growing Healthy Learning

The providers listed have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

Provider	Service	Contract Value/length	Contract end date	Priority	2030
Twiggs	Environmental, Volunteering and Education Service	£90,000	Funded until end of March 2024		
B:friend	Social Connectivity	£28,000 per annum	Funded until end of July 2025		
Dearne Electronic Community Village	Employability	£34,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		
BMBC	Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer	£33,227 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025		

# Commissions

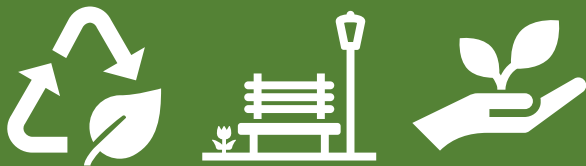
## TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



The good weather over the summer made for a busy period with a number of community events and good volunteer numbers and participation. Although it should be noted the volunteer numbers are down in comparison to the previous quarter and compared to Q2 in 2022-23 (384 volunteer hours this year vs 786 last year). But the work continues to not only have a positive impact on the local environment, but the volunteering opportunities had further effects on social and community interaction meaning a constructive impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities.

# Twiggs



144 volunteers worked with on events

23 new volunteers

384 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

272 rubbish bags filled

35 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

4 fly tipping cases reported

## Co-operative Street Goldthorpe

Throughout the three months support was given to volunteers to improve the area by clearing litter and addressing issues such as overgrown weeds and nettles. The combined efforts also included the Dearne Area Team, Councillors, Neighbourhood Services and GXO volunteers. The clean-up significantly improved the overall cleanliness and appearance of Goldthorpe's streets and alleys. The removal of overgrown vegetation and litter contributed to a safer environment for residents, reducing potential hazards. A total of 107 sacks of mixed waste were collected, consisting of roughly 50 sacks of general waste and 57 bags of green waste which included glass fragments.





There has been a big increase in the hours of befriender interactions in the last few months and the social clubs in Bolton and Thurnscoe continue to be well attended. Both social clubs enjoyed a summer trip to the coast and were able to invite older people from other local groups to join 46 people attended. The newly established Social Prescribers and other organisation continue to refer into the groups and befriending support. There was a very positive response to the promotional piece in Big Local's 10-year newsletter resulting in 6 new volunteer sign ups 2 have already been paired with an older neighbour and 3 more are just waiting for DBS clearance. This comes a good time as the Robert Ogden School Volunteers have now finished, there has been talks with Barnsley Youth Theatre about delivering workshops to the social clubs.

# b:friend



190 isolating older neighbours supported

2488 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions

65 hours of staff visits/calls

96 volunteers

8 new volunteers

52 hours of group social activities



# Lily



Lily joined the club around 4 years ago in 2019 by a friend who was also attending and thought it would do her good to get out. Lily didn't really go anywhere unless she was going with her family. When Lily joined the club she was very quiet and mainly spoke to the people at on either side of her. Her confidence has really grown over the last few years and now she will walk around the room to go and speak to people and initiate conversation. She is up for everything and anything at the club. Lily's family have said it's great see photos of her on social media enjoying herself. On joining the club Lily met a number of former primary school classmate. She has since been on several holiday with old friends and has enjoyed rekindling friendship.

Lily says: "I can't miss my group, it's the most important thing in my week!" Pictured with her friend Madge.



The ICT and Employability Support sessions are over three days a week with 50 people classroom learning but 2 people are learning remotely due to health issues. On top of the ITC skills English and Maths assessments are offered to gauge their skills any that are struggling are referred to Barnsley Council's Adult Skills and Community Learning courses at Goldthorpe library. Due to the close nature of learning additional help with PIP/Council tax/Housing advice is provided and referral made to other services for example DIAL Barnsley. There continues to be many people aged 65+ looking to return to work wanting help with CVs and application. A common theme is they are struggling with the cost of living. There has also been an increase in those of school leaver age who need help with CV and job search help.

# DECV



52 people learning

22 learners recruited

16 learner achieving qualifications

4 learners into employment

16 learners into further training

# Darren



Darren came to his first session in May 2023, he had been referred by the DWP work coach long term health issues meaning he had to leave his long term employer as a warehouse/FLT driver. He needed a job that was less physical but hadn't been in an educational setting since school.

He was worried about his health issues and his Maths and English skills so Darren started with 1to1 sessions to build his confidence. Barnsley Council's Adult Skills and Community Learning also did an assessment with him and found it would be beneficial to attend courses to improve his skills.

His CV is now much improved and work will continue to improve his interview skills, this along with his qualifications and commitment should see him back in employment soon

He said: "Thanks for all the help Rory, I really appreciate it and also thanks to Josh. I am enjoying the courses and will continue to work on my nerves!"



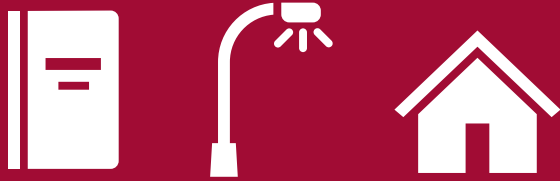
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## Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer

Fly tipping across the Dearne remains an issue it is particularly bad in Goldthorpe in a few locations. Steps have been taken to remove these and address the issues including requesting 12 new bins for properties in addition to the 30 new bins last quarter. Elizabeth St Goldthorpe has continued with further issues on the street including two garages attacked and subjected to arson attacks, effort are ongoing to liaise with landlords to have them demolished due to a health and safety risk. Elsewhere the vast majority of work is proactive, as such, dealing with fly tipping and waste in gardens which become an issue in the spring with badly overgrowing gardens. The cost of living crisis continues to be a major issue across the area making life difficult for the vulnerable community within the Dearne contacts. During this quarter extra funds from

the Housing Support Grant enabled the supply of household cleaning items to low income families this will continue into the autumn/winter until funds are spent.

# Housing Enforcement



179 reports made

22 properties improved

36 contacts with household waste on premises

130 fly tipping reported

39 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose waste

6 vulnerable homes identified

## Waste on Premises



## Overgrown Gardens



# Dearne Development Fund



DIAL reduced the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they concentrated on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with continuing the face to face outreach sessions which recommenced in the summer. 117 people received comprehensive telephone advice 69 received face to face advice. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £24.25 into the Dearne.

## DIAL

## Barnsley

69 enquires made this quarter

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

£64,524 benefits claims supported this quarter



## Supporting

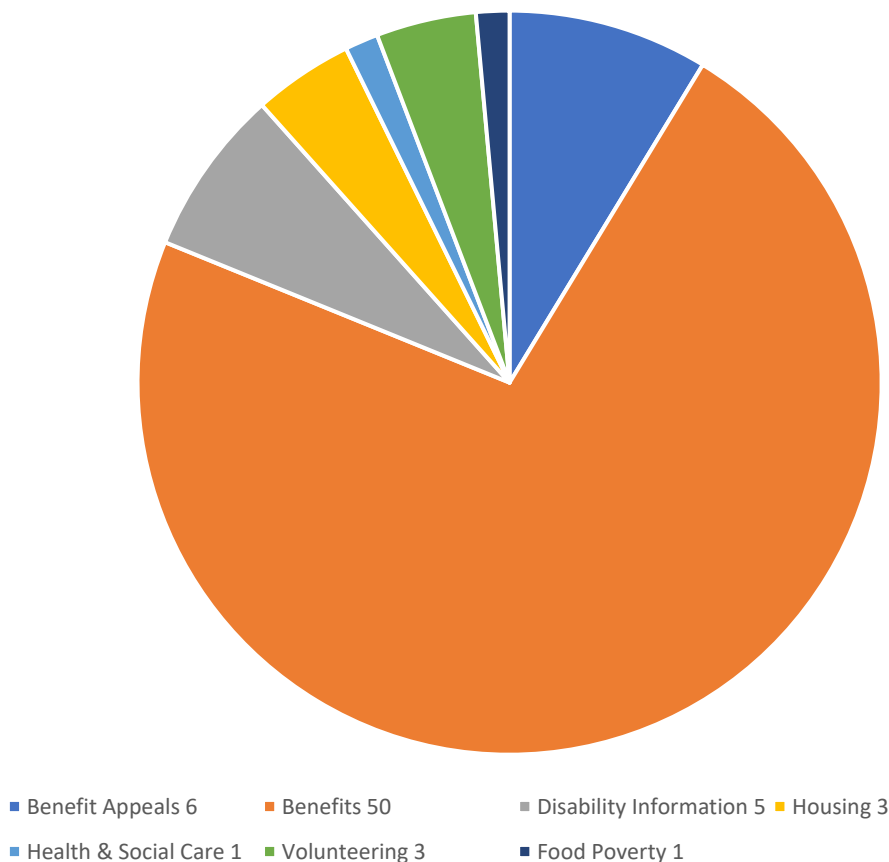




# Case study

Mr D is 65 years old with long standing mental health issues, diabetes and recent health scare. His friend had advised him to make a claim for Personal Independence Payment (PIP). He had received a PIP form for him to complete but found it difficult and too stressful. He wasn't going to bother completing the form but his friend advised him about DIAL's services. He came to see DIAL at our outreach at Goldthorpe. His initial application was refused but subsequent help and appeal resulted in him being awarded the standard rate of daily living and the standard rate on mobility, increasing his weekly income by £95. Mr D said: "I wasn't going to bother completing the PIP form as it was all very stressful for me. When they refused I did not think this was fair and was quite upset. I am very happy with the help DIAL gave me. They explained everything every step of the way and I was delighted when the DWP changed their mind"

DIAL issues dealt with



# Goldthorpe Development Group

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

## Older Generation Get Together

211 people attending

39 volunteers assisting (across 3 events)



## Supporting



## Case study

The sessions were a little quieter than usual although around 70 attendees for each of the three sessions wasn't too bad. This may be due to the summer with people having other plans the expectation is that things will become busier in the autumn. Attendees continued to enjoy the food and entertainment and have joined other Goldthorpe Development Group events such as 'Bounce into Summer' and trip to Bridlington. Adding to the sense of community and belonging. The core of volunteers continue to help with the addition of some new faces, it is hoped that those will return for as many session as possible.

**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Finance**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

**3.0 Area Council Financial update**

**3.1 2023/24 committed spend**

With the carry forward from 2022/23 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.

**3.2 2024/25 committed spend**

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

**3.3 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 and Goldthorpe Development group were successful in their application to run for a further year and also a contribution to the Bounce into summer event, leaving £19,988.41 in the Dearne Development Fund.

Therefore in total the Dearne Area Council have £57,429.91 to carry over into the this financial year.

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

#### 4.0 **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

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## Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000		
Carry forward	£8,783.34	£56,980	£29,072.50		
<b>Total allocation for year</b>	<b>£208,783.34</b>	<b>£256,980.34</b>	<b>£229,072.50</b>		
Employment and skills April-end of March	-£33,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	
Housing and Cohesion Officer Jan -end of March	-£8,441	-£33,186	-£33,277	-£33,967	
Dearne Clean & Tidy April-end of March	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£90,000		
Dearne Development Fund	-£30,000	-£30,000			
Social Connectivity July-end of June	-£27,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	
NEO post		-£17,721.84	-£6,354		
<b>Total spend (actual)</b>	£183,441	£227,907.84	£191,631	£95,967	
<b>Practical support grant</b>	+£31,638				
<b>Overall allocation remaining</b>	<b>£56,980.34</b>	<b>£29,072.50</b>	<b>£37,441.50</b>		

### Dearne Development Fund

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

DIAL	Jan 2023-Dec 2023	£10,488	£25,488.41
GDG	July2023-June 2024	£5,500	£19,988.41

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Environmental Priority**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the current position regarding the Dearne Area council environmental commission, funding, and contract timescales.
- 1.2 To provide information regarding recent member briefings discussing the future direction.
- 1.3 To provide several options for the Dearne Area Council to consider.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members receive the background information set out in 3.0.
- 2.2 That members confirm their preferred option set out in 4.0.
- 2.3 That members agree funding aligned to the environmental priority.
- 2.4 That members agree timescales with regards agreed option.
- 2.5 That members are asked to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Public Health and Communities regarding the preferred option that is agreed at the Area Council.

**3.0 Back ground**

- 3.1 DAC identified the Environment as a priority from its' inception in 2013.
- 3.2 The priority has been met through a variety of methods including: working alongside environmental groups and support to environmental projects via the Ward Alliance.
- 3.1 In order to meet the environmental priority the Dearne Area Council have undertaken several competitive procurements exercises since 2015. Twiggs Ground Maintenance LTD have been operating in the area since 2015.
- 3.2 At the start of this contract in 2015 the budget aligned to the environmental priority was £75,000 per annum and in this financial year the service costs to the Area Council is £90,000, albeit with reduced capacity. The service now operates over 3 days and not 4.
- 3.3 In January 2021 members agreed to do a contract variation until the end of March 2022. The pandemic saw limited volunteers and groups and businesses operating, therefore those outputs were taken off the services targets. Elected members stated that as well as working with groups the team needed to also undertake a schedule of works directed by elected members.
- 3.4 A further extension was advised to take the contract to the end of March 2024.

3.5 Over the last twelve months several meetings have taken place with the area manager, elected members procurement and the current service provider. A Service specification was developed as part of this process.

#### 4.0 **Options**

It is clear that there is definite need from within the community for professional support to deliver on environmental projects. Although volunteers need to be central to the delivery on this priority, but members have also stated the need to have a service that can also be reactive and target hotspot areas.

4.2 Members are asked to consider the below options previously discussed at a members briefing on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July.

Type of service /support	Costings	Operational remit	Observations
Commission based on the last service specification that was developed.	Up to 90K	50/50 split working with volunteers and reactive work. Team leader and apprentice 3 days per week.	May not get anyone to tender for the service. observations over the last twelve months mean more work on the specification will need to be done. In order to keep costs down performance monitoring of the provider could be examined. The current provider already as established links with the community.
Buying in services from neighbourhood services	Yr 1 £84,139 Yr 2 £86,222 Yr 3 £94,175	50/50 split working with volunteers and reactive work. Team leader 5 days per week and Driver 3 days per week.	Includes 20% contingency. Performance monitoring to be done through the power Bi system.
Community grant	TBC	Working with local groups	Some of the established environmental groups are currently not operating. Groups would apply based on their area of interest and it would not be equal across wards.
Recruit an environmental project officer (sits within the area team)	£45k	Work directly with groups and have a schedule of litter picking activities	Would have cover over 5 days of the week. Would be more work for the area manager to manage the employee. May have problems recruiting on a short-term basis.



Professional environment delivery service (Landscape /garden maintenance company)	£40k	To work reactively informed by members.	Could use local businesses. May not have infrastructure for reporting purposes so may need initial help from the area team. Unsure how much time this amount would buy from a private business. Would reduce volunteer input.
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## 5.0 **Cost implications**

5.1 The Dearne Area Council have allocated £90,000 in the 2023/24 financial year. Because of other commitments and commissions this amount is the maximum that can be aligned to the environmental priority.

## 6.0 **Timescales**

6.1 The current contract finishes at the end of March 2024. Therefore, if members want continuation of a service a decision needs to be made at this area Council in order to progress with procurement.

6.2 Depending on the preferred option will depend on how long the area Council Agrees funding for.

6.3 If a full procurement exercise is undertaken, in order to appeal to more providers this could be done on a 1+1+1 basis.

6.4 All other options could be initially confirmed for 12 months and reviewed prior to the end of the first year, with a maximum commitment of 3 years.

## 7.0 **Next Steps**

The Dearne Area Council manager will progress with the preferred option with an update to be presented at the next Area Council

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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 was held on teams due to lack of availability with all 3 Cllrs and the community reps on the dates set earlier in the year.

Ward Alliance finance – 3 applications were submitted with recommendations for 1 application for partial payment on proviso of more information is gathered, the other was paid by their working funds partial payment with the final application being declined.

Group updates took place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through the Autumn & winter months. The community development officer supported the alliance members on running through several ideas for winter projects but with lack of volunteers and ideas this was not feasible and agreed at the meeting to run anything. Ideas around hampers was taken away for further costings and work for the officer supporting the Alliance.

Many projects are already taking place in which the Alliance did not want to duplicate on this.

All agreed to membership recruitment for 2024 to start in January with some marketing of the alliance and the work that's been previously done and funded in the past.

Next meeting previous dates have been amended due to 2 elected members no longer available.

**4.2** Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Heathercourt flats in Bolton on Dearne.

Guest speaker was Richard Snaith from Humankind who gave a brief introduction about his work on mental health and young people in the Dearne South community – running one to one sessions on a weekly basis from the Factory in Goldthorpe.

Ward Alliance funding – no funding applications were submitted.

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

Projects were discussed around the Christmas on the Square and winter warmth provision. The Alliance agreed to fund a Christmas event on St Andrews Square due to the folding of a local community group last year to ensure the community had some community cohesion and celebrate Christmas. Discussions took place around initiatives that could be provided and run by the ward alliance due to low numbers attending the Community Development Officer had to work on sending around the information and bringing the results to the next meeting in November.

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

**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 North ward Alliance meeting notes**

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

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# Ward Alliance - MINUTES

## Dearne North

MEETING NOTES	
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Dearne North Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Tuesday 26 September (4.30pm-6pm)
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Sue Bellamy
<b>Minutes:</b>	Vikki Longden (Secretary)

Attendee's:	Apologies:
Gillian Totty - Berneslai Homes Peter Shields - Dearne Memorial Group Jackie Kenning - Salvation Army Charlotte Williams - Station House Marie Sinclair - CDO Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Cllr Martin Morrell – Elected Member Jenny Pitman – B:Friend Vikki Longden – Secretary	Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Glennis Lingard – Local Resident

Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p><b>1. Welcome and introductions.</b></p> <p>Members gave introductions – No new members.</p> <p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Wendy Cain and Glennis Lingard.</p> <p><b>3. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests</b></p> <p>Non pecuniary or pecuniary interests declared.</p>		

<p><b>4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</b></p>		
<p>Minutes approved, no matters arising.</p>		
<p><b>5. Finance</b></p>		
<p>5.1 Marie presented ward alliance funding allocation and budget sheet. No discrepancies raised by members.</p> <p>Current spent: £8.088.53 Remaining budget: £4181.64</p> <p>3 new ward alliance application submitted for discussion by members.</p>		
<p>5.2 Rainbow Centre: Submitted a request for their Christmas outing, a total of £440 to pay for the tickets for the Phoenix dance and Theatre Group and to cover transport there and back. This request is also for friends and family of the Rainbow Centre members.</p> <p>Ward Alliance agreed to pay £120 towards the mini bus cost and although they agreed it was a good initiative, would like the group to look at alternate funding methods for the tickets – agreed to pay through working funds for easy access.</p>	<p>5.2 Speak to Susan at Rainbow Centre about other funding options.</p> <p>Set up payment if agreed</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>CW JK</p>
<p>5.3 The Hill Primary School: Submitted a request for £620 to improve raised beds in the Quad. Ward Alliance agreed to partially fund the application with suggestions they explore alternate options to obtain the equipment required, such as Dearne allotment group for seeds and cuttings etc. and the Blakemore Foundation to help with the raised planters. Amount agreed – up to £300.</p>	<p>5.3 Signpost School to Blakemore Foundation and give contact for Dearne allotment</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
<p>5.4 Active Fusion: Submitted a request for £1000 for their 12wk programme. After discussions it was agreed, they may want to look at redeveloping their advertising strategies and resubmit for a possible relaunch in spring. Ward Alliance application not supported at this time.</p>	<p>5.4 Speak to Kingsley about a relaunch early next year.</p>	
<p><b>6. Christmas Market</b></p>		
<p>6.1 The Christmas Market is set to be on Thursday 23 November at Goldthorpe town square. (4pm-7pm) Area Team are currently planning.</p>	<p>6.2 contact Teresa about tree/bench</p>	<p>MS</p>

<p>6.2 Members would like to plant a Christmas Tree in memory of Cllr Alan Gardiner and a memory bench on the towns square.</p> <p>6.3 Members would like to ask Dearne South to contribute to the Christmas Market, as part of Goldthorpe is that ward.</p> <p>6.4 Stallholders can book by emailing <a href="mailto:darrylhand@barnsly.gov.uk">darrylhand@barnsly.gov.uk</a> There will be a charge of £10 per stall.</p>	<p>6.3 Speak to Dearne South about contributing.</p>	<p>MS</p>
<p><b>7. Group Updates</b></p>		
<p>7.1 Station House: Both afterschool club and playgroup are busy as the children have returned for the new school term. Following a series of unwanted visitors in their grounds and numerous reports to the police, a couple of them were visited at home by SYP and given a warning that next time they would prosecute. They were also asked to let their friends know that they are being caught on CCTV and as they are trespassing and causing damage prosecutions would follow. Since then, no more trouble. They have also welcomed 2 new trustees and additional funding to discount the after-school club for working parents.</p> <p>7.2 Dearne memorial group: Peter is still having ongoing issues with the financial fraud incident; he is in contact with PC Dave Haye. Peter continues to do an amazing job helping families locate historic graves.</p>		
<p>7.3 St Helens Church: The Harvest festival was successful and attended very well. Items of food were donated to The Salvation Army. The Christmas Bizarre will be held on Saturday 25 November.</p>	<p>7.4 to share poster for winter warmth coat project.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7.4 Salvation Army: They are seeing an increase in BAME communities attending the army for support, the food bank isn't stocked to cater for the alternate dietary or religious requirements, they are trying to outsource top ups for the additional foods as fair share isn't providing the range and/or quantities they have previously. Later opening times have been suggested for midweek 4pm onwards to accommodate working families. They are asking for donations for winter warmer project. Carlton Manufacturing are offering a road safety course for 6-11yr olds. Jackie</p>		





<p><b>10. Date &amp; Time of Next meeting:</b></p> <p>Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>October 2023 (2pm-4pm)-TBC</p>		
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<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Date:</b></p>		

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## Dearne South

### MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Dearne South Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Heathercourt Flats, Carrhead Lane, Bolton on Dearne
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Abi Moore
<b>Minutes:</b>	Marie Sinclair (CDO)

<b>Attendee's:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Cllr Abi Moore Alan George Pat Hubery Julie Medlam Michael Bunting Richard Snaith (Humankind)	Cllr Janine Bowler Cllr Dorothy Coates May Noble Donna Gregory Dennis Blade Carole Hoyland Alison Sykes

<b>Discussion Points:</b>	<b>Action / Decision:</b>	<b>Who By:</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome and introductions.</b></p> <p>Round of introductions from all ward alliance members present.</p> <p>Cllr Moore welcomed Richard Snaith the mental health trainer &amp; support worker from Humankind – based at The Factory on Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe (upstairs), Richard gave an update on his role and invited all the WA members to have one to one sessions with him to understand the mental health &amp; wellbeing counselling that's on offer to individuals in the Dearne. He is now able to run outreach sessions with individuals or groups to support people with their mental health. Chair thanked Richard for attending and sharing his work.</p> <p><b>2. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests</b></p> <p>Non pecuniary or pecuniary interests declared.</p> <p><b>3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>Minutes approved, no matters arising.</p>		

#### 4. Finance

MS presented ward alliance funding allocation and up to date finance sheet - No discrepancies raised by members.

Remaining WA budget: £6562.47

AG gave an update on the working funds

Remaining budget: £4990.94

#### 5. Christmas on the Square

The Christmas on the Square is set to be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, on St Andrews square, Bolton on Dearne. (10am – 3pm) Marie from the Area Team is currently planning and will email all WA members on actions when needed.

Costings so far were for the tree installation, lights, toilets and gifts for the children (around £1200) – all present members agreed on costings so far.

Discussions took place on ideas for the event.

Stallholders can book by emailing [mariesinclair@barnsly.gov.uk](mailto:mariesinclair@barnsly.gov.uk) - There will be a charge of £10 per stall.

#### 6. Group Updates

Salvation Army (in the absence of Alison MS gave the update): They are seeing an increase in BAME communities attending the army for support, the food bank isn't stocked to cater for the alternate dietary or religious requirements, they are trying to outsource top ups for the additional foods as fair share isn't providing the range and/or quantities they have previously. Later opening times have been suggested for midweek 4pm onwards to accommodate working families. They are asking for donations for winter warmer project. Jackie continues to offer her debt advice service by appointment only.

Goldthorpe Development Group: MB gave update - Bounce into summer was well attended, great feedback and will return in 2024.

The older peoples get together is extremely well attended and MB thanked the Area Council for funding both initiatives – they are extremely grateful for the funding and support from the team.

Cost up tree, installation, lighting and dismantling.

Cost up all market ideas/food/re freshments

send stalls requests through FB

MS

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Snaptin Community Hub: AG gave update on their forthcoming plans including the scarecrow trail, Christmas window motifs, Christmas fayre. Its going very well and lots of new faces on board to help with the running. The legacy is still ongoing.

Dearne Playhouse: JM gave update stating the roof and interior is now fully complete and looks amazing, the theatre is back in full swing with the panto season on horizon 'Jack & the Beanstalk' the Heart of the woods story form schools has been well received and she's looking forward to sharing at the next few meetings what happens next.

**7. Ideas of older person's project.**

Suggestion on pantomime for 300 tickets to be shared around the older persons groups to allow FREE entry for our pensioners and their carers/guardians/family. Short discussion took place with all agreeing in principle. Marie will send around both ward Alliances for responses and feedback ASAP.

**8. AOB**

No other business to discuss at this meeting as time run over.

**9. Date & Time of Next meeting:**

Heathercourt flats, Carrhead Lane, Bolton on Dearne – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 9.30am – 11.30am.

Send out full request to both WA members & reply to all with any suggestions

**MS**

**Minutes Approved By:**

**Date:**

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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

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

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

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

**2.0 Recommendations**

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

**3.0 Introduction**

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

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

**4.0 Spend to date**

4.1 The **Dearne North Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 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 11 projects at a cost of £8,088.49 leaving a balance of **£4181.68**

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 9 projects at a cost of £9,468.57 leaving a balance of **£6,562.47**

**5.0 Appendix**

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

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## 2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

### Dearne North Ward Alliance budget

For the 2023/2024 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**

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
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 2023	£1000.00 (financially match funded with external funding)	£7,770.17
005	Thurnscoe Library (activities with young children & adults)	March 2024	£365.99	£7,404.18
006	Thurnscoe Angling Club	March 2024	£687.00	£6717.14
007	Thurnscoe Tap	August 2023	£553.00	£6164.14
008	Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church (potential match funding with Dearne South WA)	March 2024	£260.00	£5904.14
008	Little Theatre (St Helens Church Hall) summer theatre & arts performance provisions	Oct 2023	£1000.00	£4904.14
009	Goldthorpe Railway Embankment Group (Autumn Fayre)	Dec 2023	£312.50	£4591.64
010	Hanging Basket sponsorship for DNWA	March 2024	£240.00	£4351.64
011	Secretary Payment (paid in QTR instalments)	March 2024	£500.00	£3851.64
**2	Adjustment to monies unspent at Celebration event	March 2024	+330.00	£4181.64

**Total spend = £8,088.53**

**Volunteer match funded = £5,244.50**

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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

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	March 2023	£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 2024	£2000.00	£10,084.97
005	Dearne Arts Festival - event	Dec 2024	£660.00	£9424.97
006	Churches Together – GPCC Xmas Narnia experience	March 2024	£260.00	£9164.97
007	Goldthorpe Railway Embankment Group (Autumn Fayre)	Dec 2023	£312.50	£8852.47
008	'Pictures on the Pitch' outdoor cinema with Dearne Valley Bulldogs	March 2024	£2500.00	£6352.47
009	Hanging Basket sponsorships	March 2024	£120.00	£6232.47
**2	Adjustment to monies unspent at Celebration event	March 2024	+330.00	£6562.47

**Total spend = £9,468.57**

**Volunteer match funded = £7676.10**

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