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| MEETING: | Dearne Area Council |
| DATE: | Monday 8 January 2024 |
| TIME: | 2.00 pm |
| VENUE: | 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 20th November, 2023 (Dac.08.01.2023/2) (*Pages 3 - 8*)

Items for Information

- 3 IDAS - Lauren Hirst and Lucy Cafrello
- 4 Introduction to Neighbourhood Services for the Environment Priority - Mathew Holdroyd
- 5 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.08.01.2023/5) (*Pages 9 - 12*)

Items for Decision

- 6 Commissioning Update (Dac.08.01.2023/6) (*Pages 13 - 14*)

Ward Alliances

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.08.01.2023/7) (*Pages 15 - 24*)

Dearne North Ward Alliance 14 November 2023
Dearne South Ward Alliance 7 November 2023
- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.08.01.2023/8) (*Pages 25 - 30*)

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

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MINUTES

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

26 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

27 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 4 September 2023 (Dac.20.11.2023/2)

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 4 September, 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

28 Quarter 2 Performance Report (Dac.20.11.2023/3)

The Area Council Manager submitted her performance report for Quarter 2 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 144 volunteers and 23 new volunteers which had included 384 volunteer hours at Twiggs' events, a total of 272 rubbish bags had been filled, 35 areas had been targeted in proactive and reactive work and 4 fly tipping cases had been reported.
- During the quarter, the B:Friend service had supported 190 isolating older neighbours, provided 248 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions, 65 hours of staff visits/calls, had a total of 96 volunteers which included 8 new volunteers and had provided 52 hours of group social activities.

Arising out of the above, reference was made to the changes in DBS processing which, in the past, had delayed individuals being able to take on volunteer work. In addition, it was noted that the social groups were going from strength to strength. It was also noted that the Thurnscoe Groups was now full to capacity.

- The Dearne Electronic Community Village had provided learning to 52 individuals during the quarter, 22 learners had been recruited with 16 learners

achieving qualifications, 4 learners had moved into employment and 16 learners had progressed into further training.

Members were reminded of the issues that had been encountered in relation to the lease of the premises by the DECV which it was hoped was to be finally resolved with the group only paying for the space that they used.

- In relation to Housing Enforcement, a total of 179 reports had been made during the quarter, 22 properties had been improved, 36 contacts had been made with household waste on premises, 130 fly tipping incidents had been reported, 39 households had been supported to responsibly recycle or dispose waste and 6 vulnerable homes had been identified.

It was noted that a meeting had been held with Berneslai Homes, Waste Management and other parties in relation to the Lansdowne Estate, Thurnscoe and a targeted clean up was to take place on Friday.

- During the quarter, DIAL Barnsley had received a total of 69 enquiries, 93 individuals had reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service and £64,524 benefit claims had been supported. It was noted that just under three quarters of all issues dealt with were with regard to benefits and the social return on investment was amazing.
- A total of 211 individuals had attended the Older Generation Get Together within the Goldthorpe Development Group during the quarter, and 39 volunteers had provided assistance across 3 events.

Arising out of the above, it was noted that attendance had been reduced due to a clash with another group meeting at the same time but it was hoped that dates could be changed to avoid this going forwards.

Laura Hammerton the Area Council's Senior Management Link Officer informed Members of changes proposed to be introduced nationally in relation to childcare and wrap around care which it was hoped would assist parents getting back into work. She gave a brief resume of the changes in entitlement and the enhancements in provision particularly in relation to the increase from 15 to 30 hours provision. She gave details of the minimum standards of provision required, the staffing requirements, the likely pay scales as well as the key dates for implementation. It was noted that these changes had been announced as part of the Governments Spring Budget 2023. The Council was currently looking at ways in which it could assist and support both providers and staff, including new staff, in implementing and introducing these changes and in developing their service provision further. The Council was also looking at how these changes could be properly advertised and communicated so that parents were aware of their entitlements.

Members were disappointed that Nursery Nurse expertise appeared to have been lost and they expressed an element of concern at the proposed pay scales and qualification requirements of some staff to be employed in this sector as it was thought that this should be higher so as to truly reflect the importance of such provision.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

29 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.20.11.2023/4)

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.

The Area Council Manager reported that the financial information was correct at the time of the writing of the report but further expenditure since that time, and the decision on the future arrangements for the Environmental Service, meant that there would be a variance from the reported figures. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

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

30 Future Environmental Service (Dac.20.11.2023/5)

Further to Minute 23 of the meeting held on the 4th September, 2023, the Area Council Manager submitted a report providing an update regarding the Environmental Commission, funding and contract timescales. It provided information regarding recent Member briefings to discuss possible future direction for the commission and detailed several options for the Area Council to consider.

Members were reminded that the environment was a priority for the Area Council and the report provided the background to the operation of the various environmental service contracts that had first started in 2013. It was clear that there was a definite need from within the community for professional support to deliver on environmental projects. Although volunteers needed to be central to the delivery of this priority, Members had also stated the need to have a service that could also be reactive and target hotspot areas.

The Area Council was then asked to consider five options previously discussed at a Members Briefing held on the 24th July, 2023 and these were outlined in detail within the report. The report also outlined the costs involved and the operational remit of the various options together with Area Council Manager's observations and comments on each option.

It was noted that the Area Council had allocated £90,000 in the 2023/24 financial year and because of other commitments and commissions, this amount was the maximum that could be aligned to the environmental priority.

It was noted that the current contract came to an end on the 31st March, 2024 and, therefore, if this service was to continue a decision would be required at this meeting in order to progress with the procurement. In addition, depending on the preferred

option a decision would also need to be made on how long the Area Council agreed funding for.

If a full procurement exercise was undertaken, in order to appeal to more providers, it was suggested that this could be done on a 1+1+1 basis (a three-year agreement in principal but with contract reviews at the end of each year). All other options could initially be confirmed for 12 months and reviewed prior to the end of the first year with a maximum commitment of 3 years.

Members of the Area Council then discussed each individual option in detail and, based on the option chosen, the potential implications for staffing together with any TUPE transfer arrangements. Arising out of the discussion, the Area Council Manager gave details of the way in which environmental projects operated in other Area Council areas and she gave information of the service providers in those areas.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Environmental Services contract be awarded to Neighbourhood Services;
- (ii) That the contract be awarded in principle for three years (on a 1+1+1 basis) and in accordance with the following budget projections (Y1 - £84,139, Y2 - £86,222, Y3 - £94,175 – Y3 to be funded by an element of carry forward funding) but subject to quarterly contract meetings and review every 6 and 12 months;
- (iii) That there be a 50/50 split between working with volunteers and reactive work and an understanding that, as a minimum, there will be a Team Leader working 5 days per week and a Driver/Worker working 3 days per week; and
- (iv) That it be noted that the contract will include a 20% contingency to cater for unexpected occurrences and that Performance Monitoring be undertaken using the Council's Power Bi system.

31 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.20.11.2023/6)

The meeting received the notes from Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 26th September, 2023 and the Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 10th October 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 North

- Three applications for funding had been submitted – one had been part funded on the proviso that further information was provided, one had been paid by their working funds partial payment and one application was declined.
- Group updates had been provided on the excellent work undertaken through the Autumn and winter months.

- The Community Development Officer supported Alliance Members in running through several ideas for winter projects. Reference was made to the lack of volunteers which meant that some proposals were not feasible. Ideas around hampers was taken away for further costings and work for the officer supporting the Alliance.
- Many projects related to activities around Christmas and the Alliance took a decision not to duplicate these.
- A membership recruitment exercise would be undertaken in January 2024 and there would be some marketing of the Alliance with examples of what it had previously undertaken and funded.

(b) Dearne South

- A guest speaker, Mr R Snaith from Humankind, had attended who outlined the work he undertook in relation to mental health and young people in the Dearne South Community. He indicated that he ran a weekly session from The Factory in Goldthorpe.
- No funding applications had been submitted.
- The Treasurer gave an update on the working funds balances and projects against committed spend.
- Projects were discussed around the Christmas on The Square and winter warmth provision. It had been agreed to fund a Christmas Event on St Andrew's Square due to the folding of a local community group last year. This was to ensure that the community had some community cohesion and could celebrate Christmas. Discussions took place around initiatives that could be provided and run by the Ward Alliance
- Group updates were given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne South Ward.

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

32 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.20.11.2023/7)

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.

It was noted that since the publication of the report, further expenditure had taken place on certain projects/initiatives details of which would be reported to the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Fund Report be received and the spend to date be noted.

Chair

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 8th January 2024

**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 £34,270.50 in the commissioning budget to spend on priorities in this financial year.

3.2 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. Members also contributed to the Bounce into summer event, and to pay for welfare advice until December 2024, leaving £9,500.41 in the Dearne Development Fund.

Therefore in total the Dearne Area Council have £43,770.91 to carry over into the next 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. At the Area Council on the 20th of November 2023 members decided on developing service level agreement with Neighbourhood services for their environmental service, the first year costing will be £84,139. Therefore the committed spend for next year is £176,833 leaving £57,437.40 in the budget.

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

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 | 2026/27 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Base allocation | £200,000 | £200,000 | £200,000 | £200,000 | | |
| Carry forward | £8,783.34 | £56,980 | £29,072.50 | £24,270.50 | | |
| Total allocation for year | £208,783.34 | £256,980.34 | £229,072.50 | £234,270.50 | | |
| Employment and skills | -£33,000 | -£34,000 | -£34,000 | -£34,000 | | |
| Housing and Cohesion Officer | -£8,441 | -£33,186 | -£36,448 | -£30,694 | | |
| Environmental service | -£85,000 | -£85,000 | -£90,000 | -£84,139 | -£86,222 | -£94,175 |
| Dearne Development Fund | -£30,000 | £30,000 | | | | |
| Social Connectivity July- | -£27,000 | -£28,000 | -£28,000 | -£28,000 | | |
| NEO post | | -£17,721.84 | -£6,354 | | | |
| Total spend (actual) | £183,441 | £227,907.84 | £194,802 | £176,833 | £86,222 | £94,175 |
| Practical support grant | +£31,638 | | | | | |
| Overall allocation remaining | £56,980.34 | £29,072.50 | £34,270.50 | £57,437.40 | | |

Dearne Development Fund

| 2022/23 Organisation | Duration of funds | Amount | Total allocation remaining |
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| Approved at the Area Council 24 th 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 th 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 |
| DIAL | Dec2023-Jan 2024 | £10,488 | £9,500.41 |

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

8th January 2024

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Commissioning Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to receive an update with regards Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members approve the continuation of the Social Connectivity Service from 1 July 2024 to the end of June 2025 at a cost of £28,000;
- 2.2 that members approve the continuation of the Housing and Cohesion Officer post from 1 April 2024 to the end of March 2025 at a cost of £30,694;
- 2.3 that members approve the continuation of the Assisting Employment and Skills Commission provided by Dearne Electronic Community Village from 1 April 2024 to the end of March 2025 at a cost of £34,000; and
- 2.4 that members note the update on the Environmental Service.

3.0 Area Council commissions

3.1 Social Connectivity service

This service was commissioned from July 2022 until the end of June 2025, with a caveat regarding the area council reviewing the service every year. The social groups in both Thurnscoe and Bolton on Dearne are well attended and received. Volunteer numbers have increased and it's a valuable service for the Dearne area. This is a cost to the Area Council of £28,000 per annum.

3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer

The Dearne Area Council approved the housing and Cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025 and reviewed every year performance and finance depending. The Housing and Cohesion officer started in post in July 2022 and has been working around some of the suggested areas as well as working with other groups and partners, very successfully. From January the

officer will be working a four-day week and in the next financial year will cost £30,694, a reduced cost than previously highlighted.

3.3 **Assisting employment and skills**

Dearne Electronic Community Village were the successful provider of the employability contract which will run until the end of March 2025 but reviewed annually. This contract continues to do well assisting people with skills and employment opportunities. This service is a cost to the Area Council of £34,000 per annum.

3.5 **Environmental service**

The service currently provided by Twigg's which ended the end of March 2023 was extended for a further year. At the Area Council in November 2023 members were given several options and decided that they would not be going out to tender for this service but would be working with neighbourhood services who could provide more hours within the Area Council financial envelope.

Officer

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8th January 2024

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 Tuesday 14th November at the Rainbow Centre in Thurnscoe.

Ward Alliance finance – 1 application was resubmitted due to lack of information from the previous submission. Goldthorpe Library application was agreeing to split the funding with Dearne South Ward Alliance to help support the engagement work to improve the footfall into the libraries.

Group updates took place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through the winter months and the Christmas activities for all the community. No plans were agreed for the Ward Alliance to run any events due to capacity of workloads from the ward alliance members all full volunteer work and personal health issues.

All agreed for renewal on memberships and more 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, also update of the action plan to work against the priorities from April 2024 – March 2025

Next meeting January – March all set.

4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at Heathercourt flats in Bolton on Dearne.

Ward Alliance funding – applications submitted from Goldthorpe Library, Santa’s Grotto for the Christmas on the Square due to lack of indoor facilities – both agreed and fully supported.

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

Christmas on the Square project was actioned and pencilled in for future meeting to run through roles and responsibilities.

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

All agreed to start with new recruitment and update the action plan for 2024 to ensure the right priorities were made and potentially put a budget towards each category with limitations of the amount funded to ensure all monies spent will be against the top projects and initiatives.

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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Ward Alliance - MINUTES

Dearne North

MEETING NOTES

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| Meeting Title: | Dearne North Ward Alliance |
| Date & Time: | Tuesday 14 th November (2pm-3.30pm) |
| Location: | Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe |
| Chair: | Cllr Wendy Cain |
| Minutes: | Vikki Longden (Secretary) |

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

| Discussion Points: | Action / Decision: | Who By: |
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| <p>1. Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>Members gave introductions – introduced new member Michael Cutts - BPL</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Gillian Totty – Berneslai Homes Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group</p> <p>3. Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests</p> <p>Non pecuniary or pecuniary interests declared.</p> | | |

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| <p>4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>5.2 MS to speak to Susan at Rainbow Centre about other funding options.</p> <p>5.3 MS to signpost School to Blakemore Foundation and give contact for Dearne allotment -</p> <p>5.4 MS to speak to Kingsley about a relaunch early next year.</p> <p>6.2 MS to contact Teresa about tree/bench</p> <p>6.3 MS to speak to Dearne South about contributing.</p> <p>7.4 MS to share poster for winter warmth coat project.</p> <p>7.5 Area team to continue support with funding bids.</p> <p>8.1 – Jenny to gather data on local area and how best to distribute</p> <p>Marie advised the Alliance that the costs around looking at providing isolated older people with hampers over Christmas was exceeding over £20.00 per hamper which is too much for their budget agreed – all agreed this wasn't viable.</p> <p>5. Finance</p> <p>Dearne North Ward Alliance remaining balance £4181.64</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Alliance funding application received from Goldthorpe Library for the sum of £743.10 to be split 50/50 with Dearne South both paying £371.55 <p>Total remaining balance after application £3810.09 Total amount spent £8,460.08</p> <p>Working funds remaining balance £3240.68</p> <p>Thurnscoe Activity Funds for Thurnscoe only £763.32 Environmental £448.00 Community Support Funds for Dearne North £1500 Thurnscoe DEFIB £235 Goldthorpe DEFIB £150.74 MISC – bank charges & room rental £188.15</p> <p>6. Group Updates</p> | <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed</p> | |
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6.1 Station House

Both playgroup and after schools are going great, most days the after-school session is full which is fantastic news for our community and working parents. We are hosting The Festival on 25 Nov at 11-2 as well as having received an immense number of donated toys, Tesco have also donated Christmas themed clothing for children too.

6.2 St. Helens Church

The church is hosting their yearly memorial service this Sunday 19 Nov, usually this would be to remember lost loved ones in the last 12 months, this year it is open to anyone wanting to remember lost loved ones. There is a coffee morning on the first Saturday of every month held in the church hall. We are hosting our Christmas fair on Sat 25 Nov. Sun 10 Dec will be our Christingle making and service to follow at 4pm. Sun 17 Dec will be our carol service in the church.

6.3 Salvation Army

Donations continue to come in from Aldi, Tesco and Greggs. Our multi national families will have access to attend cooking sessions in Jan this will enable reconnecting with other cultures.

6.4 Thurnscoe Park

The service for remembrance Sunday was wonderful. Park services cleaned the park prior to remembrance Sunday. Quotes have been requested for steam cleaning of the park for 17 Nov for pride of place grants. We have had a donation of £300 from the One Stop towards replacing the parks crosses with permanent ones. We are looking at changing our clean up days to Tuesday or Wednesdays after Christmas. Its lovely to see the hedgehogs thriving 3 of the 4 nests have now been used.

6.5 Thurnscoe Big Local

The Christmas tree which was kindly donated by a local resident will be going up at thurnscoe library with the help of Jimmy Wallis on 16 Nov ready for the light switch on at 3pm on 30 Nov. The Plaza will be having a new sign next week along with an additional ramp which local children have created on the grass area, this will be made permanent. Thurnscoe big local will officially switch over to CIO on the 31 Mar 2024 we are hoping to recruit new trustees within the area to aid with improving the local environment and connectivity within the community.

6.5 B:friend

A recipe book containing 45 recipes from within the B:friend community will be published next month with a guest recipe from The Bake Offs Rahul! These will be sold at a discounted price of £6 to members and £12 to everyone else. After the big locals advertisement of B:friend we have had a positive response and new volunteers signing up. Our first pink and purple campaign is set to go ahead next year which will include the wearing of the colours pink and purple along with some quizzes and other activities. Funeral care in thurnscoe have chosen B:friend as their local cause.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Members voted on a Christmas fuddle. Date to be arranged.
- 7.2 Colin from Hollygrove will be maintaining the new planters on High Street and keeping up with the wear and tear, the town funding is replacing these.
- 7.3 Balmoral visit 22 Nov 10am members to confirm if they are attending.
- 7.4 Hanging baskets for 2024 have been taken over by a new supplier following a recent tender process, costs are set to increase.
- 7.5 Plaque for Cllr Alan Gardiner will be put into place in Spring on the new Towns Square in Goldthorpe.

7.1 MS to arrange for a doodle poll to be sent to members for best date.

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

- Jan 16 (2pm) at Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe
- Feb 27 (2pm) at Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe
- Apr 9 (2pm) at Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe

Minutes Approved By:

Date:

Ward Alliance - MINUTES

Dearne South

| MEETING NOTES | |
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| Meeting Title: | Dearne South Ward Alliance |
| Date & Time: | Tuesday 7 th November 2023 at 9.30am |
| Location: | Heathercourt flats, Carrhead Lane, Bolton on Dearne |
| Chair: | Cllr Janine Bowler |
| Minutes: | Cllr Abi Moore |

| Attendee's: | Apologies: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Janine Bowler (Chair) • Cllr Abi Moore (note taker) • Alan George (treasurer) • Pat Hubery • Carole Hoyland • Michael Bunting • Marie Sinclair BMBC Community Development Officer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Gregory • Dennis Hogg • Julie Medlam • Alison Sykes • Cllr Coates |

| Discussion Points: | Action / Decision: | Who By: |
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| <p>1. Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>2. Apologies – noted above</p> <p>3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising Minutes approved, no matters arising.</p> <p>4. Finance</p> <p>MS presented ward alliance funding allocation and up to date finance sheet. No discrepancies raised by members. Two applications: Xmas on the Square grotto approved and Goldthorpe Library events which is a 50/50 split with Dearne North approved. Remaining WA budget: £4040.92</p> | | |

AG gave an update on the working funds. Audit will be carried out in January 2024 with assistance from MS

5. Container for Dearne South

Came to the agreement that the possibility of acquiring a new WA container needs to be looked at in the new year. MS will source costings

MS to get costings of New & used and location for 2024

6. Christmas on the Square

The Christmas on the Square is set to be on Sunday 3rd December at St Andrew's Square (10am – 3pm). A discussion around needing volunteers for the day took place as well as the potential to do a WA raffle alongside selling Santa tickets. Plenty of stall holders are expected to attend.

AM will sort out a hamper for the 1st place raffle prize and AG will organize the 2nd may combined to raise monies for 2024 tree on the square.

Christmas tree will be installed on the 29/11/23 with the lights the following day, MS to check the lights are working and fit for purpose

MS to organize a planning meeting for the market on 28/11/2023.

7. Planters in St Andrews Square,

Bolton on Dearne will be deferred and looked at in 2024 on the action plan for next stages and maintenance in the future of the square and raised flower planters.

MS to add to next agenda

8. Group Updates

Goldthorpe Development Group: MB gave update – Bounce into summer was a huge success, the older peoples get together is fully subscribed and secured further funding for next 12 months

Railway Embankment – MB – the autumn fayre went well despite the weather been wet, the next event is Xmas Fayre with a carol service with Salvation Army. They have applied to several funding pots for 2024 events including Pride of Place

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| <p>Snaptin Community Hub: AG gave update on the scarecrow trail, the Christmas window motifs as well as the Christmas fayre. Overall, everything is going well – new members are always welcome. He will update on the legacy in the New Year.</p> <p>9. AOB</p> <p>AG wants to step down as treasurer, so we need to looking into recruitment. DG also wants to step down as secretary so also need to look into recruitment there too.</p> <p>DG has resigned due to family commitments and time and wishes the Ward Alliance well for the future</p> <p>MM has stepped down from the Ward Alliance due to non attendance for 4 meetings due to other commitments.</p> <p>MS will send out a doodle poll to organize the annual Christmas fuddle date and list of food items afterwards.</p> <p>10. Date & Time of Next meeting: to be set in 2024 due to lack of attendees</p> | <p>MS send doodle poll for best date for xmas fuddle</p> <p>MS to organise date for next meetings in Jan 2024</p> | |
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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 12 projects at a cost of £8,560.08 leaving a balance of £3710.09

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 11 projects at a cost of £11,990.12 leaving a balance of £4040.92

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 (split 50/50 with DSWA) | 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 (split 50/50 with DSWA) | 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) split 50/50 with DSWA | 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 |
| 012 | Goldthorpe Library – after school activities (split 50/50 with DSWA) | March 2024 | £371.55 | £3710.09 |

Total spend = £8,560.08

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 |
| 010 | Christmas on the Square | Dec 2023 | £1150.00 | £5412.47 |
| 011 | Christmas Grotto St Andrews Square | Dec 2023 | £1000.00 | £4412.47 |
| 011 | Goldthorpe Library 'extra activities' | March 2024 | £371.55 | £4040.92 |

Total spend = £11,990.12

Volunteer match funded = £8047.65

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