

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday 18 March 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

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Presentation

- 3 Barnsley Hospice's Dearne Outreach Proposal

Items for Information

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Ward Alliances

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.18.3.2024/7) *(Pages 29 - 38)*

Dearne North Ward Alliance 16 January 2024
Dearne South Ward Alliance 13 February 2024
- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.18.3.2024/8) *(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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MINUTES

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

33 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

34 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 20th November, 2023 (Dac.08.01.2023/2)

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 20th November, 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

35 IDAS - Lucy Cafrello

Lucy Cafrello attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services) with specific reference to that work undertaken within Barnsley.

By way of introductions, she outlined her role and explained that she was currently working within Community Engagement. She stated that IDAS was the leading specialist domestic abuse Charity within Yorkshire. It provided expert advice and support for people affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence. The Charity provided a confidential helpline, safe accommodation, practical and emotional support and training for professionals.

During the last year, the Charity had won a national diversity award, had developed an ambitious 5-year strategy and held a helpline accreditation. They had received over 25,00 helpline calls, housed over 250 families, dealt with 15,000 referrals, supported over 10,000 within the community and trained 8,000 professionals. Within Barnsley, there had been 1,670 clients dealt with (both male and female), 10% of whom were within the Dearne Valley

Support was provided for domestic abuse and sexual violence as well as support for children and young people. Safe accommodation was provided as well as training, consultancy and policy work. The Charity also worked closely with the Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services. Helplines and live chat were available via the IDAS website. Confidential emotional and practical support was available as was community-based support including 1:1 support and support groups. Emergency

accommodation was available, and support was also provided to enable people to stay safe in their own homes if that was what they wished.

The Area Council was then informed of the people who were supported and the way in which the IDAS referral process operated was explained. Information could about this could be sent to all Members.

Members were then informed of the role and work of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates and the practical and emotional support they could provide.

In the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the following:

- The refuge for Barnsley was situated in Mapplewell although different types of accommodation were available in Sheffield
- It was noted that the community-based support was located within Goldthorpe so referred clients could easily access services/support. There was also a secure base within the Alhambra Centre in Barnsley. The Service could also see clients within GP surgeries.
- Reference was made to issues that could be exacerbated through the use of social media, IT as well as electronic devices which 'listened' to conversations.
- Reference was made to the way in which it was hoped that the service could be expanded possibly by the use of volunteers who opened their homes for victims of abuse. The Charity was also looking to establish specialist support groups and work alongside a wider range of other charities. It was noted that IDAS currently worked with the Salvation Army and Age UK amongst others.
- It was noted that some people did not recognise some kinds of behaviour, including emotional pressure, as abuse until this was pointed out to them and reference was made to the difficulties this presented in dealing with such issues.
- Further work was required with GP practices as well as other organisations to ensure that all vulnerable people were given access to the service.
- It was important that knowledge about the Charity and the services on offer was more widely known and, in this respect, the Area Council Manager stated that she would let IDAS know of any events they could attend to further publicise their work. Reference was also made to various Groups and the B:Friend groups which Ms Cafrello would attend if at all possible.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and Ms Cafrello be thanked for attending the meeting and for answering Members questions.

36 Introduction to Neighbourhood Services for the Environment Priority - Mathew Holdroyd

Mr M Holdroyd, Assistant Service Manager, attended the meeting to explain the way in which Neighbourhood Services would provide the commissioned services to meet the priorities of the Area Council's Environmental priorities.

It was proposed that a dedicated Team would be allocated to the Dearne and would comprise 2 Members of staff, one working three days per week and one working 5. A vehicle would be provided as would any necessary equipment. The budget for the first year would be in the region of £84,000 and would include a contingency of

around 20%. Work would be undertaken with volunteers and would also include reactive work. The intention was that the service would be in addition to and enhance the 'core' service provision within the area and not be a replacement for it. This would mean that there was an improvement throughout the area which would meet the Area Council's environment priorities.

Neighbourhood Services and Street Cleansing were moving to an area-based approach and a co-ordinator would ensure that there was no duplication. The Team allocated to meet the Deane Environmental priority would, therefore, work collaboratively with those other Service Teams which would mean that there were economies of scale and more work could, therefore, be undertaken within the area. Members were already aware that Neighbourhood Services operated a similar model very successfully within other areas of the borough and whilst 'smaller' equipment would be purchased specifically for the Dearne, it was the intention that larger equipment could be pooled in one location and allocated for use on a rota basis as and when required.

In the ensuing discussion, particular reference was made to the following:

- Prior to the commencement of the contract, the Area Council Manager would meet with all Members to discuss and draw up a list of agreed priorities for the Team to undertake
- All work would be apportioned fairly and requests from Councillors would be addressed unless there were specific reasons why this could not be undertaken. There was flexibility within the contracts to allow for occasional weekend/evening working if required and provided sufficient notice was provided – in this respect and by way of an example, reference was made to an event held in the St Helen's Ward on a Saturday for which support was provided for setting up and taking down gazebo's etc
- It was noted that maintenance of all equipment would be undertaken or arranged by Neighbourhood Services and such matters were included within the overall budget for the service
- Further information was needed in respect of any potential TUPE transfer of staff from Twiggs
- Mr Holdroyd stated that his service would be able to provide some limited support until the start of the formal contract. He stated that if any Member had any questions they should direct them to himself. He also encouraged Members to speak to Members in other Area Council Areas where similar arrangements were in place as there were many stories of success. He also encouraged them to speak to the Team Leader about what was required and what needed to be done on a day to day basis

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and Mr Holdroyd be thanked for attending the meeting and for answering Members questions

37 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.08.01.2023/5)

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.

It was noted that, going forward, the majority of commissions had one year left with the exception of B:Friend which, if extended for a further six months, may make things easier from a financial management point of view as all would be due for renewal in March. Further discussions would be held with Members on options moving forward.

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

38 Commissioning Update (Dac.08.01.2023/6)

The Area Council Manager submitted a report providing an update with regard to the Area Council's Commissioned Services and requesting a continuation of those services for a further term as per the original contracts which were subject to annual review.

Information was provided about the performance of the Social Connectivity Service, the Housing Cohesion Officer Post and the Assisting Employment and Skills project (Dearne Electronic Community Village) all of which were continuing to perform well and were well received and appreciated by the community.

It was also noted, as previously reported, that the Environmental Service project currently provided by Twiggs which was to have ended in March 2023 had been extended for a further year. This commission would not be renewed, and the service would be delivered by Neighbourhood Services from April 2024 on the basis that they could provide more hours within the Area Council financial envelope.

The Area Council Manager commented that as several commissions were coming to the end of their current contracts Members may wish to consider, in advance of that, if there were any new/alternative commissions they might wish to promote. Arising out of this discussion, reference was made to the need for additional Family Support Work and a comment was made about the possible use future of facilities that might be available at the Dearne Playhouse.

The Area Council Manager also commented that she was in the process of discussing with other departments, partners and stakeholders, what other options there might be for obtaining additional finance to support more projects within the area.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the continuation of the Social Connectivity Service from 1st July, 2024 to the end of June 2025 be approved at a cost of £28,000;

- (ii) That the continuation of the Housing and Cohesion Officer post from 1st April 2024 to the end of March 2025 be approved at a cost of £30,694;
- (iii) That the continuation of the Assisting Employment and Skills Commission provided by Dearne Electronic Community Village from 1st April 2024 to the end of March 2025 be approved at a cost of £34,000; and
- (iv) That the update on the current position with regard to the Environmental Service Commission be noted.

39 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.08.01.2023/7)

The meeting received the notes from Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 14th November, 2023 and the Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 7th November 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

- One application had been resubmitted due to the lack of information from the previous submission. The Goldthorpe Library application had been agreed with a split funding from both Ward Alliances. This would help support the engagement work to improve the footfall into the library
- Group updates had been provided on the brilliant work that had been undertaken through the winter months and the Christmas activities that had taken place for all the community. No plans had been agreed for further events due to capacity of workloads from Ward Alliance Members and for personal health issues
- All had agreed for the renewal on memberships and a recruitment exercise was to commence in January 2024 with some marketing of the Alliance which would include details of the work that had previously been undertaken and funded. There would also be an update of the Action Plan in relation to the priorities from April 2024 to March 2025

(b) Dearne South

- Applications for funding had been submitted from Goldthorpe Library (as reported above), Santa's Grotto for the Christmas on the Square – both had been agreed and fully supported.
- The Treasurer gave an update on the working funds and balances and projects against committed spend
- Christmas on the Square project had been actioned and pencilled in for a future meeting to run through roles and responsibilities
- Group updates had been given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne South Ward
- A recruitment exercise had been approved and the Action Plan had been updated for 2024 to ensure the right priorities were made and potentially put a budget towards each category with a limit on the amount funded in order to ensure that all monies spent would be against the top projects and initiatives

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

40 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.08.01.2023/8)

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

It was noted that 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. Twelve projects had been funded at a cost of £8,560.08, leaving a balance of £3,710.09. 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 eleven projects had been funded at a cost of £11,990.12, leaving a balance of £4,040.92.

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

Chair

October to December 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



This quarter had less volunteer involvement compared to the same period last year but there were more targeted areas and only slightly less bag of waste removed. 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. Community efforts included support for the local schools, preparations for Remembrance Day and supporting preparations for Christmas activities including moving the Nativity scene to the Embankment.

Twiggs



93 volunteers worked with on events

17 new volunteers

371 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

366 rubbish bags filled

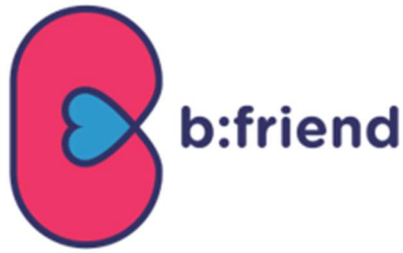
73 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

1 fly tipping cases reported



Remembrance Day Thurnscoe

Support was given to the dedicated volunteers to look after Thurnscoe Park in the run up to Remembrance Day. Work included improve the area by clearing litter and addressing issues such as overgrown pathways and removing overhanging branches. Special attention was given to the area surrounding the cenotaph. This included the volunteers planting pansies around one part of the cenotaph, contributing to the overall beautification of the space.



The big increase in the hours of befriender interactions in the last few months has levelled off but remains high and the social clubs in Bolton and Thurnscoe continue to be well attended. Both social clubs enjoyed a Christmas celebration which 45 people attended along with BBC Look North who spoke to attendees. As well as continuing the Five Ways to Wellbeing model in the social clubs there has been advice and guidance delivered at the clubs including Fraud & Scam awareness sessions by HSBC. In terms of volunteering there was a piece to promote the benefits in the Barnsley Chronicle and there's a plan for Dearne Valley College to support their Health and Social Care students with placements. They will be volunteering at the Thurnscoe club next quarter.

b:friend



- 192 isolating older neighbours supported
- 1938 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions
- 68 hours of staff visits/calls
- 98 volunteers
- 6 new volunteers
- 48 hours of group social activities



Stacey - Social Club Volunteer



Barnsley Council's supported employment team asked about volunteer opportunities for one of their service users, Stacey. She has a mild learning disability and lives in supported living residences. She had volunteered at another group but did not enjoy the experience so started volunteering at the Bolton club after a couple of sessions with the support of her job coach Zoe. Stacey said she felt confident to come by herself. Stacey has been a great help, setting up activities at the start of each session, clearing away afterwards and joining in with everything including the Christmas Party.



The ICT and Employability Support sessions are over three days a week with 69 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. Rory is also attending Open Days at the DWP in Mexborough to speak with prospective learners (from the Dearne Area) on a regular basis.

DEC V



71 people learning so far this year

19 learners recruited

24 learner achieving qualifications

7 learners into employment

24 learners into further training

Damian

Damian worked in a factory/warehouse for 20 years but was made redundant through ill health due to the physical nature of the posts.

His goal was to train up and gain ICT and wider Digital skills as he only had a very basic understanding. Despite being nervous and a little self conscious he settled well into his first learning experience in many years, helped by being in a small group.

Damian made good progress in the basics and so decided to attend more sessions a week. His progress has been very good not only completing a number qualifications but also completing his CV, cover letter and job applications. This support has successfully guided him through the application process for a job at Heron Food. He was appointed as a full time Store Manager in December.

He said: "Thanks so much Rory, you have massively boosted my confidence attending your sessions!"



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Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer

The ongoing issues and challenges continue to be property disrepair, waste in gardens, and fly tipping. Barnsley Road, Frederick Street and Charles Street have been particularly bad in the last few months. But Beaver Street and Victoria Street have improved since the installation of CCTV and Highgate Lane and William Street were targeted with the help of GXO volunteers in December to remove tipped, general litter and overgrown weeds. Work continues to build trust with tenants to ensure that property disrepair is reported so action can be taken by landlords. Although the amounts dealt with this quarter are on par with previous, the fear of higher rents or eviction is likely responsible for under reporting. 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. Regular contact with the staff at Salvation Army Goldthorpe, Dearne Family Centre and other partners continues to ensure vulnerable members of the community are helped and events for Safeguarding week were attended. The Salvation Army drop in also led to intervention and successful repair/refurbishment of a property occupied by a single parent and 4 children under 15 suffering from mould.

Housing Enforcement



- 171 reports made
- 18 properties improved
- 38 contacts with household waste on premises
- 139 fly tipping reported
- 25 making improvements during service intervention
- 9 vulnerable homes identified

Waste on Premises



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. 105 people received comprehensive telephone advice 56 received face to face advice. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £32.48 into the Dearne.

DIAL Barnsley

56 enquires made this quarter

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

£149,906 benefits claims supported this quarter



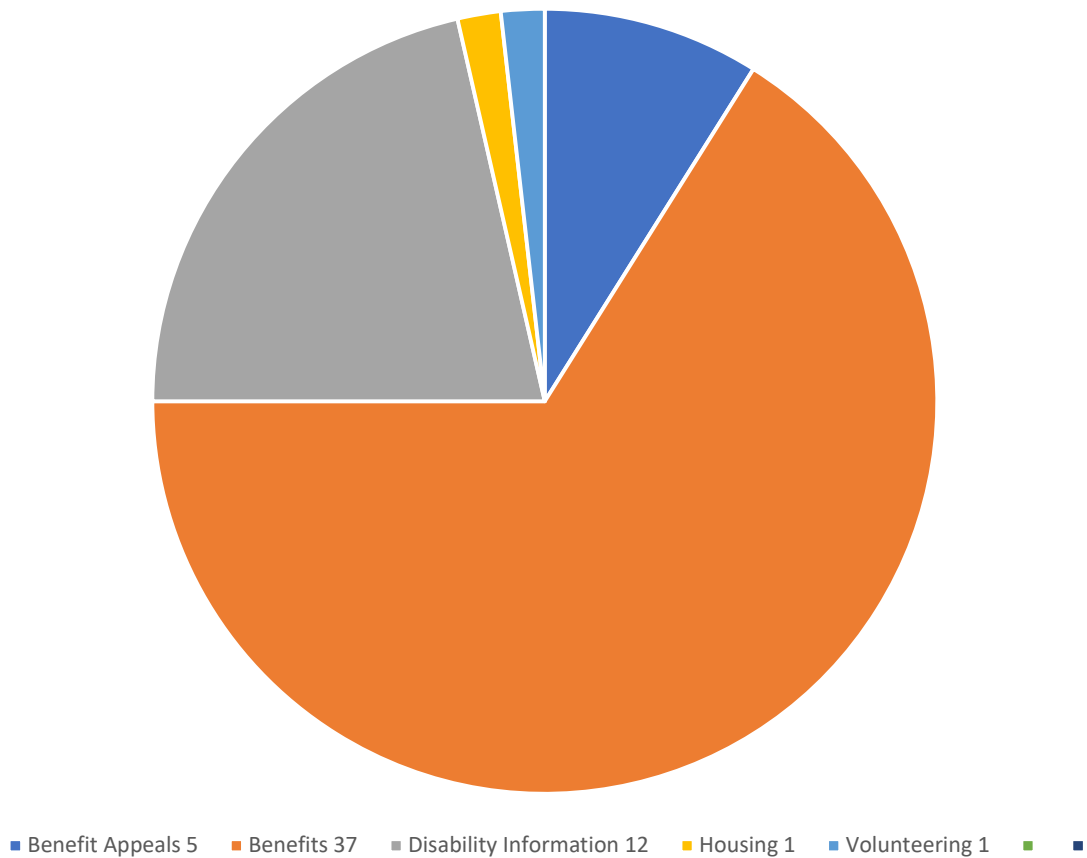
Supporting



Case study

Mrs C is 70 years old with arthritis in all her joints, her daughter was helping her with her daily care needs. She came to see DIAL at Goldthorpe Library for help with an Attendance Allowance form. After advise and assistance Mrs C was awarded a higher rate of allowance for needing help with her care during the day and night. Her income increased by £101.75 per week. Mrs C said: "When I looked at the form I didn't understand it at all. A family friend told me about DIAL. They were very good and I am very happy with the help they gave me."

DIAL issues dealt with



DIAL in the Dearne Jan-Dec 2023

choices

Dearne Area Outreach

Number of outreach sessions delivered 81

Number of residents we supported at outreach 226

Number of hours our advisors spent with residents at outreach 306

90% Of clients felt less anxious after using our service

93% Of clients had a clearer understanding after using our service

86% Of clients felt more confident after using our service



Our advisors helped clients to claim over £335,000 in benefit amount

Goldthorpe Development Group

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

Older Generation Get Together

255 people attending

37 volunteers assisting (across 3 events)



Supporting



Case study

The sessions were well attended during the quarter especially the December Christmas event which was fully booked with 100 people. Entertainment was provided by Goldthorpe Primary School singing Christmas carols and a return for the popular VE day entertainer Abby from 'Viva La Vintage'. There were donations from local businesses for the raffle and games and Wath Tesco donated the desserts. The volunteers worked extra hard to make the event special for the guests and with the event selling out their support was needed. This also marked an end of an era as this was the last to take place at the Unity Club which has hosted the Get Togethers for the past 10 years, in the New Year the venue will switch to the Comrades.

Dearne Area Team Q3 Case study



Toy Drive at Station House - Thurnscoe Dearne North

Healthy Barnsley

✓ Our diverse communities are welcoming, supportive, and resilient.

Learning Barnsley

✓ Everyone has the opportunity to create wider social connections and enjoy cultural experiences.

Growing Barnsley

✓ Local businesses are thriving through early-stage support and opportunities to grow

Sustainable Barnsley

- ✓ People are proud of and look after their local environment.
- ✓ People live in sustainable communities and reduced carbon emissions and increase access to affordable and sustainable energy sources.

Enabling Barnsley

✓ Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

Dearne Ward Alliance

Dearne North, Dearne South

Ward Alliance Priorities

- Health & Wellbeing
- Pride in Dearne North
- Strengthening the Community
- Youth Provision

Dearne Area Council

Dearne North, Dearne South

Area Council Priorities

- Health & Wellbeing
- Our Environment
- Young People



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Toy Drive at Station House - Thurnscoe

Dearne North

Background

One of our council ambitions as we head towards 2024, is to be more sustainable. The current cost of living is making it harder for families to afford luxuries so Christmas for some families, is no longer a priority. Working with our partners at Station House Community Association we developed a project that would make Christmas affordable and prevent pre-loved toys going to landfill.

Issue

Families of the Dearne are having to prioritise their spend and for some, buying toys and clothing this Christmas simply wasn't an affordable option. We have also seen an increase in fly tipping that includes toy items in the Dearne, and local charity shops overwhelmed with donations of toys, that they we're unable to take more.

What was done

Throughout October – November 2023, collection points were set up in all 3 villages of the Dearne for people to drop off any unwanted pre-loved toys. (Providing they were suitable to re-gift) We had support from One Stop in Thurnscoe, Salvation Army in Goldthorpe and Co-op in Bolton – all of which agreed to be drop-off points.

On Saturday 25th November between 11am-2pm, we had a toy and clothing giveaway at Station House Community Association in Thurnscoe. Local families were invited to fill a bag and take one large item, completely free.

The result (Outputs, Outcomes, Impact)



100+

Families had access to pre-loved toys



3

Local businesses supported the cause



3

Volunteered for the first time



4

Volunteers supported the event



20

Volunteering hours



£274

Cashable value of volunteering

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DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

**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 note progress on their Dearne commissions
- 2.2 That members note progress with their environmental service

3.0 Area Council commissions

3.1 Social Connectivity service

This service has been running from July 2022 until the end of June 2025. This is a cost to the Area Council of £28,000 per annum. There are no issues with this contract.

3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer

The Dearne Area Council approved the housing and Cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025. From January the officer has been working a four-day week and in the next financial year will cost £30,694, a reduced cost than previously highlighted. There are no issues with this contract.

3.3 Assisting employment and skills

Dearne Electronic Community Village will run until the end of March 2025 but reviewed annually. This service is a cost to the Area Council of £34,000 per annum. There are no issues with this contract.

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. After meeting with HR and legal it was decided that the current team leader would be TUPE across to neighbourhood services. Neighbourhood services are also going out to recruit for the driver post. Further meetings have been arranged to ensure a smooth transition from the 2nd of April 2024.

Officer

Claire Dawson
Dearne Area Council Manager

Tel:

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Date:

18th March 2024

BARNSLEY 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 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 £194, 802 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 has 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 a service level agreement with Neighbourhood services for their environmental service, the first years costing will be £84,139, within this budget is a contingency budget. Therefore the committed spend for next year is £176,833 leaving £57,437.40 in the budget to spend on local priorities.

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

4.0 **Officer** **Tel:** **Date:** 18th March 2024
Claire Dawson 07932341726
Dearne Area Council Manager

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	£34,270.50		
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
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

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 16th January at the Rainbow Centre in Thurnscoe.

Ward Alliance finance – 0 applications submitted balances all read out and agreed

Due to high number of apologies at the meeting the Ward Alliance members who were in attendance with all 3 Councillors agreed to defer the item on agenda regarding the action plan & projects due to their own capacity and groups they sit on, however they did agree to minimise the current action plan to simplify the categories and work on more projects alongside internal & external agencies whilst covering the main issues and topics for Dearne North.

Group updates took place from Thurnscoe Park, Big Local and St Helens Church Hall, more discussions around the Plaza and Thurnscoe Park activities hopefully some funding will be sought to aid some family provisions this summer.

Membership renewal letters were handed out by the Chair Cllr Cain with some completed forms already emailed before the meeting all 100% committed form last year. The CDO informed the group of some members having to limit their time due to the capacity.

Next meeting March 12th 2024.

4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on Tuesday 13 February 2024 in Bolton on Dearne.

Ward Alliance funding, 2 applications were submitted for recommendation - Urban Impact Karate Group & the Dearne South Ward Alliance to purchase a shipping storage container in Bolton on Dearne – both agreed and fully supported by all members.

The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend with monies been returned from Dearne Community Active Group due to the closure of their group. Committed spend read out and all agreed to put monies towards the forthcoming projects on the action plan for 2024.

The community storage container purchased was discussed about usage, storage and agreed to be placed on the Brickponds at Bolton on Dearne, Park Services are aware of the situation.

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

Next meeting set for 2nd April 2024.

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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Date:
18th March 2024

Dearne North

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 16 th January(2pm-3.30pm)
Location:	Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe
Chair:	Cllr Wendy Cain
Minutes:	Marie Sinclair (CDO)

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

Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>As Cllr Bellamy didn't attend last meeting Michael Cutts – BPL gave an introduction for himself and Dearneside BPL</p> <p>2. Apologies – see above</p> <p>3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising MS ran through all actions that was given and completed all of them from last meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cain thanked asked about the visit to Balmoral – update given and all agreed who were in attendance what a fabulous employer and real asset to have in Thurnscoe.</p> <p>Cllr Cain thanked the area team for the fuddle and their hard work pulling it together.</p>		

<p>4. Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dearne North Ward Alliance remaining balance £3390.09 – no applications submitted • Working funds remaining balance £3240.68 <p>5. Resigning Ward Alliance memberships Paper were handed to the attendees to sign up for a further 12 months – the non attendees will be emailed or brought to the next meeting</p> <p>6. Action plan – future plans for 2024 MS read through actions and priorities but due to lack of Ward Alliance members attending it was decided to defer until the next meeting so the provisions and priorities can be looked at and discussed with the full team and their knowledge & experience. MS to withdraw some of the priorities to scale down and a workshop style to be run to go through each one individually to see if any can be added and strengthened to add more initiatives for the Ward Alliance to either run, support and fund themselves. MS will send out a blank copy for anyone to start filling in and looking over beforehand for ideas.</p> <p>Discussions around expenditure and what we could utilize on building with regards to family fun days, pictures in the park, free swim days and fitness sessions, food on the go, health and wellbeing with food incorporated. MS to send out detailed plans for what could be on offer and for how much it would cost.</p> <p>7. Group Updates</p> <p>St. Helens Church DB gave update with regular book sales, café church morning is now very popular with over exceeded numbers attending, the Sunday service is also very well attended too. The Holy week service will be every day for Easter. Mother 7 toddler still open to more parents/guardians' places available. There is a coffee morning on the first Saturday of every month held in the church hall.</p>	<p>MS to email to WA members who couldn't attend.</p> <p>MS to send out costings for some of the ideas talked over – MS will embed into first plan before sending out to WA members to peruse and add information on. MS to plan workshop for anyone who is free to attend to put priorities together or build into next meeting as one item on agenda.</p>	
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Thurnscoe Park

The volunteering is now on Tuesdays to cater to the existing volunteers, they are struggling to keep on top of the park and need more volunteers to help. Pauline also highlighted the mammoth task to put events on is hard when their volunteers are all over 70, she needs help with event planning and funding. MS said she would help with this as always.

Thurnscoe Big Local

The end of their 10 years is this year with a end of year term celebration to celebrate the volunteers and their hard work and dedication on what they have achieved and the legacy they have left behind for future generations. A date will be announced in the forthcoming weeks and invites will be sent for the community to come and enjoy. Derek advised the Alliance he has stepped away for health reasons from the CIO as new members have come forward and he's sure it will go from strength to strength.

BPL Dearneside - Michael gave a update on their programmes and what's on offer starting with Parent & Toddler Swim, Family Fun Swims, Junior Gym , Parent & Junior gym , Junior only fitness class, Step Class (adults and juniors) & Studio Cycling Class (adults and juniors) these could be something that could potentially be incorporated into some holiday provision to help with eh health improvement and activities in families in Dearne North. – he will send to MS to cascade to everyone rather than trying to write down the lists of 'what's on'

AOB

MS asked about the location of the meetings as the bank balance for room rental was running low. It was agreed to look at Thurnscoe library as another venue to split between to half the cost. MS will seek permission and book room if available for the next meeting.

Date & Time of Next meeting:

- March 12th (2pm) at Rainbow Centre, Thurnscoe
- TBC

PP to inform area team of decision if they are informed soon. MS to assist in any event planning – WA to help where possible if Pictures in the Park is agreed to match fund by Pride of Place funding.

MC to send MS program detailing what could be on offer for FEB half term for H&W priority spends.

Minutes Approved By:	
Date:	

Dearne South

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 13 th February 2024 – 10am
Location:	Willowcroft Flats, South Drive, Bolton on Dearne
Chair:	Cllr Janine Bowler
Minutes:	Cllr Abi Moore

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

Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>2. Apologies – noted above</p> <p>3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising AG stated he was happy to continue as treasurer for the time been</p> <p>4. Re-affirmation of existing members MS handed out letters for all members to resign for 2024-25</p> <p>5. Finances</p>	<p>MS to meet with AS, KJ to run</p>	

<p>MS presented ward alliance funding allocation and up to date finance sheet. No discrepancies raised by members. Two applications: Salvation Army for a migration meet thy neighbor and rolling program around the community – quick discussion took place with members requesting more information from Alison Sykes & Jackie Kenning. It was agreed to re-write the application and submit for extension if required.</p> <p>DSWA – 20ft storage container to allow items to be stored from the Ward Alliance & Area Team for flood store items, event equipment, tools, and PPE for the community. MS stated she had agreed with Park Services to allow the container to be placed in the car park at the brick ponds and the team would hold the keys – a brief discussion took place. – all agreed to support & recommend the application.</p> <p>Urban Self Defense group – application submitted for equipment and uniforms for training. Ward Alliance members agreed to fund the equipment but not for the clothing. MS to help & support the group to apply for alternate funding for the remaining part of the application. – All agreed to part fund.</p> <p>Remaining WA budget: £349.39</p> <p>AG gave an update on the working funds. A full audit for 2023 was carried out in January 2024 with assistance from MS and all paperwork signed off for new financial records 2024.</p> <p>5. Allotment update</p> <p>MS updated the ward alliance on the latest update from the Dearne Allotment Group on the closure of their group. Andrew King, who is the treasurer, has advised the site caretaker and area team of the closure from 31st March 2024 in August 2023 with all finances been transferred to the DSWA this was monies from the surplus selling off site all</p>	<p>through ideas and what is required for further fundin</p> <p>MS to speak to team on shelving, locks, and whiteboard</p> <p>MS to advise Russ on alternate funding organizations</p> <p>MS to visit site to review the assets on site with AK</p>	
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remaining funders have been notified of the equipment loaning and distribution of its assets. MS visited the site in November with Andie Nixon from BMBC who runs the allotments. MS to arrange a visit to site to conclude the assets and any other issues. MS advised the members of the current issues and that no one had come forward to run the allotment as a new entity. Anyone could take over but would need a new contract and service level agreements drawn up with BMBC and new insurance taken out for public liability, equipment etc.

6. Group Updates

Snaptin Community Hub: AG gave update on the projects that have been discussed around the legacy. They have a meeting next month that will identify and confirm future plans. The housing issues are still ongoing.

Dearne Playhouse – JM gave update on how wonderful it has been to see the major roof renewal and inside how the theatre now looks and its stunning best she has seen it, they are full of bookings up until the 2nd closure to help with the underground works to the basement.

Salvation Army – AS gave her update on the full capacity of the foodbanks and the need for family support and how their footfall has increased, they are having problems with language barriers as many of the clients requiring the foodbanks have limited English understanding which is causing herself and Jackie more time on interpreting to understand their personal needs and who and where to signpost them to.

7. AOB - none

8. Date & Time of Next meeting:

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

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 13 projects at a cost of £8,780.04 leaving a balance of £3490.13

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 13 projects at a cost of £15,681.65 leaving a balance of £349.39

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	£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	£6717.18
007	Thurnscoe Tap	August 2023	£553.00	£6164.18
008	Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church (split 50/50 with DSWA)	March 2024	£260.00	£5904.18
008	Little Theatre (St Helens Church Hall) summer theatre & arts performance provisions	Oct 2023	£1000.00	£4904.18
009	Goldthorpe Railway Embankment Group (Autumn Fayre) split 50/50 with DSWA	Dec 2023	£312.50	£4591.68
010	Hanging Basket sponsorship for DNWA	March 2024	£240.00	£4351.68
011	Secretary Payment (paid in QTR instalments)	March 2024	£500.00	£3851.68
**2	Adjustment to monies unspent at Celebration event	March 2024	+330.00	£4181.68
012	Goldthorpe Library – after school activities (split 50/50 with DSWA)	March 2024	£371.55	£3810.13
013	The Hill Primary School – sustainable growing initiative	Dec 2024	£320.00	£3490.13

Total spend = £8,780.04

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
012	Urban Impact Self Defence Group	March 2024	£911.53	£3129.39
013	DSWA container	March 2024	£2780.00	£349.39

Total spend = £15,681.65

Volunteer match funded = £10,184.85

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