

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 20 th September 2022 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding (Chair)</p> <p>Councillor Chris Wray</p> <p>Councillor Will Fielding</p> <p>Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG)</p> <p>Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes)</p> <p>Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH)</p> <p>Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner</p> <p>Scott Ireland - Twiggs</p> <p><u>Observers</u></p> <p>Amanda Littlewood - Dodworth Resident</p> <p>Helen Totty – Higham Resident</p> <p>Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident</p>	<p>Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church</p> <p>Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident</p>

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Ward Alliance Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of Amanda Littlewood, Shirley Musgrave and Helen Totty who were all in attendance as observers.</p> <p>Amanda Littlewood introduced herself stating that she was a Dodworth resident; Helen Totty and Shirley Musgrave also introduced themselves as residents of Higham. Vicky, Helen and Shirley are all interested in becoming Ward Alliance Members.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Twigg's Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding firstly welcomed Scott Ireland from Twiggs and briefly explained that Twiggs had been contracted by the Ward Alliance to work in the Dodworth Ward one day a week maintaining and improving both green and public open spaces. Such work includes grass cutting, removing and cutting back of vegetation and also litter picking and graffiti removal.</p> <p>Scott from Twiggs then briefed the Ward Alliance on what work and projects they have being recently focusing on including working with volunteer employees from Magna carrying out litter picking clean ups on the Dodworth Bypass. Paul reported that an event with residents on Park Hill Grove, Dodworth was taking place tomorrow to clear and cut back overgrown bushes and vegetation.</p>		

	<p>A future event is to be arranged to carry out improvements to the library raised beds. Due to no funding being available for any new and/or replanting to be done, the area will be weeded and cleared of overgrown vegetation and tidying up of the existing plants. It was suggested that Magna could be approached to see if they were willing to help with some volunteers.</p> <p>MH queried whether any monies were left over from the Principal Towns budget allocated for the library frontage improvement scheme that was completed in December. DG confirmed that no funding was left over from the scheme.</p> <p>Scott from Twiggs reported that the works carried out as part of the scheme appeared to be substandard and reported that the cracking of both the wall toppers and concrete/pointing was now being seen.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members suggested that Twiggs should advertise and communicate their events more widely and should use utilise both social media and the notice boards throughout the Ward. Scott agreed this would be beneficial and stated he would report back to John Twigg with this feedback.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members thanked Scott for his briefing before he left the meeting.</p>		
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action led
	<p><u>Gawber History Group Funding Application</u></p> <p>DG confirmed that the application had been processed and that the History Group had agreed to have Dodworth Ward Alliance detailed on the Board as sponsors of the project.</p>		

Dog Fouling Poster

DG confirmed the competition template had now gone into school and the entries would be collected back in around the 30th September 2022. A winner will then be declared and presentation for the prize winner will be organised.

VD kindly donated a children's drawing and art set for the prize winner.

Storage Container

DG confirmed that the new storage container was now on site.

Organisation of the equipment to be stored in the container is in progress.

Christmas 2022

DG stated that 4 sets of Christmas lights had now been located, however no transformers had been found.

DG stated she would complete a Ward Alliance Application for the purchase of some new transformers.

DG reported she was still emptying the shed at the Worsbrough offices to see if any other equipment including lights had been stored in there.

DG also reported that new KDA sponsorship signs would need to be organised.

DG reported that the current projected spend on Christmas was currently £8,000. This included £1,000 towards the Christmas Fayre Event.

The remaining £7,000 is the estimated costs to erect and take down the 14 Christmas motifs, purchase of 2 Christmas trees (other 3 to be donated by KDA), Twiggs to erect 5 Christmas trees and put lights on, 5 new transformers, new sets of tree lights, connection of lights, new sleeve for Christmas tree.

	<p>DG will circulate by email a full breakdown of costs as listed above.</p> <p><u>Christmas Fayre – Dodworth High Street Events Group</u></p> <p>DG confirmed she has sent the necessary application form to all 3 Councillors in respect of the Barnsley Better Bond Scheme. DG suggested the form is completed and submitted asap.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Fielding confirmed the next meeting of the Events Group to discuss the Christmas Fayre will be held Tuesday 27th September 2022 4.30 p.m. at Central Club Station Road.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting held 2nd August 2022 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
5.	Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary/non pecuniary interest made.</p>		
6.	Update from Central Area Council	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Councillor Peter Fielding gave a brief update in respect of the Central Area Council. Councillor Fielding explained that Central Area Council is made up of 5 Wards ie Dodworth, Kingstone, Worsbrough, Stairfoot and Central. The 5 Wards all have varying different issues and problems to deal with.</p> <p>The Central Area Council has an annual budget of £500,000 which is used to address the various</p>		

	<p>problems and issues including matters such as social isolation initiatives, clean and green environment matters, rented properties issues, and youth work. It also commissions various services including Twiggs, YMCA and the Dial Service.</p>		
<p>7. Ward Alliance Funding Applications</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Dodworth Parish Church – Santa's Visit (Small Sparks Application)</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from St John's Church, Dodworth requesting the amount of £150.00. The monies will be used to help fund a Santa's Visit event. The project will be open to all children, but predominantly aimed at children in the Dodworth area. As part of the free visit to see Santa, children will receive a free gift which will be a book, but also will be given a free lunch bag including sandwich, drink, crisps and a biscuit.</p> <p>The monies requested will be used to help the purchase of the books intended for gifts.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion, Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		
<p>8. Ward Alliance Projects</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG stated that it was proposed to fund a total of 50 hanging baskets initially, with 10 lighting columns in each of the main areas in the Ward being identified to have one. Locations and number of lighting columns still need to be confirmed in Higham.</p>		

<p>DG stated she would prepare a Ward Alliance application for the monies required and submit this accordingly for approval by Ward Alliance Members.</p> <p>DG is liaising with the volunteer resident in Dodworth who is co-ordinating a list of interested people who would like to sponsor a basket.</p> <p><u>Warm Hubs</u></p> <p>Councillor Wray reported that this issue was to be discussed next week at Full Council with hopefully a course of action approved for implementation Borough wide. If this is not the case and nothing is agreed, then discussions will be held looking at something more local.</p> <p>It was suggested that venues such as the Central Club and the Pollyfox Centre could be investigated.</p> <p>Councillor Wray will report back with the outcome from Full Council.</p> <p><u>Social Media</u></p> <p>Due to time constraints this item was unable to be discussed and therefore deferred for a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Community Consultation</u></p> <p>Due to time constraints this item was unable to be discussed and therefore deferred for a future meeting.</p>		
<p>9. Any Other Business</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>

	<p><u>Small Sparks Application – Late submission</u></p> <p>DG stated that a small sparks application from Dodworth Library had been submitted too late missing the deadline for it to be considered at this evening's meeting. However, the application is time sensitive and is requesting monies to implement a project for Halloween. Therefore, DG stated that she would circulate the application tomorrow by email to Ward Alliance Members for consideration and asking if they were in favour of funding the application or not.</p> <p>There was no other business and the meeting closed.</p>	<p>DG</p>	
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>Dates of future Meetings</p> <p>6th December 2022</p> <p>17th January 2023</p> <p>28th February 2023</p>		