

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Agenda Item: 9**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

## **North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to the 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 (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

### **4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings**

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during August, September and October 2022.

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The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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**Date:**  
**31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

## Appendix One:

### Darton East Ward Alliance Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 6 PM Face to face meeting.

#### Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Batty - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
David Hilton – Green space

#### 1. Apologies:

Janine Williams – Local resident  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor

1. **Declarations of Interest** – Declarations of interest came from David Hilton and Paul Marsh for the Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross application and Nick Hibberd and Gerard Morrall for the Pop in club application
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved.
3. **Matters Arising** – None
4. **Financial Update** – £10,869.56 available altogether. The applications tonight total just under £6000 if they are all approved.
5. **Applications for Funding.**
  - **Darton East working budget** - £330.00 Approved.
  - **St John's on stage** - £833.00 requested. Approved £454.00. This is the amount minus the figure included for the laptop. The group agreed they would

like to see how St John's do with ticket sales and members asked how the ticket money is spent.

- **Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross** – Christmas light erection and removal - £2250.00 – Approved. The group asked what the beer festival had generated and what the money had been spent on. For future funding we would like to see more transparency.
- **Pop in club Christmas Afternoon tea** - £700 – Approved.
- **Refurbished swing set for Bluebell Road children's playground** - £875.00 – Approved. A member asked if any section 106 money was available for this, and it was explained no section 106 money was available but could be potentially in the future. A member also asked if a gate could be put in that area, so you don't have to walk around it. It was agreed that Wakefield council would be contacted about this.
- **Working budget for Christmas** - £900 Approved. Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross have agreed to help with buying the selection boxes. The switch on at the village hall will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November times to be confirmed. The switch on at Woolley colliery village will be on the 28/11/22 at 5pm. The Christmas tree lights at Windhill will be turned on without an event taking place.
- **Health Event** - £1500.00 Approved. £584.00 left from the last health event.

## 6. Ward Action Plan

**Ears and voice of the community** – No updates

**Young People** – The summer disco went well as did the activities in Mapplewell park. The activity club at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall also went well. The activity club was also great for vulnerable adults.

**Environment** – 438 bags of litter have been picked since January 2022.

352 volunteer hours have been given since January 2022.

Benches have been added around the cycle track in the park and the new cycle track is getting lots of use and looks fantastic.

A sign will be going up for the cycle track.

Mapplewell and Staincross village hall is happy to hold any purple bags awaiting collection from litter picking.

The community fridge is doing very well in Mapplewell and Staincross village hall. The fridge is being used by approx. 16-17 people per day and will be self-sufficient from October.

**Older people** – The pop in club continues to be successful as well as the ballroom dancing class.

The noticeboard in Mapplewell and Staincross village hall is also well used.

The Darton East community awards night is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

7. **Twiggs** - A member explained they had met with Twiggs every Wednesday since our last meeting in July and it had gone very well.

Lots of different projects had been completed.

People need to be there to volunteer to work on projects with them and more volunteers are required during the week.

The contract is volunteer led, so 75% of the time Twiggs should work with volunteers. A steering group has been formed recently with councillors so they will also be micro-managing it.

Anyone can provide areas to Twiggs which need work on.

A member explained the paths at Moorcrest Rise and the old school path at Woolley colliery needs looking at. A member did say that the old school path could be privately owned.

8. **Christmas** – Already discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. **AOB** –

A member asked for any litter bin updates, but no updates were available at this meeting.

A member asked for us to consider putting on a summer event in the ward. This will be added to the ward action plan.

A member then explained that they needed to issue a polite reminder that the ward alliance is a non-political body. This means all politics should be left at the door, all decisions made should be of benefit to the local community not for political gains. This also extends to social media. The ward alliance Facebook page should not be sharing any political messages or political parties' pages. Ward alliance projects featuring councillors or politically motivated groups are ok to be promoted as long as the focus is on the community group or project.

The group have all come together with the same passion, skill, and determination to make your local community a better place to live and work. The member felt very lucky to be working with such an involved and active ward alliance.

Please bear in mind what's been said and be respectful of each other in and out of the ward alliance meetings and when discussing the ward alliance and its members to other people.

**Meeting closed.**

**10. Time and date of next meeting** Tuesday 11/10/2022 6pm.

**Darton East Ward Alliance  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October– 6 PM  
Face to face meeting.**

**Present:**

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident  
David Hilton – Green space

**1. Apologies:**

Janine Williams – Local resident  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

**2. Declarations of Interest** None.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting** Approved.

**4. Matters Arising** None

**5. Financial Update**

£1461.00 available with match funding and £2398.00 available with none match funding.

**6. Applications for Funding.**

No applications for funding have come through for this meeting.

The group discussed the serious anti-social behaviour recently happening in Mapplewell Park.

Several wheelie bins have been set on fire in the park in different areas.

A member of the group had been in touch with the neighbourhood police and safer neighbourhoods team.

The police or safer neighbourhoods team have been completing patrols of the park but last night another incident occurred after the patrols had finished.

The wheelie bins taken for the fires seem to be coming from Greenside Avenue, so police have been making residents aware in that area.

A member explained a potential solution to this problem could be putting up some temporary video cameras on the site for approx. 3 months to see if that would prevent the anti-social behaviour.

The cost would be approx. £300 for a camera for 3 months.

A member explained it may be better to put two cameras up rather than one and it could potentially lead to the problem moving elsewhere by putting up the cameras.

A member also explained that South Yorkshire police were giving out funding of up to £10,000, however it could take a long time to get the funding and this issue needed to be dealt with immediately.

A member asked if CCTV signs would have to be put up. A member thought they would have to be, but the group was unsure.

The police will also be visiting Darton Academy to speak to pupils about the anti-social behaviour that is happening in our area.

It was agreed that it is not sustainable to have regular patrols in the area and that the area was lacking in activities available to young people/teenagers.

A member suggested that the gun club maybe able to put on some activities aimed at teenagers in the area.

An update on the cameras will be given to the group after a meeting which as been arranged for Friday.

## 7. Ward Action Plan

**Ears and voice of the community** – No updates

**Young People** – The Halloween disco as been cancelled due to people buying tickets then trying to sell them on with the potential to make a profit. Another disco will be arranged for later in November, but the tickets will now be numbered, and the child's name taken.

**Environment** – 500 bags of litter have been picked since January 2022.

400 volunteer hours have been given since January 2022.

Bulbs will be arriving tomorrow. A member asked if Woolley could have some bulbs planted. The member was told to email Greenspace and they would then be able to plant some in Woolley.

The cycle track in Mapplewell park as now been finished and is very well used. There will be an official opening event soon.

**Older people** – The pop in club continues to be successful as well as the ballroom dancing class.

The Darton East community awards night was on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and was a brilliant night. It was suggested at the next event that it might be better to have the singer after the awards ceremony, and to also have different categories and different ways to vote.

The awards night should feature in the Chronicle this Friday.

A big thank you to Gez, Rebecca, Caroline, Nick, and the Mayor.

## **8. Twiggs**

A member explained that they had seen Twiggs completing exercises in the park then later doing some work.

Twiggs have started sending more information on to Greenspace which is great.

Twiggs also helped to clean up the mess in the Mugga.

A member explained that it seems like Twiggs have a lack of professionalism and productivity.

They also need to have volunteers to help.

The process as also changed to request help in a specific area, and you now need to fill in a service request form which is sent to the steering group, which seems to be going in the wrong direction.

The steering group has been newly set up.

Twiggs have been given three priorities:

1. To work with Greenspace
2. Work with the eco council at local schools
3. Help with the planters in the area.

Matthew Crisp will speak to Rosie Marshall and go to the steering group next week to raise any concerns.

Potential areas of concern are Moorcrest Rise, The Plantings, Woolley colliery and the Dearne street area and playground.

We need to highlight the problems we are facing in the area.

Neighbourhood watch groups would be a good idea.

## **9. Christmas**

The light switch on will be at 6pm at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The beer festival will be from 5pm till 10pm on the Friday.

It was agreed after last years event that you could not hear the people speaking so the village hall have got a pa system that can be used to speak and play music.

Registration and buying vouchers for the beer festival will be held in the main hall rather than the foyer.

## **10. AOB**

A member asked if anything had been planned for Remembrance Sunday.

A member will get in touch with the church but hopefully there will be a road closure in place for 30 minutes with road signs which Paul Marsh may be able to help with.

Parking enforcement is needed for Towngate and local schools.

The North area council have a contract with Kingdom, but the focus is on the town centre and the hospital.

It was asked if the North area council could pay for some enforcement, but a member explained with any surplus funds they were looking at helping people during the cost-of-living crisis.

Although we would like to have enforcement in the area the council budget is very tight.

A member will request a meeting with parking officers to discuss the problem.



A member explained they were going to chase up James Higginbottom after they had met with him to discuss the local footpaths in the area.  
A member also asked if the footpath from the CO-OP could be re-opened onto Spark Lane.

A member explained the coronation of the king would be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and it might be nice to do something in the area around that date.

**Meeting closed.**

**11. Time and date of next meeting** Tuesday 08/11/22 at 6pm.

## **Appendix Two:**

### **Darton West Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave,  
Cllr Sharon Howard,  
Annabelle Watson, Ann Carroll, Christina Carroll, Shelly Oates, Richard Haigh.

Apologies:

None to report.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 The minutes of the meetings of 15<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to contact Ann Plant to ask for her written resignation from the Ward Alliance.

Rebecca to monitor Twiggs consultation of Uplands Park and inform of date for Cllrs and any members to attend.

Rebecca to continue to monitor Notice Boards across the Ward.

Rebecca to contact the Hanging basket provider re: any discount due to lateness of supplying the Ward.

Rebecca to finalise Christmas Events Plan across the Ward.

Rebecca to contact Tom to alert change of date for Gawber Wood View Christmas lights switch on.

Christina to contact Debbie re: possible events to assist with Gawber, Wood View Christmas lights switch on. Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

Cllrs A Cave, T Cave and S Howard to investigate use of Wood View Football Club area for refreshments for Christmas lights switch on.

Cllr Trevor Cave and Dominic to look at litter bin provision across the Ward (Pending).

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to monitor any issues at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Richard and Rebecca to look at Christmas motifs and have site visit, Rebecca to supply available date for meeting.

Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Michelle Lowe at Norse re: future litter pick at Barugh Green.

Shelly to monitor any progress with Barnsley in Bloom at the Memorial Garden (Pending)

3 Ward Action Plan

This will feature as an Agenda item next meeting.

4 Active Travel Update

Cllr Trevor Cave will update as and when issues arise.

#### 5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £ 9,081.24.

#### 5b WAF applications

Remembrance Day Project £ 726.85 (Agreed).

Les Cadeaux Pottery Painting (Declined).

#### 6 Christmas Events Plan

Cllrs Alice Cave, Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with Cllr P Fielding to discuss Christmas issues at Gawber.

Christmas tree switch on at **Gawber, Wood View TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DEC at 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm.** (Date change).

#### 7 Hanging Basket update.

This was discussed (See Action Points).

Possible £20 refund to sponsors of this year's baskets, pending discussions with supplier.

#### 8 Summer Activities Review

This was discussed and seen as a positive programme in most areas of the Ward.

Possible use of outside organisation to provide assistance with the Events next year.

#### 9 Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre Update

This was discussed (see Action Points).

#### 10 A.O.B.

The Chair would like to thank Rebecca for her excellent organisation of the Summer Activities Programme.

Rebecca to promote North Area Team at any future Fun Day.

Date and time of next meeting.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, at 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**

**Darton West Ward Alliance**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday 18th October 2022**

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Ann Carroll, Shelly Jepson, Christina Carroll, John Ryan, Annabelle Watson, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Sharon Howard, Tom West, Dominic McCall.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A minute's silence was then held for Jim Andrews by all members, at the sad loss, both of a good friend and colleague.

2 The minutes of the meetings of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to contact Ann Plant to finalise her resignation from the Group.

Rebecca to work with Twiggs at Uplands Park event and report.

Rebecca to continue to monitor Notice Boards across the Ward (Ongoing).

Rebecca to look at possible new provider for next year's hanging baskets.

Rebecca and Richard to look at the number of Christmas motifs available for use across the Ward.

Rebecca to send invoice's out re: hanging basket costs when available.

Rebecca to contact Tom re: Christmas events at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Rebecca to contact Gawber Primary and Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre to finalise programme for Christmas lights switch on.

Annabelle to contact Berneslai Homes re: issues at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Amber Colton (Parks Department) re: tree planting programme at Kexborough Recreational Ground.

Cllr Trevor Cave and Dominic McCall to look at litter bin provision across the Ward (Pending).

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Father Tim re: Choir for Christmas event at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Cllr Trevor Cave to send contact details of Rachel Knox (Deputy Head) at Gawber Primary School, to Christina.

Christina to contact Rachel Knox (Gawber Primary School) to discuss Debbie Angel singers programme for Wood View lights switch on.

Christina to supply date for Christmas light Switch on at Priestly Ave.

Cllrs to contact Safer Neighbourhood Team re: concerns of antisocial behaviour at Darton Park.

Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Michelle Lowe at Norse re: future litter pick at Barugh Green. (Pending).

Shelly to update of any further progress with Barnsley in Bloom at the Memorial Garden (Pending).

Richard to contact Tom and inform him of Day change to Ward Alliance meetings, hopefully to fit in with Toms University Studies.

### 3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

### 4 Active Travel Update

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of recent events, this was very positive news.

Cllr Trevor Cave will update of any progress next meeting.

### 5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £8,354.39.

5b WAF applications.

None received.

### 6 Christmas Events Plan

This was discussed at great length.

Programme of Christmas events to be finalised for the next meeting Rebecca to finalise.

(Agenda item).

### 7 A.O.B. Nothing to Report

Date and time of next meeting **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**at**

**5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**

## Appendix Three:

**Old Town Ward Alliance  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7pm  
Reception Room, Town Hall**

### **Attendance:**

Lee Swift, Cllr Clive Pickering, Luke Holmes, Gillian Nixon, John Love

**Apologies:** Cllr Jo Newing, Cllr Phil Lofts, Bill Gaunt

*NB: Due to unforeseen circumstances, this meeting had to re-locate to a Ward Alliance Members home*

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- Luke noted that he was recorded as absent on the previous minutes, but he wanted it noting he did attend.
- With that amendment, it was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record

### **2. Matters Arising**

#### *Information Board*

- Lee said Russ Boland has been urging him to contact Fresh Ground to encourage them on their Ward Alliance bid to pay for the info board at the Quarry. He said the cost will be rising so the sooner it's in, the better
- Lee said he has again emailed the group to urge them and is awaiting a reply. Hopefully it will go in for October's meeting

#### *Notice Board*

- The Notice Board at Brettas Park was reported as broken at the last Ward Alliance meeting. This has since been repaired by a kind member of the community at zero cost to us.

### **3. Funding Bids**

#### *Friends of Wilthorpe Park – Halloween Spooktacular*

- FOWP submitted a bid to request £500 for hire of toilet, payment of DJ and contribution towards reducing the costs of the rides for families at their upcoming Halloween event.
- The reason for this was the ongoing cost of living crisis means many will not get to enjoy even basic pleasures in the coming months, and this was proposed to give local families the opportunity to enjoy a low-cost, local event.
- It was queried if there was a need to have a certain amount of toilets per 100 attendees, but those present were unsure. It was agreed for the group to enquire

with local businesses to assist with giving access to their toilets to help fulfil any requirements in addition to the hired toilet.

- This bid was approved

#### *Spring Bulbs 2022*

- A bid for £2,303.34 was presented to help purchase spring bulbs for planting in the Ward via local community groups.
- The list has been gathered of quantities to whom, and it was noted that once the bulbs arrive, groups will need to have these collected and handed over
- This bid was approved

#### *Christmas Working Budget 2022*

- Lee presented a bid for £4,110 to help purchase and install six Christmas Trees across the Ward. This includes a brand new tree at Summer Lane and will therefore be more expensive than the others
- Lee noted that whilst the costs are very big, they are there as lights have been increased alongside more powerful battery packs to offset the complaints gathered from local residents in the past two years about them not being bright enough.
- In addition, he explained that a significant portion of the cost is because four out of the six trees do NOT have volunteers assigned to help dress them. If they did, then Twiggs would not charge for this and therefore the costs would be reduced.
- Lee asked if this bid was approved, if Ward Alliance members would please help identify a small group of volunteers to help install the trees and pass them to him by no later than the start of November.
- This bid was approved.

#### *Hanging Baskets – Change of Use*

- Lee explained that whilst Old Town Ward Alliance made the decision to cancel the sponsored hanging baskets for 2022, the company that made the plaques had fulfilled their role and therefore needed paying.
- A change of use form for £891 out of the agreed money for the hanging baskets was suggested so that it could be used to pay for the plaques.
- This bid was approved

#### **4. Christmas 2022**

- In anticipation of six trees going in, the Ward Alliance looked at potential switch on dates for these.
- It was noted that Love Gawber & Pogmoor (a local community group) were intending to put in a separate WA bid for an event around the tree at Pogmoor, so this will hopefully be arranged by them and the provisional date for this is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- They have a set of electric lights up to the same spec used in other areas, so this will save costs and they will have volunteers to help dress the tree.

- Similarly, Brettas Park always hold their Christmas event independently, and Lee agreed to ask them for a confirmed date. They are also believed to offer volunteers for that tree.
- The tree at Huddersfield Rd has an informal carol singing and due to increasing numbers, the WA members discussed putting a gazebo on the shallow end of the banking and doing the event more away from the main road. Small sweets will be provided as a gesture of goodwill. It was decided to leave the date of this until we know the rest as we can book it in quickly due to the low amount of coordination needed
- Lee agreed to ask Cllr Lofts and Cllr Newing if they intended to have a switch on at the new tree at Summer Lane.

#### 5. **Ward Alliance Membership**

- It was noted that the current Ward Alliance membership was slowly dwindling and was in danger of being de-regulated until more members were recruited.
- Members agreed to promote and ask around for new members to apply.
- Lee agreed to pass Gillian the poster for funding and WA membership to help distribute.

#### 6. **Environmental Priorities / Twiggs**

- Following a sub-group set up to help Twiggs determine and carry out work in the Ward that is jointly agreed by the Cllrs, it was explained that three priority areas will be looked at.
- The first area would be West Rd including the field and Creswell St.
- Lee asked if there was any areas the group could suggest for a 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. After discussion, it was suggested that the Burton Bank Quarry would be a good area to focus on
- A third possible priority was the fleets area

#### 7. **Cost of Living Crisis Event**

- Lee explained that due to the ongoing Cost Of Living Crisis in the UK, other Areas of the Borough are looking at support events for residents and bringing together hosts of agencies that are helping people save money e.g. DIAL / CAB, Solar panel companies, cook and eat related groups, Twiggs to show people how to grow their own veg etc.
- There is the possibility of working with ASDA to gain a number of items for support whether vouchers or things like slow cookers with the aim of getting people to give us a case study feedback so we can determine instances where the event has genuinely helped people in need
- Lee asked if the Old Town WA were interested in considering holding such an event in the Old Town area. Members agreed this would be worthwhile and suggested the possibility of holding two events – one at the suggested time of 3pm-6pm to attract those who work or have picked up their children from school, and the second event in the day to get others



- Lee agreed to look at costing the event up and finding potential dates. He agreed to let WA Members know, with a view to holding a special sub-group meeting to help organise and deliver these sessions where possible.

8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- The next Ward Alliance meeting will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7pm, Reception Rooms, Town Hall.

**Old Town Ward Alliance**  
**Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe,**  
**Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor**  
**Notes of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

In Attendance

Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gill Nixon, John Love, Bill Gaunt,

Apologies

Clive Pickering, Luke Holmes,

Notes amended for the July meeting to reflect that Luke Holmes was in attendance.

Notes of the last meeting were agreed a true record.

Matters Arising.

None

Funding Bids

1. Love Pogmoor and Gawber bid for Christmas tree and associated event.  
£150.00 - Approved.
  
2. Brettas Park Neighbourhood Watch for a defibrillator.  
£999.00 – Approved, subject to consultation with Newhill Rd NHW.

Upcoming Projects

1. Christmas 2022, following the bid last month, six Christmas Trees are coming.
  - a) Wellbeck St/Summer Lane, Berneslai Homes have approved the location and neighbourhood services will put in the sleeve for the tree.
  - b) Switch on Warner Ave on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.
  - c) Hudds Rd/Greenfoot Lane, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Twiggs are planning to put up the Christmas Trees by the 2<sup>nd</sup>December.

Spring Bulbs

An email has gone out to groups, regarding the collection of the bulbs.

Cost of Living Crisis Support

Discussion regarding this, Lee to speak with DIAL regarding putting on an event. Also, the 'More Money in Your Pocket' BMBC website. Lee to look at developing a leaflet with advice from 'More Money in Your Pocket'.

AOB

None

Date of Next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in the Town Hall.

## Appendix Four:



### St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 8th September 2022, 4pm, TARA office

**Present :** Cllr Leech ( Chair), Cllr Platts, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Freda Stenton, Neil Wright, Ruth Gammon, Michelle Cooper.

**Apologies :** Cllr Tattersall, Kath Bostwick, Tony Lowe, John Hallows.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Cllr Platts had some bad news for the members. Clyde Black has sadly passed away. His funeral will take place on 20th September, 2.10pm at the Crematorium. He will be sadly missed by everyone.

John Hallows has been admitted to hospital. Best wishes were sent for a speedy recovery. To send a get well card.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes were passed as a true record by the members.

Matters arising - The Memorial bench, everything is sorted for the bench. Cllr Leech is just waiting for a date from Twiggs to install the bench.

St Helens Summer Gala - Madge said the Gala went really well and was very well attended. Thanks were given to those who organised the Gala.

New Hope Church is now closed. A date needs to be arranged to pick up the equipment that is stored there. We also need to ask where a new memorial tree could go and whether the tree at the Church could be moved or whether we will need to purchase a new one. To ask Twiggs their thoughts on moving the tree.

#### **Funding Applications:**

Resolute Womens Support Group - This bid is for £2,210 and is to be used to pay for room hire which will provide a safe, confidential place for women to attend. It will also be used to provide refreshments, stationary, advertising, guest speakers and volunteers.

There were concerns raised regarding the amount of funding being requested. The members agreed with the reason the money is being requested but think the amount is a little too high. It was suggested that we would lower the amount to £1,500. All members agreed with this new amount. Lee to let the group know.

Christmas working budget - this bid is for £1,200 and will be used to purchase, install and remove the Christmas trees and also for the resources to hold the community events including selection boxes.

Michelle asked if it would be possible to keep the trees for a longer time after the Christmas period. She will talk to Twiggs to see if collection can be arranged for after the New Year. The bid was discussed and the full amount was agreed.

A new permanent Memorial tree will also need to be purchased if the old one can't be replanted.

Jolly Boy's Group - this bid is for £478.14. Cllr Leech explained that this would be used for rent, activities for the members, refreshments and also to provide a Christmas dinner for the members. This was discussed between the members and it was agreed that the amount wasn't enough so it was agreed that we would increase the bid to £600. All members agreed to the new amount. Secretary to email Lorraine Headon.

### **Events:**

Christmas events - All planning is coming together for these events.

Neil said the Santa Sleigh is booked for Sunday 4th December from 4pm. Neil and Cllr Leech are putting together a route for the sleigh to follow.

New Lodge Community Centre will have their event on the same day starting from 2pm.

Community Shop - awaiting date for event. Cllr Leech will speak to them.

St Helens Church - awaiting date for event.

Cllrs to speak to schools to see if the school choirs will be able to attend the events once dates have been arranged.

**Cost of Living Event:** Lee Swift explained that due to the increase to the cost of living events have been planned around how we can save money.

Lee suggested arranging our own event to help the community to be able to try and save money. Lee to get costings.

**Memorial bench:** Cllr Leech explained that the funding bid had been accepted and now we are just waiting for Twiggs to install the bench and for the money to be approved so the unveiling event can be organised.

**Twiggs priorities:** Twiggs are meeting to discuss areas in the community that are of priority, e.g, the ginnels in the area for litter picking.

They are also wanting to increase schools education for keeping our community clean and tidy.

**Ward Plan:** Lee Swift brought in an updated copy of the Ward Plan. Members had time to review the plan, all members agreed with the revised plan.

**Treasurers Report:** Lee reported a total of £11,362.94 as of 1st September 2022.

**Forthcoming Projects and Bids:** Michelle discussed training at the centre. She will be co-ordinating the training for First Aid / Food Hygiene.

Maths classes will also be available.

Michelle also discussed the possibility of submitting a new bid for the centre as due to the current rise in the cost of living they are finding it difficult to pay the rent.

**Any other business:** Sadly, Ruth is moving to Scotland to be closer to her family so will be leaving the Ward Alliance. She was thanked for all her hard work and support over the years. She will be missed by everyone.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Meeting closed at 17.30pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 4pm, TARA office.