

- 1. Present/apologies/Welcome from Chair** Apologies: Cllr James Higginbottom Caroline Reeves (Berneslai Homes)

Present: Sabeena Chavan, Chelsey Rigby, Theresa Arnold, Jamie Hinton Wardle, Daniel Higgins, Karen Whiting, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Cllr Frost Welcomed everyone and informed them that the guest speaker Tracey Fitzgibbon was ill and therefore would be in attendance. She will be invited to January's meeting

- 2. Notes last meeting /Matters arising:** Accepted true record no matters arising

- 3. Presentation from Tracey Fitzgibbon (Family Centre Manager – Early start & family services):** Not in attendance

- 4. High St Christmas event:** AB updated the meeting on the arrangements for the event. Fairground operator had confirmed, and a recce of the site had been carried out. Ward Alliance members confirmed that they would be available to help on the day, plus Tesco would also be sending some volunteers. Everyone was clear of their duties on the day. AB informed the meeting that the Christmas tree sleeve had been condemned and needed replacing. The work had been completed by Beeches and the tree would be delivered and put up on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> as originally planned by Twiggs South Area Tidy team and 2 volunteers will be in attendance. Lamp post motifs, mini-Christmas trees would be all in place and ready for the light switch on, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. An invite had gone out via facebook for Christmas stall holder. We had several enquiries but having to have public liability insurance was a barrier for several people. 4 stall holders had the necessary insurance, and they have confirmed their attendance and provided the necessary information requested by BMBC markets. Cubs/beavers will be taking part in the lantern procession, a Children's lantern making workshop will be taking place on the High St on the day and these children will be encouraged to also take part in the procession. The light switch on will be accompanied by the Salvation Army Band.

- 5. Ward Alliance Budget: £9054**

- 6. Funding application –  
Wombwell Clothing Bank £1500 approved**

**Wombwell 9<sup>th</sup> Scouts £2433.86 approved**

**John St Allotments £600 approved**

7. Update Principal Towns. Cllr Frost informed the meeting that it was going to purple cabinet on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and that 2 weeks later will go to white cabinet for Principle towns 2. The Council was still working on a Compulsory Purchase Order for the Burton Building.

8. A.O.B: AB asked the Ward Alliance members if they would like to host a Winter Well Being event for older residents. Everyone agreed for an event in January 23. Action AB to confirm date circulate and go ahead with the planning  
AB updated the meeting on the recent 'More money in your pocket' cost of living event at Kings Oak primary school on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It went very well had a captive audience with it being held in a school setting and piggy backing onto the school's parents/pupil review day. Organisations/agencies present were very positive regarding the interventions they had had with families. Cllr Frost asked if this could be rolled out to the 2 other primary schools. An invite had gone out to all 3 schools but only Kings Oak responded. AB informed the meeting that she would investigate it but depended on the capacity of the agencies as these events are going on all across Barnsley. Alternative suggestion was to look at hosting one during February half term in a local venue.

**9. Date of next meeting**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**