

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 16th January 2023

Agenda Item: 8

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 November 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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23rd December 2022

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance Tuesday 8th November– 6 PM Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr 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
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident
Julia Burrows – Executive Director of Public Health for Barnsley Council

1. Apologies:

David Lockwood – Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

Steve welcomed Julia Burrows to the meeting and asked all members to introduce themselves to her.

Steve explained afterwards he had received a letter of resignation from Janine Williams due to work and family commitments and said he would be sending her a letter to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time as a member of the Darton East Ward Alliance.

2. **Declarations of Interest** None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved with changes to be made:

Thank Steve for hosting the awards night.

To change Rosie Marshall to Rosie Adams.

To change that the North Area council used to have a contract with Kingdom.

To change the spelling of Mugga to Muga.

To change Spark Lane to Fountain's parade, Spark Lane.

4. Matters Arising

This Sunday is remembrance Sunday. There will be a road closure in Mapplewell between 10.30am – 11.30am. The service will be from 10.45am – 11.15am. Father Tim Stevens will conduct the service alongside another church. Steve explained he had been to Smithies depot and arranged for two road closure signs to be dropped off on Sunday at 8am.

Steve explained it would be nice to see other ward alliance members at the service. Councillor Matthew Crisp gave his apologies.

Steve and Matthew met up with Joe Jenkinson regarding the footpath running from the CO-OP to Fountains parade and asked why it was closed off. Joe Jenkinson is going to investigate this.

Another member stated it was Booker that closed it off.

5. Financial Update

£1461.60 available with match funding and £1498.96 available with none match funding.

We have had a good spend this year with only four meetings of the financial year left.

A member explained the Perspex in the noticeboard outside the village hall had been damaged and it was £200 for a replacement.

6. Applications for Funding.

£200 working budget for small projects and small items of equipment.

The group agreed to change this to £400 so the Perspex could be replaced in the noticeboard outside the village hall.

Some racking will also be purchased to store the play equipment in the container in the park. The container is next to the container used for the football club.

7. Ward Action Plan

Ears and voice of the community – Regular Facebook posts are put on to the Ward Alliance Facebook page. Other groups are also sharing the page.

Young People – Another disco as been planned for Friday 18th November. Tickets may also be offered on the night for the Christmas disco.

Environment –The numbers need to be decided for the next batch of hanging baskets. The group will need to decide the number of hanging baskets in our December or January meeting. The payment for the hanging basket will come out of next years funding.

We did have a lot of demand to sponsor the hanging baskets this year with 50 plus hanging baskets being sponsored in our area.

It will go out to tender for the next lot of hanging baskets.

A member asked if there will be any penalty clauses as they were very late going up this year. It was explained there would be some penalty clauses.

The spring bulbs have been delivered and given out to groups in the area. We have also given some bulbs to schools to plant. Darton primary are going to be planting some on the 18th of November. Members suggested to focus on Bridge Street, Dearne Street, and the grassed area on Sackup Lane.

We have got daffodils and crocuses to plant.

A member explained they had secured 30 trees and shrubs through the Woodland Trust for Mapplewell and Staincross village hall. £150 has also been secured and a member of the trust at the village hall is donating £200 towards seating for outside.

The village hall is also trying to get a ramp up to the grassed area at the back of the village hall.

Older people – The pop in club continues to be successful. The village hall is looking at linking it up with door to door to provide transport for the pop in club.

The Health and Wellbeing event held at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall had a steady flow of visitors. 75 food vouchers were given out. Some really good feedback was received from the stall holders. A letter had been received from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance for the £45 they managed to raise on the day.

The event was good, and it can be built on even further for the next event.

Three organisations didn't turn up and one of them was Bernaslai homes which was very disappointing. A few visitors had come to see them, so they were disappointed. Barnsley council was thankful for the event as they managed to speak to lots of people about the cost-of-living crisis.

The event took a lot of work to put together, but Gerard was happy to put it on again for the benefit of the community.

The next event could possibly be targeted at the cost-of-living crisis in around six months' time.

Most organisations are happy to target the event on what we want but they do normally need around six month's notice, so it would be good to set a date at the next meeting.

The mayor attended and learnt a lot from Resolute.

2 thank you cards had been received from the Mayor and were passed round the group to read, one was about the Health and Wellbeing event and the other one was for The Making a Difference awards night.

8. **Twiggs**

A member explained they had seen quite a few posts on Facebook advertising the work Twiggs are doing, but none of them were focused on our area.

Some members had taken some work on themselves to help up near the plantings and to complete some work at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall tomorrow.

Woolley colliery and Dearne Street need to be looked at.

A new process which had been introduced recently which involves filling in a word form and sending it in to be looked at the monthly steering group was causing members frustration. The form is making it harder to get help from Twiggs and taking too long as the meetings are only monthly. This process needs to be stopped or volunteers will be lost.

A volunteer had approached Councillor Steve Hunt to say he couldn't fill in the word document and asked Steve to do it on his behalf. Rebecca and Steve are happy to fill in the forms for anyone who is struggling to complete them.

It was agreed that all feedback would be passed on at the next steering group by Councillor Matthew Crisp and members of the steering group will be asked to review it.

A member said they had asked another councillor on the steering group about why the form had been introduced.

Twiggs used to fill in the form so they could continue to do that.

The communication from Twiggs needs to improve. They have lots of apprentices who are not sure on what they are doing.

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.

The priorities are looked at quarterly.

Twiggs do help with the Christmas trees as part of their priorities.

It was agreed there needs to be a governance and prioritisation for Twiggs but not in any way to cause a bottle neck in the system and make it harder for residents to get problem areas dealt with.

9. Christmas

Everything is progressing well for Christmas and members will be told in advance of the Christmas trees going up. Posters will be going up and members requested a timeline to be sent to them from Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross.

10. AOB

A new website as been launched by Barnsley Council called more money in your pocket. Members were asked to spread the word about this as it is a very good website.

There is a flyer available to post through letterboxes in the area. 4000 flyers have been requested.

There is no phone number on the flyer for people who may not be able to get on the internet so an event may have to be put on to let people use computers to access the internet in this area.

The website as been advertised in the Barnsley Chronicle.

A member explained that the warm space in our area at Alder court had not been advertised yet on the website and it was explained that it had yet to be finalised so that's why it wasn't showing on the website right now.

The website is not just for people who are on benefits it's for everyone.

A member asked if the CCTV cameras had been put up in Mapplewell Park. They were expected to go up within a week and they have not gone up yet, so Councillor Steve Hunt had sent an email to Maz Nicholls. The CCTV cameras are a trial and do not cover the containers.

The police think the cameras would act as a deterrent and identify people. Some home visits have been conducted by the police.

The last incident was approximately two weeks ago in Mapplewell park, when a bin was set on fire on the football pitch.

The issue does seem to have calmed down, and the groups may have moved elsewhere. The youths who have been identified do seem to be from the local area.

A member asked if anyone had heard the Radio Sheffield interview of our local area. Some members said they had, and Nick had done a vey good job. Radio Sheffield focus on different areas. Our area was contacted through our Facebook page. Other residents got involved and it was good publicity for Mapplewell and Staincross.

Meeting closed.

11. **Time and date of next meeting** Tuesday 13/12/22 at 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Monday 7th November 2022

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

Apologies: Cllr Sharon Howard, Annabelle Watson.
North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 The minutes of the meeting 18th October 2022 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

It was agreed by all members that Ann Plants' verbal resignation is accepted.

Rebecca to look at tenders for future hanging baskets and report.

All members to investigate possible companies/ local business who might sponsor future hanging baskets.

Rebecca to follow up Christmas motifs for Barugh Green.

Rebecca to invite Safer Neighbourhood Team to the next meeting.

Annabelle to update of any progress re: issues at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Cllr Trevor Cave to inform of date from Amber Colton re: tree planting at Kexbrough Recreational Ground.

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

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

Shelly to involve School Group in discussions re: local parks litter problems and any other associated issues.

Shelly to look at possible History/Geography Students visiting Gawber History Trail for learning purposes.

Richard to send letter on behalf of the Chair and members re: Britain in Bloom Assessment for Darton Academy Students.

Richard to forward to all members, on behalf of Cllr Trevor Cave the Darton Active Travel Consultation Documents.

Christina to update VFD Group re: developments at Longfields car park.

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.

Consultation to commence.

Cllr Trevor Cave will update of any progress at future meetings.

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £8,354.39

5b WAF applications.

Voice for Darton Christmas at Kexbrough Agreed.

6 Christmas Events Plan

Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre, Friday 2nd December

4.30 pm arrival for 5.00 pm Tree lights turn on.

Gawber Wood View, Tuesday 6th December, 4.00 pm arrival at Gawber Community Church Hall followed by Tree light turn on at Wood View.

Kexbrough Priestley Ave, Wednesday, 14th December (time to be announced).

7 A.O.B.

Remembrance Event at Darton Academy

Thursday 10th November. Visitors to arrive at 10.30. All welcome.

Darton Stars Awards Sub Group Meeting

Monday 5th December at 4.00 pm Darton Centre.

Date and time of next meeting.

Monday, 9th January 2023 at 5.00 pm, at the Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance

Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor

Notes of 7th November 2022

In Attendance

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

Apologies

Clive Pickering, Luke Holmes, Gill Nixon.

Notes of the last meeting were agreed a true record.

Matters Arising.

Spring Bulbs have been collected by various groups. Small amount to be planted around the previous planted Christmas trees.

Funding Bids

1. Brettas Park Information Board, £1535. – Approved
2. Change of Use re Halloween Event at Wilthorpe - £50 approved.

Upcoming Projects

1. Christmas 2022, six Christmas Trees, all ordered with lights.
3 out of the six will have switch on events, Pogmoor, Huddersfield Rd and Brettas P

Stop Smoking Service

Emma Hudson- has been commissioned to roll SSS. Wants to attend a W.A. mtg to discuss, suggested Emma be invited to North Area Council, L.S. to invite.

AOB

- a) Rockingham Store, the store has changed hands and now is under new ownership, the Defib has now been installed. Cllr Lofts and Cllr Newing to visit to check whether the installation was successful.
- b) Meeting Times/Dates. A discussion took place regarding concerns that meetings were taking place during the evenings and the potential that this is costing BMBC for heat, light, etc. Agreed next meeting to be at 5pm, see date at bottom of page.
- c) J.L. discussed issues relating to Car Park charges at Barnsley Hospital and the resulting car parking in the area around the hospital, in particular St Paul's Church. Cllr Lofts and Cllr Newing to arrange to meet with someone from the Church.

Date of Next meeting – 8th November 2022 at 5pm in the Town Hall.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 3rd November 2022, 4pm, TARA office

Present : Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Dawn Bailey

Apologies : Cllr Tattersall, Kath Bostwick, Tony Lowe, John Hallows, Rebecca Leech, Freda Stenton, Neil Wright, Ruth Gammon.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was thanked for their attendance, and Dawn was welcomed to the group as the newest Ward Alliance member.

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

Matters arising: - The Memorial bench is now installed. Cllr Leech is just sorting a date for an official ceremony with the school and the Yorkshire Regiment

Cllr Leech and Michelle are going to sort a date to go to New Hope Church for benches & equipment

Twiggs have looked at moving the Memory tree, but it's not possible. They are costing up prices for a new one (looking at prices for both fir tree and non-fir tree). This will not be able to be sorted until 2023 however. Cllr Leech agreed to chase this up with them. On a related note, Father Peter is fine with one being planted in the grounds of St Helen's Church

Funding Applications:

St Helens More Money in Your Pocket Roadshow - This bid is for £500 to be used to put on an event aimed at supporting people in the Cost of Living Crisis. Whilst this crisis is affecting everyone, this event is going to be specifically targeted towards families and people who work, but may still end up struggling. The venue was originally at St Helens Church Hall, but because of timings and fear of no attendees, Lee is currently attempting to get approval from Laithes Primary to hold it there. The money will be used to pay for publicity, food (hot dogs & chilli) as well as entertainment and possibly food for stew packs etc. The Ward Alliance approved of this bid, and raised the amount to £700 to cover any unforeseen or additional costs

Events:

Christmas events –

The trees are booked in to be installed prior to the switch on events

The Sleigh ride route is now worked out. Lee is meeting with Neil next week to ensure all paperwork is signed off.

New Lodge Community Centre will have their event on Sun 4th December, St Helens Church is on Mon 5th, and Community Shop is on Tues 6th December. All events will be around 4.30pm except New Lodge, which will begin around 2pm.

Cllrs to speak to schools to see if the school choirs will be able to attend the events

Lee has the budget approved and will be ordering lights and gathering 150 selection boxes to spread across the events

Cllr Leech confirmed with the Ward Alliance members that we can have hampers for each of the switch on events, purchased from money raised at the Summer Gala.

Summer Gala 2023 –

Cllr Leech asked if the planning for 2023 gala could start. All agreed. A provisional date for Wednesday 26th July 2023 was agreed.

It was noted that there maybe a possibility that the venue may change for this event as we cannot get larger rides into the area of New Lodge Village Green, but this will be discussed at a sub-group meeting when one is set up for the gala. If the venue moves, it will likely be to Laithes Lane playing fields again as it was there in previous years and has better access.

Ward Plan: This was deferred because of lack of time and number of apologies for this meeting. Actions for 2023 will be looked at in January.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported that now the recent bid has been approved, there is a total of £5,322.82 as of this meeting date.

Cllr Leech said if Lee goes and sees what needs repairing on the notice boards, he will look at fixing them, rather than going through Totty's.

Forthcoming Projects and Bids:

Michelle 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:

Madge explained that Pete Goodlad came to the coffee morning and is recovering well.

Lee explained that the hanging baskets are now down and we're invoicing the community for the baskets they had. BMBC are looking at developing a tender process for this as it needs contracting in so that there is accountability. He will explain when he knows more about it

Michelle said Ad Astra have had a huge rise in requests for food parcels, and are doing what they can to meet that need, but there maybe a time when they have to close requests off. She may have to instigate a £1 fee per parcel to help cover staff costs etc.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 17.20pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 4pm, TARA office.