

# DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 6pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Collins Close, Dodworth</b>

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

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>RC introduced herself to the new Ward Alliance Members.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Plans for Dodworth Library – Update from Stephen Miller/Jemma Conway	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Stephen Miller, the Transformational Officer from Library Services along with his colleague Jemma Conway, had again been invited to give an update and discuss the plans for Dodworth Library having not attended the last scheduled meeting.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Stephen and Jemma did not attend tonight's meeting, therefore an update is still awaited.</p>		
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action led
<p><u>Dog Fouling Poster Competition</u></p> <p>DG brought along to the meeting one of the manufactured correx signs of the winning poster. Public green space locations will now be identified throughout the Ward to display the signs.</p>		

	<p><u>Small Sparks Applications</u></p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting regarding the idea of whether to continue to have a separate budget for small sparks applications, DG reported that she had now investigated this matter. DG stated that unfortunately, the budget would have to remain separate due to the application/paperwork process which is required.</p> <p><u>Notice Board outside Cohens Chemist, Dodworth</u></p> <p>In respect of the Perspex which has become very scratched and worn and has been requested if it can be replaced, DG has now contacted Totty Signs requesting a price for this work. DG is awaiting their response.</p>		
5.	<b>Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary/non pecuniary interest made.</p>		
6.	<b>Budgets</b>	<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation was outlined as detailed below:</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Balance: £4306.92  Small Sparks Balance: £ 372.91</p> <p>DG reported that £813.14 would be coming back into the budget which had not been required as some charges for services etc had been lower than anticipated. This amount could possibly increase as some invoice charges have still to be received.</p>		

	<p><b>7. Ward Alliance Applications</b></p>	<p><b>Action/Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Action lead</b></p>
	<p>No new Ward Alliance Applications have been received.</p>		
	<p><b>8. Ward Alliance Projects</b></p> <p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG stated that we now need to decide how many baskets to have across the Ward so that the relevant number of brackets can be fitted in time for the baskets being put up in the Summer.</p> <p>DG confirmed that Ward Alliances have generally covered the costs of brackets which is currently £55.</p> <p>DG stated the Ward Alliance will then facilitate the sponsorship of the baskets.</p> <p>The company who currently provides the baskets and looks after them is called First Impressions.</p> <p>It was agreed by Ward Alliance Members to fund and install 30 brackets across the Ward at key locations.</p> <p>DG will produce a proforma which can be completed by people wishing to sponsor a hanging basket. The proforma will be put on the Ward Alliance’s Facebook page advertising the scheme. The sponsor will cover costs of the basket and the plaque showing the sponsors details.</p>	<p><b>Action/Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Action lead</b></p>

	<p><u>Christmas Update - plans for next year</u></p> <p>Ward Alliance Members discussed the idea of planting living Christmas trees instead in the Ward in time for next Christmas.</p> <p>It was agreed DG will liaise with Jo Birch from BMBC Park Services regarding this idea and ask for her advice on the matter including locations and the best place to purchase living Christmas trees.</p> <p>A discussion was also held in respect of other Christmas expenses including Christmas light motifs and how to fund these going forward including sponsorship and/or holding fund raising events throughout the year.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Fielding stated that a High Street Events Group meeting was being held in the next few weeks to start discussing the plans for the Christmas Fayre for 2023. More volunteers are needed to help with the organisation of the Christmas Fayre and any Ward Alliance Members who are interested can speak with Councillor Fielding about their involvement.</p>		
9.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p><u>Coronation Events</u></p> <p>It was reported that some funding will be available for community coronation events. DG suggested that applications should be received before March so that successful requests can be processed, and funding received by the applicant in good time so that they can arrange the proposed event.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed this project should be promoted through the Ward Alliance's Facebook Page.</p>	<p>DG</p>	

Miners Welfare Club – Gala Suggestions

Councillor Peter Fielding reported that discussions were taking place with the Miners Welfare Club regarding the annual Gala they hold and the idea of making this more of a Dodworth event.

Advice regarding funding streams to help finance the event was also being provided to the Welfare Club e.g. applying for funding from SYFAB.

Discussions regarding other funding opportunities for other projects at the Miners Welfare are also being carried out with them. This includes The Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of a project for new security fencing and potential Section 106 monies for improvements to the sports ground facilities.

DG stated that there is an Officer at Barnsley Council who's role it is to give advice and support to businesses who need help getting funding for various projects. DG will pass the relevant contact details on.

Ward Alliance Celebration Event

It was reported that the creation of Ward Alliances was 10 years ago this year. Therefore, it has been suggested a celebration event could be held to recognise this along with the volunteers and successful projects implemented over the years. It was agreed that this idea could be something to consider in the near future.

Publicity

DG reported that the Ward Alliance and its work is still relatively unknown throughout the Ward/community.

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DG stated that ways to publicise the Ward Alliance and any work and projects it has implemented, supported and funded needs to be publicised better.

It was agreed by Ward Alliance Members that successful ward alliance funding applicants need to be monitored more closely getting feedback from them to ensure projects/events have been successful. This will ensure that the ward alliance is getting value money. Also, that the Ward Alliance are getting the relevant publicity for funding such schemes.

The meeting closed.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

(Agenda Items - Ward Alliance Priorities)

Date of Future Meetings

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024