

# BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

### Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

#### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

#### 4.0 Ward Alliance

- 4.1 Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting took place on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Finances were presented from the current treasurer with one application submitted from the Bulldogs Rugby Club - which all recommended for approval.

Bulky Rubbish scheme was discussed around the criteria for 2023/24 budget on how many times households can use the service/how many items could be picked up etc – all agreed to look at funding more next year.

The Action plan was read with suggestions from the CDO (Community Development Officer) to collate individual projects around seasons, everyone was asked to bring ideas to the next meeting in March to start planning for the next budget year.

Group updates were read highlighting the excellent work and issues that needed addressing to other partners/elected members.

A minute silence took place to remember Cllr Gardiner that passed away last month.

#### 4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on 24th January 2023

Welcomes & introductions were given with two guest speakers - Daniel Jarvis & Matt Goodman from Active Future Barnsley & Jenny Pitmen from Befriend

First presentation from Active Future Barnsley on their projects and what their organisation represents, along with their aims and ambitions for the future, they updated the Ward Alliance members with a brief background on who they are and what plans they have in the Dearne North with their company and the community, they spoke around their work with 25 local authorities throughout England they've a range of activities from dodgeball to freeplay. They gave a brief rundown on their running costs with a quick Q&A to finish.

Jenny Pitman from befriended gave a presentation on her organisation, what their aims and ambitions are, also the challenges they face with males not wanting to join the group sessions. She gave an overlay of what a typical pairing would consist of. She highlighted what a Befriend does when they are paired in brief it is a cuppa, chat and hopefully a friendship that is grown that lasts for a long time. This followed Q&A from the Ward Alliance members

Finance information was given via the Chair with three applications submitted from the Bulldogs Rugby Club, Defib supplies - which were both recommended for approval. Brickponds Angling Club submitted a further application for insurance for their young people, the Ward Alliance asked for more information. MS will act on this, and email once received. The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend.

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

**Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes**  
**Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes**

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