

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 18th April 2023 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Peter Fielding (Chair) Councillor Will Fielding 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) Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident (SM) Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT) Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD) Sarah Davey – Central Area Team (SD)	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Sarah Davey from Central Area Council introduced herself to the Ward Alliance.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Presentation from Sarah Davey – Central Area Team	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Sarah Davey stated she was a Community Development Officer within the Central Area Team dealing with marginalised and vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Sarah explained she sat on several strategic boards such as mental health panels including MIND as well as refugee steering groups.</p> <p>Sarah also collates the Central Area Calendar of Events. This includes listing both regular and one-off events. She also highlights any volunteer groups and their projects celebrating what work the group does.</p> <p>Sarah reported she also provides support to volunteer groups covering matters such as sustainability, funding, visions and aspirations.</p> <p>Sarah went onto explain about the creation of the Stepping Stones Group. Sarah stated it was set up to help with social isolation following the Covid Pandemic. It provides micro volunteering opportunities and creates friendship groups subsequently improving mental health.</p> <p>The group meets on Tuesdays 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 pm and may be able to help with projects within the Wards of Central Area. Sarah stated that if the Ward Alliance knew of any projects that it needed help with, to email her direct with details.</p>		

	<p>Sarah also mentioned about the Coffee, Cake and Confident Group which is based in the Town Centre, but is for the use of all 5 Wards. The aim of the group is to build confidence and skills through various activities.</p> <p>Sarah stated that a Coffee and Cake Community Group was also based in Worsbrough which holds various social activities.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members discussed various projects which may be suitable to work along side the Stepping Stones Group.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance thanked Sarah for attending the meeting and stated it would contact her via DG with details of any projects which may need more support/help with.</p>		
<p>4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action led</p>
	<p>DG reported that the Miners Welfare Kings Coronation Event funding application, which was approved had now been processed.</p> <p>The Miners Welfare have also successfully secured £3,000 funding from Ardagh Glass to help put on their Summer Gala/Music Festival.</p> <p>DG reported that in respect of sharing email addresses among ward alliance members, everyone apart from 2 people were happy to do so.</p> <p>Councillor P Fielding reported he had received a response from the Highways Department concerning the overgrown vegetation on the roundabout near the Fairway Pub. Highways have stated that they have no plans to remove any vegetation as it is apparently acting as a traffic calming feature for vehicles.</p>		

	There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the meeting held 28 th February, 2023, were agreed as a true record.		
5.	Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	There were no declarations of pecuniary /non pecuniary interest made.		
6.	Budgets	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Balance:- £18,312.66 Small Sparks Balance:- £372.91</p> <p>DG reported that the balance was made up of carry over monies from last financial year, plus the new financial year allocation of £10,000. As reported at the last meeting, an additional £5,000 has also been secured, made up of £2,000 from BMBC's Public Health Department, and £3,000 from Central Area Council.</p> <p>DG confirmed funds for the hanging basket brackets, if the scheme does go ahead, has been ring fenced separately.</p>		
7.	Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Wharnccliffe Craft Group</u></p> <p>An application was received from the Warncliffe Craft Group for £350 to purchase an electronic dye cutter. The new equipment will allow the group to remain sustainable and continue crafting, helping some of the older members to continue to produce work independently.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		

8. Ward Alliance Projects	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Christmas Update - Information received regarding planting of Christmas Trees</u></p> <p>DG stated she would provide a full update once all information had been collated and a clear picture of what can be allowed, if anything, by both Highways and Northern Grid in respect of planting living Christmas Trees.</p> <p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG reported that all locations apart from 3 had been approved for brackets to be installed. The 3 locations which had not received approval were all on the incorrect Barnsley Road.</p> <p>DG stated that First Impressions would be carrying out the project and should be up in June.</p>	<p>DG</p>	
9. Any Other Business	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Priorities Document</u></p> <p>DG asked Ward Alliance Members if they could consider the document and pass any comments/suggestions direct to her.</p> <p><u>Central Area Celebrations</u></p> <p>DG reported that the other 4 Wards within Central Area had confirmed they would be willing to contribute £1,000 towards putting on a celebration event.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members expressed concerns about costs and a discussion was held about the purpose of the event and value for money including venue considerations and types of awards etc.</p> <p>DG will enquire about what options are being looked at and if there is scope for costs to be reduced. DG will provide an update on this matter in due course.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	

Dodworth Library Re-opening

DG reported that a reopening celebration event is scheduled to be held on the 30th May, 9.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m. DG stated the Ward Alliance could have a stand on the day if it was felt worthwhile.

DG stated that a Safeguarding Event was also to be held at the Library on 18th May at 2.00 p.m. which might of interest to any of the Ward's Volunteer Groups.

Councillor Fielding Retirement

Councillor Wray acknowledged that this would be the last Ward Alliance Meeting for Councillor Peter Fielding as he would be retiring as a Councillor on the 4th May. Councillor Wray thanked Councillor Fielding for all his work in the Ward and wished him well in is retirement.

The meeting closed.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday 30th May 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

Date of Future Meetings

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Tuesday 19th March 2024