

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 30th May 2023 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Will Fielding (Chair) Councillor Sam Christmas 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) Katie Brooks -	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church Councillor Chris Wray

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Ward Alliance Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of Councillor Sam Christmas, the new Ward Councillor for Dodworth.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>There were no matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held 18th April, 2023, were agreed as a true record.</p>		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary/non pecuniary interest made.</p>		
5. Budgets	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:- Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £18,312.66 Small Sparks Balance:- £372.91 DG reported that a £3,000 underspend from the previous financial year had been brought forward to this year, and was included in the above total.</p>		

6. Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>There were no Ward Alliance Applications submitted for consideration.</p>		
7. Ward Alliance Projects	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG reported all the required hanging baskets had now been ordered, with all the corresponding invoices being sent out.</p> <p>DG also stated that all the plaques had been manufactured and that hanging baskets would start appearing at the designated locations in June.</p>		
8. Any Other Business	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Priorities Document</u></p> <p>Ward Alliance Members went through the current Priorities Document for the Ward. It was agreed the document still accurately reflected the priorities of the Ward with only a few minor tweaks necessary.</p> <p><u>Central Area Celebrations</u></p> <p>DG updated the Ward Alliance in respect of proposed celebration event to mark the 10 year anniversary of the creation of Ward Alliances.</p> <p>DG stated that the Civic is now being considered as a venue to hold the event. DG reported the following details concerning costs etc.</p> <p>Room Hire is £1000 and includes PA system, projector, lighting and staging if required.</p>		

<p>Black or white table cloths and chair covers can be provided at no extra cost.</p> <p>Teas and coffee are charged at £1.25 + VAT per head.</p> <p>Water can be provided on tables at no additional cost.</p> <p>A cash bar can be opened at an additional cost to cover staffing.</p> <p>The room comfortably seats 180 but extra tables can be included to seat 200.</p> <p>Catering costs are additional.</p> <p>DG stated the event is currently scheduled to take place on Thursday 21st September 2023. Times are still to be confirmed. DG will provide a further update when further details are available.</p> <p><u>Sports Van and RampUp Session</u></p> <p>DG reported about the opportunity to book the Reds in the Community Sports Van during the Summer holidays. DG stated that the van costs £375 per day (or for 2 half days).</p> <p>DG reported a free 2-hour RampUp Session was also available to book in the school holidays. This includes an inflatable bike track which hopes to inspire children and young people to cycle and scoot more and develop their skills at this sport. DG stated it would need a flat greenspace for it to be set up.</p>		
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It was agreed to progress both these provisions for the summer holidays. DG will put together the necessary WAF paperwork.

Greenspace behind the Library Marked up as a Football Pitch

DG stated she had made enquiries with Neighbourhood Services about marking up the small football pitch to the rear of the library and what the costs would be. Ward Alliance Members agreed in principle to proceed with this project depending on the quote received. DG will email Ward Alliance Members for a decision once a quote is received as this is a time sensitive matter and would need to be progressed asap to ensure the work is carried out on time.

Junior Wardens Scheme

MH reported he had been advised that Dodworth St. Johns School would be pulling out of the Junior Wardens Scheme next time.

MH also stated that both funding and volunteers, both needed to run the scheme, was becoming an issue.

The meeting closed.

9. Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 6.00 pm.</p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 22nd August 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd October 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 14th November 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 6th February 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March 2024</p>	<p>ALL</p>	