

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 11th September 2023**

Agenda Item: 10

**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 June and July 2023.

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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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Date:
18th August 2023

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
Tuesday 13th June 2023 – 6 PM
Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Paul Marsh – Local Business Man
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Helen Altun – Secretary

1. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor

2. Declarations of Interest.

Three members had a declaration of interest.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

Rosie Marshall to be changed to Rosie Adams. Take out the car parking situation is being reviewed as there are new areas available. Also, the photoshoot was with Barnsley Youth Theatre.

4. Matters Arising.

The racking needs to be put up in the container in the park. Two members agreed to chase this up.

The Darton East ward alliance 10-year event will now be on the 29/09/23 at Staincross working Men's club at 7pm till 11pm Invites will be sent out. The previous event date clashed with the Mayor's ball.

A member had spoken to Paul Brannan who's team will visit the One Stop shop on Spark Lane on a couple of occasion and speak to the tenant about the state of the outside area and enforce if necessary.

5. Financial Update

No change from the last meeting £10,743.20

£5621.60 match funding

£5121.60 non match funding

Working budgets are separate to this.

6. Applications for Funding

Barnsley opal women's institute - £470.00 – craft and chat group - Approved
It will be held at Staincross WMC.

Darton East and Darton West were mentioned on the application, but Darton West could have been put in error.

It is a very well attended group.

Village Hall film club - £1050.00 – approved with conditions.

The event was held last year.

Members asked how successful it was. Number of attendees read out for each session.

They will be doing activities in each session as well.

Members discussed the application. No volunteer hours at present.

Marketing is key for it. It could be advertised in the school's newsletter and Darton Arrow.

A condition of the funding was to charge £1 minimum charge per child to attend the event and to make sure it is marketed well and make simple refreshments available.

This charge could go forward to make the event partly sustainable and to keep it going every year.

Marketing and attendance need to be good, and if attendance does not show an increase funding may not be available next year.

7. Ward Action Plan

All members need to think about projects that we want to support over the next few months.

It was agreed during the 6-week holiday we would hold the park activities once a week in the park on a Wednesday. Volunteers would be required to support this activity.

A sports van funded by the North area will also be coming into Mapplewell park three times in the school holidays on a Friday 11-1pm on the first, third and fifth week.

Ramp it up portable skate ramps and scooter hire will also be in Mapplewell park three times over the holidays on a Monday. Dates are to be confirmed. It was agreed to try and avoid the Village hall sessions if possible as a rota is still to be confirmed.

There will also be a summer party one Friday night during the school holidays at the village hall. The village hall will look for a date in their diary and confirm.

The hanging baskets should be up this week, but it could be by the end of next week due to the hot weather. Signs will come down if no longer sponsored when the baskets go up.

Members stated that sponsors may not choose to sponsor going forward if hanging baskets are going to be put up late.

A member explained that planters in the village are looking tatty, and they have been trying to find a solution for the planters. They will see if they can get in the

contract for neighbourhood services to look after and adopt the planters, but the ward alliance would have to fund the bedding plants etc. They also need to be maintained and watered. A couple of planters look amazing that have been looked after by business owners and volunteers.

8. Environmental Contract

At the North Area Council briefing Rosie provided an update about the environmental contract which requires a team leader, driver, and apprentice. The team leader has been recruited subject to them accepting the position. A driver has not yet been recruited through the interview process, but they may recruit someone working through an agency at the moment, and they are looking at the apprentice route.

The Public rights of way team have been in the area.

A member sent an email to Rosie regarding the green space in the railway station, that is being littered a lot from fountain square to the train station, with picnic and barbeque rubbish.

Green space and Voice for Darton usually do litter picks in this area. There is grass at the side of the seating area and the member asked Rosie for the path and around the seating area to be tidied.

Bloomhouse lane is also bad at the moment.

Swallow hill road edges are quite overgrown.

A member reported Ibberson garden's hedge growing into the footpath and was told it was going to be cut back.

A member asked what the council policy on weeding is at the side of the road and footpaths and footpath edge. There is a weed control programme.

9. Summer Event

An event which could have been planned between the ward alliance and the council and fomas. (Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross).

The input from the council will depend on the type and size of the event we put on and insurance would need exploring.

The summer event needs to be on the agenda in October 2023 ready for next year.

Father Tim is wanting to raise money and an event is planned to take place in Darton park.

A new community interest company are doing a soft launch. A meeting will be held in the parish hall this Saturday.

Members discussed who might be involved in a subcommittee for a summer event, Steve, Richard, and Helen agreed they would join a subcommittee and plan a joint event with FOMAS.

10.AOB

Incidents have been occurring in Mapplewell Park with anti-social behaviour.

A member asked if we have had any convictions?

We have still had wheelie bin fires and trees broken down and goal posts taken down.

Two other incidents also took place over the weekend.

A council officer is to review the camera footage, but the offences may not be caught on camera. It does seem to be acting as a deterrent in the MUGA area.

A member explained they had been in touch with the police and the neighbourhood team and asked them to increase patrols. There will also be a car with a CCTV camera on parked around the area.

The actual camera in Mapplewell Park was paid to be there for three months and it is currently still there.

On Saturday there was another incident where a dog was killed and a women robbed. The culprits were arrested and released on bail. They are not allowed in Mapplewell anymore.

Members discussed if additional cameras could be installed for extra security, and could we support it and legally where do we stand. Is there any other funding available for CCTV?

The camera's location is sending people into other areas of the park or elsewhere.

People who are doing the vandalism are coming from Greenside Avenue so could we have a camera there? Does Mapplewell manor have a camera? What about the developer at the top of the park, could we work in conjunction with the developer to put cameras around the top of the field.

A member will talk to the safer neighbourhood team regarding these questions. Could a neighbourhood watch scheme help? Certain streets have them, but there are no active groups.

A member was asked if they wanted to join a neighbourhood watch scheme and they were just added to a what's app group.

We are currently in a good place with the number of people in our group, but we do need to look at regenerating the group and getting new members. This will go on to the agenda. We need to look at various groups in place already and gather our ideas together of where to look for future members.

We also need to adopt best practices by getting the chairs of the ward alliance together.

A member did ask about this but as received no response up to now about a meeting.

A member explained in March 23 they had a briefing with Matt Oldroyd about funding for litter bins in the local area some locations were put forward and it is being progressed now, so by the time of the next meeting there should be more to say on this. We may be able to have one on Spark Lane near the football field. A member asked if there could be one for Woolley Colliery, but it had currently not been a location mentioned. The bins were supposed to have been monitored and a report made.

Delivery vehicle outside Pachino's every night, were also discussed this makes the junction dangerous and now we have a new takeaway coming on Towngate, could a condition be put in that if you open a takeaway, you must supply an outside bin.

Meeting closed

Next meeting Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 6pm.

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David Lockwood – Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Helen Altun – Secretary

11. Apologies

Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

12. Declarations of Interest.

None

13. Minutes of previous meeting.

Approved.

14. Matters Arising.

Point 8 of the previous minutes. The meeting with the environmental caretaker is on 19th July with 2 members, and 2 members will be meeting them on Monday.

15. Financial Update

£9223.20 none match funding.

£5151.60 match funding.

16. Applications for Funding

Holiday hunger club £500 total.

A few points raised were:

- how would they advertise and who would be the recipients who will benefit from it.
- how will we see if it has been beneficial.
- Rebecca met the new deacon she is very community orientated, and she's been to look around the area. The club is open to anyone from any religion.
- The area team is supporting them to deliver this programme. It will be publicised well over Facebook and through other outlets.

- It's a community building not just a church. It will be once a week to provide a meal for people who might need a meal.
- Have they approached co-op or co-op funding to get a grant. It's too late for a grant from the co-op, but if they approached the co-op and spoke to the manager Steve, they might be able to help them with surplus food.
- It's to benefit the local community for families that are struggling.
- The church will be giving the room hire and volunteer time.
- Could fruit or vegetable be added to it for nutrition.
- There will be a £500 working budget. Any money left would have to be given back to the ward alliance.
- People interested would have to sign up for the event.
- We don't have a vast number of providers of these services in our area.
- It is a positive step.
- It is used as a food bank so they may have some suggestions from the food bank.

Grant approved.

17. CCTV Update.

The group had a long conversation at the last meeting and some members went away and spoke to safer neighbourhoods. They are meeting with them on Thursday morning and will do a review of the park.

Partnership funding could be available with the council or new developer or the nursing home.

The developer would be willing to meet to see if he could put the top end of the park under his camera cover. They will put this in to the conversation with them on Thursday.

An update via email after the meeting.

18. Health and wellbeing event.

Organisations have approached a member to ask if we are putting on another event in the hall. If we are doing it, will it be part of the ward alliance or just using the village hall as a building.

The events have been good previously and were run through the ward alliance. We have some money left over at the last event.

The voucher for the meal was a good idea.

£463.00 in the ward alliance fund and £551.00 in the community funds.

Tuesday 14th November looks to be the best day. Gerard Morrell to lead on the event.

19. Ward Action Plan

Facebook and website ongoing. The village hall is paying for the host and the domain name monthly. Someone tried to email Steve Hunt from the website, and it went to Harry Spence. It has since been updated.

Summer activities in the park. An email was sent out for volunteers. We need more volunteers for this to go ahead. £253.00 is left from last year funding. We will purchase some more equipment and some snacks and drinks. Any volunteers can email northteam@barnsley.gov.uk or call Rebecca Battye. A member agreed to put a post out on Facebook asking for volunteers.

More activities are also happening in the park. The sports van and ramp up are coming.

A member asked for the racking to be put up asap in the park container.

The next kids' disco will be on Friday 01/09/23 at the Village hall. The village hall will advertise and sell tickets. There is £279.00 left in the budget.

The library is doing a job club on a Friday 12pm-2pm for 16 to 24 year olds.

Environment - 400 bags and 300 volunteer hours have been logged since January and the village planters have been planted up and hopefully will be looked after by the new caretaker.

Litter pick will be going ahead with schools.

Lots of clubs are running from the Village hall.

Christmas needs to be on the agenda for the September meeting.

Community gala needs to be on the agenda for the October meeting.

St Helen's ward are having a gala on 26/07/23. The North Area team will get more information about this event.

The church was looking at having a community gala in Darton park on 20/08/23.

A member went to the meeting, and it was suggested for us to do one next year and take alternate years. Green notes CIC are supporting groups and going out speaking about the environment.

20. Environmental contract

Various meetings have taken place and some members have met with leader Michael and apprentice Cian. They are still recruiting for a driver but hope to have them in place by the end of August.

They have work scheduled but it will evolve over time. A member asked to pass on an open invitation to the greenspace meeting the 3rd Monday of each month.

The contract started on the 1st of July.

We will get a report on what they have done on a monthly basis.

It's a north area council contract and KPI's are discussed at the north area meeting. Members would like to know the percentage of the schedule completed.

This will be an ongoing agenda item and with a new contract there may be teething issue.

Two members of the ward alliance have agreed to meet up with them twice a month on a Wednesday and help.
Feedback can be given to the group.

21. New Members of the Ward Alliance.

A member asked when the last time was the ward alliance asked for new members. It's not been advertised. A post can go out on facebook and on the ward alliance facebook page.

There is a application process in place for new members.

It could be promoted to groups who the ward alliance have helped with funding in the last few years.

We are currently in a strong position at the moment.

You cannot be on two different ward alliance boards.

22. AOB

A member asked about hanging baskets a joint email was read out that was sent out to all councillors on the 5th of July. They should be up by the end of July. There will be a 50 percent discount off the hanging baskets due to them not being up by the end of June. It will be going to procurement and each area will have their own procurement. It's not just about creating the baskets it's hanging them and watering them too.

The ramp up event and sport's van adverts which are taking place around the area were handed out to members. This will be funded through the North Area council.

They need to register for the ramp up sessions.

Christmas needs to be put on the agenda for September. There will be limited funds from the ward alliance and from a fomas point of view they may need a contribution from the ward alliance.

A member asked if a music event was going ahead in the pubs in September. It was mentioned but nothing in place yet.

Funds will be needed for the Christmas event.

The Village hall is due to have a business club on Friday 1st September 9am.

In Mapplewell park on Sunday at 1pm, Barnsley Youth theatre will be putting an event on.

This theatre group have provided some wonderful events.so this could be a real winner in Mapplewell Park.

A member also mentioned reds in the community are launching a fit men club at Athersley Rec on Thursday nights 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Meeting closed

Next meeting Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 17th July 2023

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

Apologies: None to Report.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday 21st June 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

N.B. John Ryan gave his apologies for meeting 21st June 2023 this was not recorded and now duly amended.

N.B. Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) declared a personal interest when discussing any matters relating to Hanging Baskets across the Ward.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to send email to Cllrs A Cave, T Cave, S Howard and sponsors of summer hanging baskets to update of the current situation.

Rebecca to contact Rachel Paling about the wider contract of summer hanging baskets across the authority.

Rebecca to look at the notice boards across the Ward. Cllr A Cave, Christina Carroll, John Ryan offered their assistance with this matter.

Rebecca to investigate any progress made with litter bins at Ripley Grove (bus stop) and Vets for Pets (bus Stop).

Rebecca to follow up restoration of milestones at Redbrook, Barugh Green and Medina Way with relevant department.

Rebecca to send Summer School Activities to Richard for circulation to all Ward members.

Rebecca to look at the 2 planters' situation at Redbrook and update.

Rebecca to send email to Core Service Services to have the grass cutting at the planter at Wilbrook Rise put on their schedule.

Rebecca to look at costing for Christmas 2023 (Sept Agenda Item).

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Matt Bell (Chair), Barugh Green School to investigate if Ward Alliance can offer any assistance with future ventures.

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Rachel Knox Deputy Head Gawber Primary re: future Christmas Event.

Cllr Alice Cave to contact Sharon at Wilthorpe Community Centre re: future Christmas Event.

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Kexbrough Social Club to discuss a plan and ways forward.

Christina to send possible date to Cllrs for Christmas event at Darton.

Shelly to contact contractor re: work to be undertaken at the Memorial Garden.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

4 Active Travel Update

Nothing to Report

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £10,071,50.

6 WAF applications.

None

7 Summer School Events Programme Update

This was discussed and programme of all events supplied.

8 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update

This was discussed and feature as an Agenda Item

A.O.B.

Shelly to inform Rebecca of Dance Teacher Provision and Programme at Darton Academy

Ann raised issue of photograph from Roy Humphrys for Darton History Board.

Date and Time of next meeting **Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 4.30 pm,
venue The Darton Centre.**

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Notes of 8th June 2023 5pm Room 5, Town Hall

In attendance
Cllr P.Lofts (Ch)
Cllr J. Newing (Sec)
L Swift.

Apologies
Cllr Pickering (Off sick)

Ward Plan

Those present reviewed the potential people to approach for Ward Alliance membership application.

It was agreed to move further meeting dates to Honeywell Community Centre at 6pm in light of community representatives stating they do not wish to pay for parking and the meeting time makes attendance difficult.

No further decisions were made, due to not enough present.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th July, 6pm at Honeywell Community Centre

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Notes of 13th July 2023 6pm Honeywell Community Centre

In attendance

Cllr P.Lofts (Ch)

Cllr J. Newing (Sec)

L Swift.

Apologies

Cllr Pickering (Off sick)

Ward Plan

Those present reviewed the plan and made a number of changes/additions.

Agreed action points. LS to amend and circulate at the next meeting.

No further decisions were made, due to not enough present.

Agreed not to have a meeting in August, the next meeting to be on the 12th September at 6.30 venue to be confirmed.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 1st June 2023, 4pm, Roundhouse Library

Present : Cllr Leech, Cllr Tattersall (Chair), Cllr Wright, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Michelle Cooper, Kath Bostwick

Apologies : Tony Lowe, Dawn Bailey, John Hallows, Freda Stenton.

By Invitation: Amanda Hardcastle, Karen Thompson (Caterpillar Club)

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given. Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

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

Funding Applications:

Caterpillar club - Pre School Playgroup. This bid is for £870 and is to help support the group for the next 12 months with rent, insurance and resources. Amanda and Karen attended the meeting to discuss their bid. Amanda explained that this group has been running for a very long time but has recently had to relocate. They are needing new equipment due to water damage and also new storage containers. Amanda explained that they will fundraise, etc, to match the funding for this bid. The Ward alliance offered to advertise this group to attract new members. Amanda and Karen left the meeting, and the members discussed the bid. Cllr Leech declared an interest.

The members agreed to the full amount. Secretary to email Amanda to let her know.

Events:

St Helens Gala - All the planning is coming together. Lee to chase contact information for another birds of prey team. The free packed lunches were discussed. It was discussed the money it will take to supply these, that they will have to be prepared and stored properly, allergies have to be taken into account, and Kath is fully prepared to ensure there will be packed lunches at the gala for the first 100 children. She agreed she will accept all responsibility for obtaining and distributing these packed lunches. Lee to help Kath in sourcing quotes.

Ward Plan: A meeting is needed to just discuss the Ward Plan. Lee to look at dates and send out an email asap. Refreshments will be provided.

Hanging Baskets - The council have checked all the lamp posts and we have been given the go ahead to put up the hanging baskets. We are looking at the end of June, early July for installation depending on the company.

There will be 30 baskets installed with 15 of those being sponsored. All plaques will stay on the lamp posts after the hanging baskets have been taken down.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported a total of £13, 052.72 as of 1st June 2023.

Forthcoming Projects and Bids: Lee to speak to Pete Goodlad to discuss the fireworks bid and to explain that the budget for the Ward Alliance has been cut so we won't be able to provide the same amount of funding as other years.

Cllr Wright offered to speak to community groups about ways to organise fundraising events to be able to raise their own funds.

Any other business: It was discussed that the Ward Alliance needs new members. Application forms have been sent out to potential new members but they haven't been returned.

Jenny Platts is unable to return for 12 months after her retirement from the Council.

Cllr Leech asked that, due to the budget being cut, we discuss lowering the amount that community groups can apply for. It was suggested the limit be lowered from £1,500 to £1,000 with groups only allowed to submit 1 application form per year. Members discussed and agreed.

Notice boards report - Cllr Tattersall asked how, we, as a Ward Alliance repair the notice boards in the ward. Cllr Leech said that for an outside company to do the repairs is very expensive so he proposed that Cllr Wright and himself would carry out the repairs. It was discussed and agreed. Cllr Leech and Cllr Wright will do a visit of the notice boards and obtain costings for the repairs.

Lee Swift discussed the up coming 10 year celebration of the Ward Alliances. This will be a big party taking place in September in Mapplewell, which all are invited to. The members were asked to think of a project that the Ward Alliance has funded to go to the celebration and discuss how they have used the funding and what differences in the community that bid has made.

A few suggestions were given but the members agreed on Michelle Cooper on behalf of Ad Astra. Michell is happy to do it.

Environmental contract - Twiggs contract has now finished and Neighbourhood services have taken over. Any work needing doing will come through the ward alliance and Cllr Leech will take it to the Steering group working party.

New Defibrillator - it was discussed at a previous meeting that a new defib would be fitted in the ward. This defib will be installed at Lindhurst Lodge.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 17.30pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 13th July, 4pm, Roundhouse Library.



**St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 13th July 2023, 4pm, Roundhouse Library**

Present : Cllr Wright (Chair) Cllr Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Michelle Cooper, Kath Bostwick, Tony Lowe, Sally Goodier

Apologies : Cllr Tattersall, Dawn Bailey, John Hallows

By Invitation: Terry Spence (Junior Tykes)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions were given. Everyone was thanked for their attendance and Sally was welcomed for her first official meeting as a Ward Alliance Member.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The bid for the Caterpillar club at the previous meeting was signed off, but a request was given to send quotes in. These have now come in, so this will be processed.
- Cllr Wirght said he'd spoken to the shed company that is based on Wakefield Rd. They would be willing to look at donating a shed to the group. Michelle and Cllr Wright agreed to speak to the group.
- The group were updated on the current situations with Freda and John Hallows. Freda is hoping to come along to the Gala
- The defibrillator in St Helens has been delivered to the North Area office and will be installed at Lindhurst Lodge once the casing is ready.

3. Treasurers Report

- Lee reported a total of £12, 551.12 as of 13th July 2023.

4. Funding Applications

Junior Tykes - Container

- This bid is for £1,000 towards a storage container that will be used to store equipment for the Tykes girls football teams.
- This group have had a similar container supported by the Ward Alliance previously and they needed planning permission.
- Cllr Leech previously helped the group through this process and has begun a similar approach for this bid.
- The total cost of the container is more than this bid, but the group will fund raise / apply elsewhere for the shortfall.

- After clarifications on usage (primarily for storage), the Ward Alliance agreed to support this bid on the proviso that planning permission is granted.

Athersley Rec FC – Fireworks

- This bid is for £1,000 towards fireworks at the annual community bonfire held at Athersley Rec FC.
- Whilst most agreed that many people in the community support this event, it was noted that the group really need to ensure that St Helens Ward Alliance logos are on the posters when it's advertised.
- A vote was taken, and Michelle Cooper abstained, but the majority were in favour of supporting this bid.

5. Forthcoming Bids

- The Ten Pin Bowling club for young people will be applying to the Ward Alliance for money towards training
- There will also be the forthcoming bid for Christmas activities that will need to be looked at

6. Refreshment of Ward Alliance Guidance Framework

- Lee handed out packs to every Ward Alliance member and went through the guidance framework and ground rules for the meetings. The pack also included the Ward Plan within it.

7. Ward Alliance Secretary

- Lee explained that following the previous Ward Alliance meeting, Rebecca Leech made the decision to step away from the Ward Alliance. Everyone expressed thanks to Rebecca for being such a wonderful secretary and giving her time up over the years and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.
- This meant however that a new secretary was needed.
- Both Lee and the Councillors stated that this role is better served by a community representative.
- After a brief discussion, Michelle Cooper agreed to take on this role in the short term, but did highlight the fact that she may not be available for all Ward Alliance meetings.
- The Ward Alliance thanked Michelle and agreed to continue to look for a willing member to become secretary in the long term

8. Ward Alliance Membership

- Lee explained that following Rebecca's resignation, but Sally's joining, there are currently six Ward Alliance members in the group. However, Tony and Madge announced that once the St Helens Gala had taken place, they would also be resigning from the Ward Alliance. They felt compelled to stand beside Rebecca in this.
- This would mean there are only four community members and therefore the St Helens Ward Alliance will not be able to recommend any community groups for funding or make any official decisions until such a time when they have six members again.
- It was agreed to use the opportunity to recruit at the St Helens Gala.

- Lee also agreed to produce a recruitment advert that would go out with the flyers for the Gala. It could also be placed on relevant social media with the help of the Ward Alliance members.
 - Sally agreed to take some around the shops in Athersley.

9. Events

St Helens Gala

- The preparation for the Gala has been handed over to Lee, and Madge and Tony.
- The stallholders have been contacted and confirmed.
- The keys for the site are being delivered by Berneslai Homes next week.
- The banners have been sent off for re-wording and will be put up by the end of this week
- Leaflets have been prepared and will be sent to schools
- A revised site map has been created to encourage more people to go on the “pan handle” section of the site rather than isolating it
- The Gazebos from the Ward Alliance will be used for:
 - 1x TARA / Berneslai Homes
 - 2x Ad Astra (Tony’s relative can share with this)
 - 1x Ward Alliance stall / Face painter
- There are currently 4 hampers that will be raffled off, and Madge has agreed to help sell tickets
- Cllr Leech agreed to arrange the grass cutting the day before and Tony would very kindly agree to look at going round the day before to pick up any dog fouling in the area.
- Lee agreed to check with the Mayor’s office and Tony agreed to meet the mayor with Madge opening the Gala.
- Cllr Wright agreed to close the Gala.
- All Ward Alliance members were asked to be on site around 9.30am on the day to help put stalls up.
- Kath had re-evaluated the food provision and has costed up pop and crisps rather than sandwiches to a total of £75.36. Lee to make arrangements to reimburse Kath.

Halloween

- Cllr Wright approached the New Lodge Environmental Group and asked if they were willing to do another Halloween event this year.
- The group said they were willing to do this, but not to run it on themselves.
- Cllr Wright agreed with them to host the event in Athersley South as there are currently no activities held around there. Monsall Crescent was felt to be possible.

11. Environmental Caretakers

- The new Environmental Caretaker team is now in place and will be working in the area.
- Their work will be partially directed by this Ward Alliance and the equivalent of 3 days per year will be set aside for weekend working in the Ward.
- Discussion on their area of focus will be handled at future meetings

12. 10 Year Celebration

- Invitations for the 10 year celebrations will be going out shortly to Ward Alliance members, past and present.

13. Hanging Baskets

- The current situation is that the company dealing with the hanging baskets have assured BMBC they will be up by the end of July
- Because of the significant delay, those in St Helens who have sponsored will receive a 50% discount on the cost of their basket.

14. Ward Plan

- Because of the length of the meeting, this Ward Plan was deferred until the next meeting.

15. Any Other Business

- Madge and Tony were thanked for their many years of service on this Ward Alliance and there is no doubt that they will be sorely missed.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Meeting closed at 17.40pm
- The next meeting is on Thursday 7th September, 4pm, Roundhouse Library.