

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 11th July 2023 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Will 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) Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident (SM) Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT)	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Councillor Sam Christmas Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB) Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD)

1. Welcome and Introductions		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Councillor Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting with no introductions necessary.		
2. Apologies for Absence		Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	There were no matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 30 th May, 2023, were agreed as a true record.		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action led
	MH declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the funding application received from Dodworth St. Johns Primary Academy School wishing to join the Junior Wardens Scheme.		
5. Budgets		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £18,312.66</p> <p>Small Sparks Balance:- £372.91</p>		

6.	Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Ward Alliance Sports Van and Football Field Markings</u></p> <p>DG submitted a funding application on behalf of the Ward Alliance for £440. This will be used to fund 2 x 2 hour sessions for the Summer Sports Van to be in the Dodworth Ward during the summer holidays. The van will provide a range of children’s sporting activities encouraging families to get active and learn new skills which they can then continue with. The funding will also cover costs for the football pitch at the rear of the library to be marked up by the Council’s Neighbourhood Services Team.</p> <p>This project had already been proposed at the previous meeting and the funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>10 Year Ward Alliance Celebrations</u></p> <p>DG submitted a funding application on behalf of the Ward Alliance for £500 in respect of the Central Area Team Ward Alliance Celebrations. The event will celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the creation of our Central Area Team Ward Alliances, recognising all the hard work of its volunteers and their contributions which have made our communities a better place. DG stated volunteers will be invited to take part in the celebrations hopefully making them feel valued for all their efforts over the years.</p> <p>The funding application was agreed in full.</p>		

Plaque – Small Sparks

DG submitted a Small Sparks funding application on behalf of the Ward Alliance for £35. DG explained the funding is to be used to pay for a plaque in respect of a hanging basket which had been sponsored by a local resident. Unfortunately, the resident has now withdrawn their sponsorship application due to the constant delays of the hanging baskets being put up. The plaque has already been manufactured by a separate small local independent business; as a good will gesture and to rebuild the Ward Alliances reputation with individual sponsors and community groups across the ward, it may be appropriate to cover the costs of the plaque.

Ward Alliance Members agreed that the Small Sparks funding application should be approved in full.

Dodworth St. Johns Primary Academy - Junior Wardens Scheme

A funding application was received from Dodworth St. Johns Primary Academy School for the amount of £1800 to join the next Junior Wardens Scheme. The money would enable them to participate in both the Autumn (September – December 2023) and the Spring (February – July 2024) schemes.

The Junior Wardens Scheme has run for several years enabling children to meet various emergency services along with other agencies and organisations providing both educational and life experiences promoting both good citizenship and recognising the importance of a safe and crime free community.

<p>Ward Alliance Members agreed the Junior Warden Scheme which has now run for a number of years, continues to be a great success and worthwhile project to support. The funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>Top Of Dodworth Botton Club</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from the Top of Dodworth Bottom Group for the total amount of £989.00.</p> <p>The project is run by volunteers which is aimed at our older residents in the community to be able to meet and socialise on a weekly basis. It is held on a weekly basis at the Miners Welfare Club and provides the opportunity for members to meet, dance, chat, and play bingo in a safe and pleasant environment. A weekly entertainer also provides live music. Many of its members live alone and without this group would not go out.</p> <p>The funding will be used to replace a broken bingo machine and also contribute towards the cost of the entertainment.</p> <p>All Ward Alliance Members agreed this was a vital project tackling loneliness and promoting quality of life in our community. The funding application was agreed in full.</p>		
<p>7. Ward Alliance Projects</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG reported the ongoing delay with the hanging baskets not being put up had now been escalated. DG stated the company in question had been sent a communication concerning their contract and obligations including cost implications.</p> <p>DG reported the hanging baskets in the Dodworth Ward should be up by the end of July and if not then it was proposed the order would be cancelled and a full refund requested.</p>		

	<p><u>10 Year Ward Alliance Celebrations – Guest List</u></p> <p>A discussion about the guest list from the Dodworth Ward was discussed.</p> <p>DG stated that all Dodworth Ward Alliance Members would be invited, and that consideration needed to be given to who else should be invited. DG asked Ward Alliance Members to consider both individual volunteers and volunteer groups across the Ward and email any suggestions to her as soon as possible so that invites can be sent out.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Christmas In Dodworth Ward</u></p> <p>DG reported that KDA had confirmed they would supply 3 Christmas Trees for the Ward.</p> <p>It was proposed that a real one would be purchased by the Ward Alliance and planted at Gilroyd as this was the only area permission had been granted for one to be planted. John Twigg will be approached about planting it once purchased.</p> <p>The other locations ie Dodworth, Higham and Pogmoor, will have one of the trees donated by KDA sited.</p> <p>It was also reported that the Dil Raj Car Park will be used again as an event space at the Christmas Fayre. However, there will be no stage this time and instead a large gazebo will be erected.</p> <p>Sponsorship is being looked at in respect of the Christmas Light Motifs.</p>		

	<p><u>Lamp Post Audit for Christmas Light Motifs</u></p> <p>DG confirmed that as carried out with the hanging baskets, a separate audit of the lamp posts to be used for the Christmas Light Motifs will be required. DG has already contacted the Council’s Street Lighting Section requesting this be carried out as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Litter Bins Audit</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported that the Waste Services Department were carrying out an audit of all litter bins. This is to determine what frequency of emptying they require in order that a more efficient programme could be implemented.</p> <p><u>Cars for Sale Higham</u></p> <p>MH reported that a spare piece of waste land at Higham believed to be owned by BMBC was being used by someone to sell cars/vans. Councillors Fielding and Wray will investigate this matter.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>	<p>Cllrs Fielding/Wray</p>	
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 6.00 pm.</p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 3rd October 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 7^h November 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 6th February 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March 2024</p>	<p>ALL</p>	