

# BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Agenda Item: 11**

**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 the 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 (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 September and October 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:**  
**30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## **Appendix One:**

### **Darton East Ward Alliance**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 6 PM  
Face to face meeting.

#### **Present:**

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Mathew Crisp – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident  
Helen Altun – Secretary

#### **1. Apologies**

David Hilton – Green space  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
Paul Marsh – Local Business Man  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

#### **2. Declarations of Interest – None.**

#### **3. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The full finances were not showing on the July minutes. Greennotes were having a gala in the park at Darton on 20/08/23. The church one was last week on Saturday. Morrall is spelt with an a not an e.

#### **4. Matters Arising.**

**CCTV Update** – A second CCTV camera was installed in Mapplewell Park around 2 weeks ago. This was funded by The South Yorkshire police and crime commissioner and installed by Barnsley Council. It is at the top of the park facing where the trees were vandalised and can pan round to the changing rooms. The other camera covers the MUGA and lower park. Graffiti has been reported to the council. A request has been put in to look at the camera footage after last weekend. The previous footage was viewed but the images were hard to make out due to it being very dark.

#### **5. Financial Update**

£8723.20 total.  
£4651.60 match funding.  
£4071.60 none match funding.

## **6. Applications for Funding**

**St John's on stage** £762.50. The event last year was very successful.

The members discussed the application and had some questions?

What happened to last year's funding?

Are we paying towards the church roof?

If the tickets were completed via ticket source the 47p that ticket source charge can be added on to the ticket or paid by the church, then no tickets would need printing.

The group decided that they were not currently in a position to approve the application.

### **Spring bulbs - £1237.50**

The price break down was given. £90 for daffodils, £750 for bluebells, £360 for crocuses and £37.50 delivery.

Members discussed the application and agreed the bulbs do look nice in the area, but it would be better to have flowers that lasted longer than daffodils and some members thought that there were already enough bulbs planted in the area.

It was suggested that an area could be planted with a sign that the Darton East ward alliance had supported it and they could also be used in the planters in the village. It was also suggested that it may be better to buy some shrubs instead.

It was also suggested that we may wish to support the previous year amount of funding £817.50.

2 members were in favour.

3 against.

3 abstained.

Not approved.

## **7. Ward Action Plan**

Members agreed that the container in the park was a great asset and really helped during the park summer activities.

The park summer activities went ahead but not many volunteers came forward so it might be an idea for next year to run it every two weeks. The biggest driver for attendance was the weather.

The summer disco went very well with all children having a fantastic time. We are looking to hold another disco in October and at Christmas.

The fun and film club ran every week throughout the summer holidays. There was an interesting response in regard to paying for refreshments. A big thank you went to Teresa and Stephen for supporting the event.

The attendance figures were read out. The film part will not run next year but the crafts may continue. The event was publicised very well but there was more engagement in the crafts. A survey may be put out next year to see what the public want.

The business club was held, and 4 local businesses were present but not a lot of people attended. The next one will be held in early November. Not a lot of

members from Darton East ward alliance came to the event who said they would attend.

#### **8. Environmental contract**

Michael was injured while at work, so his post is being covered by Sammy in the role of the team leader.

Kian the apprentice moved on. Some of the ward alliance members have completed 4 sessions with them. They seem to be very keen and very positive. When anything has been passed to them to complete it has been completed quickly. The contract is making a positive difference. Members asked if Rosie could email the members to let them know where the caretakers are in the area. A resident has asked for help on Woolley Colliery Road.

The Railway path wire fence will be looked at in October and will be discussed at the next steering group.

A sign is required near the footpath at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall.

#### **9. New Members of the Ward Alliance.**

This is not required as a standard ward alliance agenda item. Compared to other wards we are in a good position. There is a plan to contact some groups we have previously supported to see if they wish to be on the Ward Alliance.

#### **10. Health and Wellbeing Event.**

The next event will be on 14/11/23, 10am to 3pm. There will be approx. 25 stall holders. The event will be advertised on social media, in the Barnsley Chronicle and in the village hall. It would be nice to have people on the ward alliance stall who have had grants in the past. There is a working budget left from the last event so once the budget is checked, members will be advised if there will be meal vouchers handed out like last time.

#### **11. Christmas.**

The Christmas light switch on will be held on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall. This is the same date as the beer festival starts.

There will be a tree and selection boxes given out to all children by Santa. Woolley colliery will also have a switch on with selection boxes potentially the date will be the 27/11/23.

Rebecca has a PA system that can be used at the events.

The Christmas tree will be switched on at Windhill on the 28/11/23. No carols or official switch on.

The environmental caretakers will put the trees up and no volunteers will be required.

The working budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

A member suggested asking local businesses if they would like to sponsor the trees and it was agreed this could be suggested.

An additional group will be set up for Christmas, the following members agreed to join the group:

Helen, Steve, Nick, Teresa, Richard and David was suggested as he is part of the beer festival. The chair will be elected at the first meeting.

## **12.AOB**

The stumps left in the park after the trees were vandalised can they be removed?

A member will ask the question and get back to the group.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September the 10-year celebration will be held at New Road club.

Past and present members have been invited. This venue was chosen due to having a small working budget for the event and the club gave the room free of charge with only a small amount requested for cleaning.

Meeting closed.

## **13. Time and date of next meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6pm.

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 6 PM  
Face to face meeting.

**Present:**

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

**1. Apologies**

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Cllr Mathew Crisp – Darton East Ward Councillor

**2. Declarations of Interest – None.**

**3. Minutes of previous meeting – None.**

**4. Matters Arising.**

The sub group for Christmas have just met tonight before the Ward Alliance meeting.

A member raised that the minutes do not give individuals names and a discussion took place. Some members may not be comfortable with their names being in the minutes as it is a public document. It was agreed to continue completing the minutes this way.

A member asked if CCTV footage was requested after the graffiti in the park and the road signs were taken out in the new cycle park, and asked are the camera's helping. The footage was requested, and this will be chased up. The cameras have not yet identified any specific individuals, due to the problems happening at night. They are a deterrent. The camera's put up tend to help those areas but then people move to other areas. A members asked if the lighting could be increased for the cameras to pick up more of a picture of the offenders.

Paul Brannan head of people services has taken the offences very seriously.

The local sergeant is being changed – Sgt Rebecca Fleming - and the ward alliance is keen to get the new sergeant involved.

A member suggested that it would be good to have a camera at the bottom of the park.

The signs from the cycle park will be put back in.

## 5. Financial Update

£8723.20 total.

£4651.60 match funding.

£4071.60 none match funding.

## 6. Applications for Funding

**St John's on stage £762.50. Not Approved.** The questions which members had last month have been answered and an email response had been sent out to members. The money raised goes towards the church roof and a charity. A bit of the money also gets kept back for props. Some tickets do need printing for some community members that do not have access to the internet.

A message was then read out to the ward alliance members which had been sent to a few members of the ward alliance from a member of St John's on stage. The statement said that the money was not required, and the ward alliance should consider supporting other funding applications and groups. A member agreed to go back to the group regarding this statement.

### **Staincross WMC Pantomime £1040.00 Approved**

Members discussed this application and questions were answered. The pantomime will allow 120 children to come to the event for free. It was agreed that this amount of funding would not be available each year so they should look to self-fund it in the future or only ask for a proportion of the cost if necessary.

Members also mentioned the local community may be able to put a pantomime on rather than hiring a company in the future.

### **St John's Community Coffee morning £255.00 – Approved.**

### **Christmas - £950.00 – Approved.**

This is for trees at Mapplewell village hall, Windhill, and Woolley. It will also pay for selection boxes and any lights that need replacing.

A resident at Windhill had asked a member if the tree could be in a better position but the tree position was thought to be in the best suitable place now. In previous years, the tree may have been in a different spot when it was organised by Wakefield Council.

A member asked if feedback was given from the different groups that we supported and not all groups are giving feedback, so this needs to be encouraged more and taken into consideration when the ward alliance is discussing funding.

A member mentioned that the pizza club at the church during the summer was well attended but not necessarily by the people it was focused towards.

## 7. Ward Action Plan

Facebook page and website – ongoing.

Children's disco for Halloween and Christmas will go ahead. The Halloween disco will be on 27<sup>th</sup> October and the Christmas one on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at Mapplewell village hall.

Litter picking is ongoing, and the signs will be put back in at the cycle park in Mapplewell Park.

A community event/gala to be added to the November agenda.

### **8. Environmental contract**

A discussion was held, and a decision was made to keep this on the agenda going forward. During our discussion, the group agreed it's good to give feedback on the service and to suggest areas in need of improvement.

Dates are provided approx. one month in advance to the north area team of areas which will be looked at. Can Ward Alliance members and greenspace be sent this in case they have any volunteers who would like to participate.

The events are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 9am to 11am approx.

The next event will be on Dearne Street on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The caretakers and volunteers try not to follow Greenspace in the same areas.

It was great to see Sammy at the Ward alliance 10-year celebration event.

### **9. Litter and waste bins.**

A member asked for an update on the bin audit as other council areas have been releasing information. 3 purple bags have been placed in areas around Darton East for frequently littered areas and they have been well used. These areas could be considered for a bin to be put in place.

The bins in our area were looked at quite a while ago and 6 changes have been agreed and were read out. Attachment will be sent with the minutes.

The plantings path needs some attention so this will be reported back to the manager.

A big thank you was given out to all volunteers in the area for all their hard work.

### **10. Dearne street area neighbourhood clean-up.**

A member asked for a main clean up in and around the Dearne Street area and streets like Dearne Street.

Big teams do go out to areas that have a problem with waste and fly tipping. A member agreed to raise it and asked for photo examples of the problems.

A member had to leave the meeting and explained that a bugler had been paid for for the remembrance event held in Mapplewell and a new wreath holder. Bacon Sandwiches will also be available afterwards for attendees from FOMAS funds. Free tea and coffee will also be available at The Wentworth after the event.

### **11. Health and Wellbeing Event.**

34 Organisations have confirmed they will be attending the event, so it will be bigger than the previous events.

A discussion was held and the member organising felt like they didn't have much support from the group after taking lots of their own time to organise the event.



Members of the group agreed to offer their support. Members of the group said they would like the events to continue.

It was agreed that some costings would be done on bags that could be given out and also to consider meal vouchers and a raffle.

There is a £1000 working budget already in place left over from the last event. Members said a working group could be put together to help. Other areas have included chair aerobics, raffles bingo, entertainment at similar events.

## **12. Christmas**

A sub group meeting was held before this meeting for Christmas. The money is now approved for Christmas. A member of FOMAS will go to the FOMAS meeting and feedback to the sub group any questions that were asked.

The Mapplewell Christmas switch on event will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and the Woolley event will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The Windhill tree will just be switched on around this period.

## **13. AOB**

A member asked for a gala for next year to go on the next agenda.

A member explained it seemed like the youth were getting left out and we need to come up with some ideas for the youth in our area.

A member explained we do have targeted support going around the area and into Mapplewell park speaking to children.

A member said could we have some light art culture like painting the green telephone boxes.

The Kingstone ward have completed a project like this with young people.

A member explained they had been successful in gaining some funding to deliver some environmental activities with 10 people and working on their maths and English skills and supporting them into work or into education. This is for any age group.

A member explained their concerns for disposable vapes during litter picking activities. We need to make sure school children are being educated regarding vapes. A member explained there will be some sessions in schools regarding the impact on vapes. There is currently 3 task and finish groups and one of them is regarding vapes.

Meeting closed. 7.24pm

## **14. Time and date of next meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6pm.

## **Appendix Two:**

Darton West Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

**Apologies:** Shelly Jepson.

**North Area Team:** Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 The minutes of the meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

**Rebecca to look at any repairs of Ward Notice Boards at:**

**Wood View, Harry Road and Barugh Green and update.**

**Rebecca to chase up Litter Bins at Ripley Grove Bus Stop and Vets for Pets Bus Stop.**

**Rebecca to put 2 Planters at Redbrook Roundabout on Clean and Green list**

**Rebecca to investigate possible Company Sponsorship for the 2 planters at Redbrook Roundabout.**

**Rebecca to look at possible reciting of planters at Dayhouse Way Redbrook**

**Richard to visit Tudor Rose Garden Centre to look at possible Tender for North Area Hanging Baskets and report**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to have follow up meeting with Matt Bell of Barugh Green School to look at any Ward Alliance joint ventures.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to have follow up meeting with Rachel Knox of Gawber Primary School re any Christmas event**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to contact respective department re: anti social issues across the Ward**

**Rebecca to send link to Richard re: fly tipping who will forward to members for reporting of any fly tipping issues**

**Sharon to forward email address and telephone number to John and Christina re: Safer Neighbourhood Team (Darton Park motorbike issues)**

**Christina to look at possible date for Darton Christmas Event**

**Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Wilthorpe Community Centre re: any Christmas event**

### **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.**

**Darton West Spring Bulbs      Agreed.**

**Primrose Community Garden   Agreed.**

**7 Summer School Events Programme Review**

**Events were well attended, appreciated and successful**

**8 Hanging Basket Provision 2024**

**Rebecca updated current situation the Tender is out presently for the whole of the North Area.**

**9 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events**

**Sub Group to meet to discuss and develop a programme of Christmas Events.**

**Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, Rebecca Battye, Ann Carroll,**

**Christina Carroll, Richard Haigh. (Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5,30 pm Darton Centre)**

**10 Costings for Christmas 2023 and Star Awards 2024**

**To be discussed at the Sub Group meeting and report.**

**11 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update**

**Deferred for the October Meeting**

**A.O.B.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave informed members that Barnsley Chronicle are reporting on Ward Alliance's spending**

**Cllr Trevor Cave updated re: Gawber School Christmas calendar and pressures on School at this time.**

**Date and Time of next meeting**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**

**Darton West Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Attendees:** Cllr Trevor Cave (Chair), Liam Morgan, Christina Carroll, Ann Carroll, Shelly Jepson, Richard Haigh.

**Apologies:** Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, John Ryan.

**North Area Team:** Rebecca Battye.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

**Rebecca to update re: quotes for repair of Notice Boards across the Ward.**

**Rebecca to follow up any progress of siting of litter bins at Ripley Grove and Vets for Pets bus stops.**

**Rebecca to chase up re siting of Planters at Dayhouse Way.**

**Rebecca to send times of Ward Christmas Tree switch on to Richard who will circulate to members.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to inform Gawber Primary School date for Christmas Light switch on at Wood View and any School involvement.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to hold meeting with Matt Bell of Barugh Green Primary School to investigate any Ward Alliance joint ventures.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to ask Cllr Alice Cave to forward photograph of Dayhouse Way Group to Richard, who will circulate to members.**

**Shelly to consult Darton Academy music department re: possible Christmas Choir/ music for Ward Christmas events.**

**Christina to consult Voice for Darton re: Christmas events.**

**Richard to forward to members link re: Gawber Primary School history book.**

**3 Ward Action Plan**

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

**4 Active Travel Update**

**Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current progress and will update as and when required.**

**5 WAF Budget**

This was presented by Rebecca  
Remaining Budget £9,583,50.

**6 WAF applications.**

**Christmas in Darton West 2023. Agreed.**

**Remembrance Project. Agreed.**

**Voice for Darton Christmas 2023. Agreed.**

**7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024**

**Rebecca updated Group members re: current procurement status.**

## **8 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events and costings**

This was discussed and the following dates were agreed for Ward Christmas events.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Wilthorpe/Redbrook. Lights switch on.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Kexbrough. Lights switch on.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Wood View, Gawber. Lights switch on.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Darton. Lights switch on.

NB. Times of events to be agreed and will be circulated to members.

## **9 Darton Stars Awards 2024**

Sub Group to meet. **Rearrange Date and Time to follow**

## **10 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update**

Nothing to Report.

## **A.O.B.**

Liam updated members re: Butterflys Dementia Charity. Possible distribution of School uniform, all age groups. Liam will keep members updated.

Shelly informed members of Oliver Production at Darton Academy

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> December details to follow.

## **Date and Time of next meetings**

**Stars Sub Group Meeting** Date and time to follow.

**Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm at the Darton Centre.

## Appendix Three:

*N.B. 12<sup>th</sup> September Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting was cancelled due to Ward Alliance member unavailability.*



## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village Notes of the Meeting

**Attendance:** Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Pat Braithwaite, James Crampton, Rosie Adams, Lee Swift

**Apologies:** Lyn Gregg, Tina Burke, Cllr Lofts, Gillian Nixon

### 1. Introductions

- A round of introductions was had to welcome the new Ward Alliance members. Rosie Adams came along from the Area Team to welcome everyone, also and assist with the governance.
- New member induction packs were handed out to all present

### 2. Date and Times of Meetings / Venues

- It was acknowledged that the meeting times and venues had moved around, lately, to try and accommodate as many members as possible.
- This is the first meeting at Honeywell Sports Village, as it was thought that Honeywell Community Centre was unavailable. It was agreed that this venue was not ideal, and John and Bill agreed to look at the Masonic Lodge on Cockerham Lane.
- For now, it was agreed to book the sports centre again.
- **Regardless of venue, the future meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm**

**Action: John and Bill to enquire with the Masonic Lodge re: prices and availability**

### 3. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £18,664.33 with a number of bids to be discussed.

### 4. Funding Bids

#### **Room Hire**

- A bid for £600 to help pay for future Ward Alliance room hire was passed.

### ***Community Pantry***

- A bid for funding to help establish a Community Pantry in Honeywell was put forwards. The funding was to pay for the infrastructure of this pantry, and an initial access to stock.
- The pantry will be run in the short term in partnership with the Area Team and Berneslai Homes, to help local residents access low-cost food and is built in a sustainable way.
- The long-term aim is to gather volunteers to keep this running.
- A total of £4,000 was agreed to be allocated to this.

### ***Cat Rescue***

- A bid for funding to support a local cat rescue was put forwards, asking for £500.
- After discussion, it was agreed to defer this bid until more information could be gathered on if other Ward Alliances were approached and if they approved this bid.

**Action: Lee to check cat rescue bid with other Ward Alliances**

### ***Hogmany Event***

- A bid for funding to part-fund a new year's community party was put forwards by Old Town Residents Association, asking for £422.90.
- This was approved.

### ***Old Town Christmas Trees***

- A bid to establish four temporary Christmas trees in the Old Town area was put forwards, with a total of £1,500 was asked for.
- The bid would fund the trees, replacements for damaged lights, batteries, replacement for storage and a small amount towards food for small-scale switch on events at these trees.
- This was approved.

### ***Event Insurance***

- Willowbank Community Partnership asked for £342.39 towards providing event insurance across a year for community events run by local groups.
- This was approved.

### ***Event Insurance***

- Willowbank Community Partnership asked for £342.39 towards providing event insurance across a year for community events run by local groups.
- This was approved with the understanding that we need to look at if we continue to do this next year, as Bill has now closed down his business account.

### ***Spring Bulbs***

- The Ward Alliance discussed if they would like any spring bulbs to be purchased for the area, this year.
- After discussion, it was agreed to buy 1,000 bluebells and 1,000 snowdrops and to split them up to go to the primary schools in the area.

**Action: Pat to speak to primary schools and Ad Astra**

## 5. Christmas Events 2023

- The proposed locations of the trees are:
  - Brettas Park
  - Huddersfield Rd
  - Warner Avenue (Pogmoor)
  - Summer Lane
- Community groups are intending to run their switch on's at Warner Ave and Brettas park, leaving Hudd Rd, and Summer Ln.

### ***Hudd Rd***

- It was agreed to have a simple switch on at Huddersfield Rd and to approach Emmanuel Church to explore the option of having refreshments there.
- A date of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm was agreed.

**Action: Lee to approach Emmanuel Church**

### ***Summer Lane***

- Gillian Nixon has helpfully contacted the Old School house to see if they would open up as a venue for this switch on.
- It was agreed to look at involving the local schools in this.
- A date of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm was agreed in order to allow choir singing straight after school.

**Action: Gillian to Liaise with the Old School House**

## 6. Summer Gala 2024

- This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 7. Ward Plan

- This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 8. Environmental Contract

- The contract has now been reconfigured and BMBC Neighbourhood Services are providing support in the area.
- Pat asked for a rough schedule of days when the team would be in Old Town, so they could plan things around it.
- Possible areas to look at for the caretakers include:
  - The canal area (needs discussion with Parks and Canal Group)
  - Ginnels in the area

**Action: Lee to send round rough dates for Environmental Caretakers**

## 9. Any Other Business

### ***Community Pantry***

- Lee explained more details about the pantry.
- Berneslai Homes are onboard with this. He is due to meet with them to look at practical space for the pantry and discuss overheads needed.



- BMBC Healthier Communities are also involved and would include support from them to secure surplus food sources.
- Lee intends to investigate this further, and see if ASDA are in a position to support this.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village

## Appendix Four:

### St Helens Ward Alliance Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Present**

**CHAIR** Cllr Dave Leech

Cllrs Sarah Tattersall and Neil Wright

Community Members - Dawn Bailey Kath Bostwick and Michelle Cooper

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

**Apologies** – Sally Goodier and John Hallows

- Welcomes and Introductions
- Minutes of the previous meeting –

#### **Topics discussed**

Junior Tykes Container – Cllr Leech reported that this had been discussed with Asset Management and an agreement would be put in place as ‘Temporary Storage Unit’ which would hopefully mean no planning permission would be required

**ACTION – Cllr Leech to contact Junior Tykes**

Ward Alliance Information Packs – Cllr Tattershall requested a copy of the pack and Cllr Wright asked if packs given to previous members were returned

St Helens Gala – Cllr Leech reported that the day went well and congratulations to all involved

Kath Bostwick expressed thanks to the members of the Daton East Ward Alliance who came and support the day – she also handed in a receipt for £64.63 for the food she purchased on the day which was given to children and young people

General consensus was that the day was a success after the initial cancellation on the original date

Halloween Event – Cllr Wright informed the group that this is going to be a family fun event and a trial for this new venue – the local residents had previously contacted him with the request that we organised an event for the area as ‘not a lot’ was done for this part of the village

Kath Bostwick voiced concerns that she didn’t think the residents would want such an event on Monsal Crescent as there were issues in the area with some new residents – after further discussions Kath agreed to hand out leaflets in the area to promote the event.

The days activities will include a DJ and lots of activities for children

- New Lodge Volunteer group will support the event
- Help will be required to set up the area
- Lee will sort a Running Order for the day and distribute to members
- All Gazebos will be in use on the day at the event

## Environmental Caretakers

Any additional work or areas that may need addressing will need forwarding to Cllr Leech / Lee Swift

The Environmental Caretakers welcome volunteers to all their events/cleanups.

Several local residents do regular litter picks in their own areas

For Fly Tipping you can report this on the Barnsley MBC website

Snickets and guinnels are on the annual program of actions to be completed

Issues the group were concerned about:

- Wakefield Road / Foundry area
- Mansfield Road area
- New Route towards the bridge
- This was questioned as to whether it came under the Rangers remit of the Environmental Caretakers

**ACTION - Cllr Leech to confirm**

There is a current list of the current workload which will need updating. Once updated this is to be sent to all members **ACTION - Cllr Leech and Lee Swift**

10 Year Celebration This will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Staincross WMC. There will be presentations and refreshments will be available. There is a limited invite only Guest List and numbers will be confirmed as soon as possible as several have asked if they can take a Plus One. Invitations have gone out to current and past members of the Ward Alliance.

**After all topics were discussed, the MINUTES were accepted as a TRUE COPY**

## Ward Plan

It was agreed to set up a separate meeting to discuss the Ward Plan **ACTION - Lee Swift**

## **Funding Applications**

### Spring Bulbs

Lengthy discussions were held about the environmental benefits of bulb planting and re-wilding certain areas.

Members of the WA are going to research – Neighborhood Services – **ACTION - Cllr Tattersall**

Rewilding and Seeds - **ACTION - Kath Bostwick Dawn Bailey**

**It was agreed to alter the application for and reduce the funds to £100 and purchase seeds rather than bulbs for this year** **ACTION – Lee Swift**

### Barnsley Youth Bowling Club

There was not enough information on this application – There are training opportunities available from various sources within the area. List of Training available – **ACTION – Michelle Cooper** Invite the applicants to the next meeting and request more information **ACTION Lee Swift**

### St Helens Guides

There was not enough information on this application – the applicant to be invited to the next meeting **ACTION - Lee Swift**

### Christmas Working Budget

**It was agreed to a £1000 Christmas Working Budget to cover the costs of Trees and celebrations over the festive period**

### Forthcoming Projects

St Helens Santa Sleigh – Discussions were had about the Health and Safety of the event – Cllr Wright confirmed that all aspects of H & S had been adhered to.

The group ensured this event would not clash with the annual Motorbike Christmas event that travels through the areas. (2/12/23)

Cllr Wright and Cllr Leech will confirm the route.

Dates for Christmas Celebrations in the area will be confirmed at the next meeting

**ACTION – Lee Swift**

### **AOB**

Kath Bostwick requested the costing of the St Helens Gala **ACTION – Lee Swift**

Kath Bostwick asked if we could do a Community Fridge in the library – the group discussed the facilities already in the Roundhouse Library and the surrounding area.

Cllr Leech reported that he had been asked to do 4 dates as Santa in the area – all monies donated will be handed onto BIADs which is Cllr Wrights chosen charity

Michelle Cooper updated the group on the refurbishment program which is taking place at New Lodge Community Centre. All Cllrs offered their support for this program

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 4pm in the Roundhouse Library (Small Hall)**

**ACTION – Lee Swift to book**

## St Helens Ward Alliance

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 4pm, Roundhouse Library

### Notes of the Meeting

#### Present

**CHAIR** Cllrs Sarah Tattersall

Cllr Neil Wright

Community Members - Dawn Bailey Kath Bostwick Claire Nock Sally Goodier and Michelle Cooper

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

**Invited Guests** – Micheal Brown (Barnsley Bowl) Pat Padget (St Helens Girl Guides) Michael Bray (Environmental Caretakers)

**Apologies** – Cllr Dave Leech

- Welcomes and Introductions

Agenda was discussed and the invited guests were asked to discuss their Grant Applications

- **Barnsley Youth Bowling Club** - Michael Brown spoke about his application for £983.60 which was for Training for volunteers and drilling out bowling balls for SEND usage.
- **Queries**
  - Existing Safeguarding procedures and DBS checks for volunteers
  - No of young people attending this club and from which area they actually live
  - Could training be offered from local organisations who specialise in the areas needed
  - One volunteer could access the First Aid Training offered by Ad Astra as part of their ongoing training program if they are available – details given to Michael and he will get back to us once he has asked the volunteers if anyone is available for the given date.
- It was agreed that Barnsley Bowl's application was accepted and awarded with the caveat attached that if they attend the First Aid training offered, they would have to get another member of their team through another course of First Aid Training which would benefit the group. **ACTION LEE SWIFT TO CONFIRM WITH THE GROUP**
- **St Helens Girl Guides** – Pat Padget spoke about her application for £970 which was for a residential and additional resources for the club
- **Queries**
  - What is the breakdown of the group in numbers and areas they actually live
  - Are the individuals contributing to the residential and has the club done any fund raising as part of this residential
  - Staff ratio to number of young people attending
  - Concerns were raised that the groups never turn up for community events to help or support
- After a vote of 5 For and 1 against It was agreed that the Girl Guides application was accepted
- It was also agreed that in all letters that go to successful applications of Ward Alliance grants, we will include an invitation to be part of our community events and strongly encourage them to be part of these events.
  - **ACTION LEE SWIFT TO CONFIRM WITH THE GROUP**

**Change of Use application** – It was agreed that a change of remaining funds from the Summer Gala could be used for a Halloween Event to be held on Monsal Crescent Athersley South on the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Minutes from the previous meeting -7<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

#### **Action Points**

1. Still waiting for information about the Junior Tykes Container
2. The area clean-up discussed for the trans-Pennine trail does come under the remit of the Rangers, but future action on this will be discussed with both the Rangers and the Environmental Caretakers – unfortunately one of the Community Clean ups around Laxton Rd area had to be postponed due to the weather conditions but this will be rescheduled.
3. Ward Plan – a date has yet to be confirmed
4. 10 Year Celebration – This was reported as a very successful event
  - a. One concern was reported that there had been a lot of food wasted – **THIS WAS NOT** the case but as with most events there was a small amount of food left which was given over to regular uses of the club the event was held in
5. More information is forthcoming on the re-wilding areas and seed distribution

**The minutes were accepted as a true copy of the meeting**

**Treasurers Report** – was accepted as a true copy

#### **Environmental Caretakers**

Micheal reported that he had just returned to work after his injury and was catching up with all the team

Lee asked if the group knew of any areas that needed attention – various areas were mentioned including a Clean-up of work on New Lodge Green – Mondal Crescent pathways were mentioned and snickets around the area – areas need booking in

It was asked if there was any scope to work with the local Litter Pickers and it was discussed that we need to add the local litter pickers' routes etc to our Ward Plan

#### **Forth Coming Events**

**Halloween (Monsal Cres)** Plans are well on the way all publicity has gone out locally and the plan for the day is sorted -Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 12 – 2pm

The New Lodge Clean Up team will be in attendance to help on the day and Janine will judge all the competitions

**Christmas 2023** – Cllr Tattersall has coordinated with The Community Shop and St Helens Church and it has been agreed that we will have Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Community Shop and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Helens Church

The Ward Alliance now needs to coordinate the program for the two events

Local schools to be asked if they would like to perform at both venues – Athersley South and Laithes for St Helens Church ACTION **CLAIRE NOCK AND KATH BOSTWICK** and Athersley North at The Community Shop ACTION **MICHELLE COOPER/Cllr LEECH**

There will be no event this year at New Lodge Community Centre as they are having a refurbishment program on the centre

### **Memory Tree**

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we needed more research and information for a new venue

Wesleyan Church on Wakefield Road – **ACTION KATH BOSTWICK**

St Helens Church – **ACTION – Cllr TATTERSALL**

This is to be discussed at the next Ward Alliance Meeting

### **Any Other Business**

- We are still looking for additional members for The St Helens Ward Alliance **ACTION ALL**
- The St Helens Performance Report was handed out –All members to read and We will Feed back at the next meeting **ACTION ALL**

**Date of the next Meeting will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**4pm Roundhouse Library**