

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report apprise the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance

- 4.1 Dearne North Ward Alliance was held on teams due to lack of availability with all 3 Cllrs and the community reps on the dates set earlier in the year.

Ward Alliance finance – 3 applications were submitted with recommendations for 1 application for partial payment on proviso of more information is gathered, the other was paid by their working funds partial payment with the final application being declined.

Group updates took place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through the Autumn & winter months. The community development officer supported the alliance members on running through several ideas for winter projects but with lack of volunteers and ideas this was not feasible and agreed at the meeting to run anything. Ideas around hampers was taken away for further costings and work for the officer supporting the Alliance.

Many projects are already taking place in which the Alliance did not want to duplicate on this.

All agreed to membership recruitment for 2024 to start in January with some marketing of the alliance and the work that's been previously done and funded in the past.

Next meeting previous dates have been amended due to 2 elected members no longer available.

4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on Tuesday 25th September 2023 at Heathercourt flats in Bolton on Dearne.

Guest speaker was Richard Snaith from Humankind who gave a brief introduction about his work on mental health and young people in the Dearne South community – running one to one session on a weekly basis from the Factory in Goldthorpe.

Ward Alliance funding – no funding applications were submitted.

The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend.

Projects were discussed around the Christmas on he Square and winter warmth provision. The Alliance agreed to fund a Christmas event on St Andrews Square due to the folding of a local community group lasty year to ensure the community had some community cohesion and celebrate Christmas. Discussions took place around initiatives that could be provided and run by the ward alliance due to low numbers attending the Community Development Officer had to work on sending around the information and bringing the results to the next meeting in November.

Group updates were given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne South.

4.3 The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

Appendix One: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

Appendix two: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes

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