

Brierley

Great Houghton

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MEETING NOTES		
Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance	
Date & Time:	Monday, 9 October 2023 (10am – 12pm)	
Location:	Outwood Academy, Shafton	
Chair:	Cllr Ashley Peace	
Minutes:	Gill Holland (Secretary)	
Attendee's:	Apologies:	
Paul Archer, Cllr Ruth Booker, Brenda Doyle, Cllr Jeff Ennis, Darryl Hand (CDO), Gill Holland, Peter Makinson, Cllr Ashley Peace, Deborah Pearson	Deborah Hanson Linda Knight Rev Christine Moorey Elsie Smith	
Guests		
<p>Lisa Phelan, Area Manager, North East Area Council Five students and a member of staff from Outwood Academy, Shafton joined the meeting as part of their learning about the Ward Alliance and its role and responsibilities within the community. The students were encouraged to participate with questions and suggestions and the terminology and procedures were explained at different points during the meeting.</p>		
Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members and students introduced themselves and the Chair opened the meeting. The Chair began by giving some background to the ward alliance.</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Deborah Hanson, Linda Knight, Rev Christine Moorey, Elsie Smith.</p> <p>3. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests</p> <p>No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were raised.</p>		

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<p>4. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>4.1 DH to follow up regarding the Craft Group finances. Complete</p> <p>Update: DH confirmed that the Craft Group are no longer meeting. It was agreed that monies would not be clawed back due to some historical issues. It was confirmed that organisations and groups are made aware at the beginning of the funding process that if a group discontinues meeting or an event does not take place then they will have to return any unused funding monies.</p> <p>6.1 DH to liaise with Grassroots regarding the detail of the half-term provision – Ongoing.</p> <p>Update: DH is meeting with Bruce Dyer from Love Life Stadium this afternoon to talk about the plan for the half-term provision for each village.</p> <p>6.2 DH to contact David Aitchison from the band to get more background information and continue to work with Stephanie Holden Rhodes regarding ongoing funding. – Complete</p> <p>Update: DH has been in contact with the Grimethorpe District Band and found out more information about their original request. Thirty of the band members are from the NE area and out of the seven people taking the exams, five are from the NE area.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that DH should contact the group and explore the possibility of self-funding the exams and suggest that the WAF is resubmitted to request help for band instruments.</p> <p>9.1 DH to meet with the Great Houghton Litter Picking Group to discuss the rationale for the allocated centers for Purple Bags and Reporting. – Ongoing</p> <p>Update: This has been rescheduled for mid-November due to annual leave.</p> <p>9.2 Letter of thanks to be sent on behalf of the WA to Father Tom - Complete – Letter sent to Father Tom.</p> <p>5. Finance</p> <p>5.1 The statement of expenditure was updated by DH and circulated with the agenda.</p>	<p>4.1 DH to contact the band for discussion about future funding and the possibility of resubmitting the WAF.</p>	<p>DH</p>
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<p>Core Funding: Total Spent £19,378.57 remaining £5706.98. Working Fund: Total Spent £2,935.95 remaining £1,089.05.</p> <p>5.2 It was noted that the only change to funding is due to a deduction of £580 for the Grassroots half-term provision.</p> <p>6 Christmas Events</p> <p>The group discussed possible Christmas Events across the four villages and the students suggested including things like craft/food stalls, talent competitions and games.</p> <p>DH explained that he will be meeting with the students each week to continue the work of planning the Christmas events.</p> <p>AP outlined that £3000 has been ringfenced for Christmas events across the four villages in the North East Ward. The cost of Christmas tree with installation is approximately £600 leaving £150 remaining for other Christmas events in each of the four areas. After discussion it was agreed that each village will receive a further £250 from Ward Alliance Funding.</p> <p>Sloppy Slippers/Winter Warmth Packs</p> <p>It was discussed and concluded that the Sloppy Slipper Events and Winter Warmth Packs are most valuable when “piggy-backed” on to other events such as <i>More Money in Your Pocket</i> events or the weekly Darby and Joan club in Shafton Club.</p> <p>It was agreed that £250 will be allocated to each village for Winter Warmth Packs and at the same time members will try to source items for the packs and get costings for slippers/oodies. Students also suggested asking people in the community to help by supplying items for the packs and possibility approaching craft groups to knit/crochet blankets etc.</p> <p>Noted that a new round of Housing Support Grant and support for people on prepayment meters is going to be available over the coming months and it would be helpful to promote this information across the North East communities including at some of the Christmas events and through the Dial service. Lisa Phelan explained that she is the central point of contact for Dial and the work that they are doing across all of the North</p>	<p>6.1 PM to look at sourcing items for the packs from companies in the community.</p> <p>6.2 DH to cost the price of slippers and oodies.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>DH</p>
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East and she will be obtaining some interim monitoring information in mid-October which can be then shared with all the ward alliances.

7 Ramp Up / Sports Van Summer Update

DH gave a comparison of the attendance figures for Ramp Up and the Grassroots Sports Van over this past summer which helps inform decisions about the cost effectiveness of each of the programmes.

Ramp Up ran 14 sessions across all of the North East with 96 people attending, giving an average of 6 people per session. In comparison, the Sports Van had 101 people attending the four sessions in the North East ward giving an average of 25 people per session.

It was agreed that the provision is something that we will look to do again next year. Advertising for the events could be done through the usual media channels etc but also by using lamppost banners and advertising in schools and the students themselves producing the advertising materials. There is now a Community Link person in school who will be a valuable resource for this.

8 Hanging Baskets 2024

DH advised that the provision of Hanging Baskets across Barnsley is currently going through the procurement process. It was noted that Brierley will no longer be continuing to organise Hanging Baskets for the village. It was agreed that the NE Ward Alliance would advertise and facilitate this scheme going forward and seek sponsorship. It was also discussed that students could be involved in the setting up and maintaining of some of the planters across the villages.

9. Outstanding Monitoring

- Grimethorpe Gala – Jolly good Communities - **Ongoing**
- BRG – Summer fete – **Ongoing**
- Pins and Needles - Equipment – **Ongoing**

10. AOB

- **Meeting dates for 2024**

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<p>DH will be looking at dates for the Ward Alliance meetings in 2024. It was agreed that meetings will be held every 6-8 weeks from 2024 onwards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Alliance Bank Account AP is looking at alternatives as the Co-Op is no longer a possibility. 10-year celebration event Reminder that the event has been rescheduled and will take place on Thursday, 16 November 2023 at West Green Club, Monk Bretton, S71 2PD, 6.30pm – 10.30pm. Facebook Page All Members have access to the North East Ward Alliance Facebook page. It is a good place to post information about upcoming events and celebrate the work of the Ward Alliance. www.facebook.com/North East Ward Alliance Eventually all dates for events will be published on the Facebook page to prevent scheduling overlaps. To note “Shaftenbury” will take place on Saturday, 30 June 2024 in Shafton. The University of the Third Age (U3A) Lisa Phelan advised a representative from U3A has requested to join one of the meetings to discuss the work of the U3A. DH will schedule this for a future meeting. <p style="text-align: center;">Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 14 November 2024, 10am – 12pm Venue: Welfare Hall, Great Houghton</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">Minutes Approved by:</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">Date:</p>	<p>17 October 2023</p>	