

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises 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 Tuesday 14th November at the Rainbow Centre in Thurnscoe.

Ward Alliance finance – 1 application was resubmitted due to lack of information from the previous submission. Goldthorpe Library application was agreeing to split the funding with Dearne South Ward Alliance to help support the engagement work to improve the footfall into the libraries.

Group updates took place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through the winter months and the Christmas activities for all the community. No plans were agreed for the Ward Alliance to run any events due to capacity of workloads from the ward alliance members all full volunteer work and personal health issues.

All agreed for renewal on memberships and more 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, also update of the action plan to work against the priorities from April 2024 – March 2025

Next meeting January – March all set.

4.2 Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting took place on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at Heathercourt flats in Bolton on Dearne.

Ward Alliance funding – applications submitted from Goldthorpe Library, Santa’s Grotto for the Christmas on the Square due to lack of indoor facilities – both agreed and fully supported.

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

Christmas on the Square project was actioned and pencilled in for future meeting to run through roles and responsibilities.

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

All agreed to start with new recruitment and update the action plan for 2024 to ensure the right priorities were made and potentially put a budget towards each category with limitations of the amount funded to ensure all monies spent will be against the top projects and initiatives.

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 South ward Alliance meeting notes
Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

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