

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 15th January 2024**

Agenda Item: 8

**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 requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to the 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 November and December 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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3rd January 2024

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance

Tuesday 14th November 2023 – 6 PM

Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor

Rebecca Battye - North Area Team

Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man

Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident

Helen Altun – Secretary

David Hilton – Green space

David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

1. Apologies

None

An announcement was made at the start of the meeting to say that Councillor Mat Crisp had resigned from his position last Friday. The position will be replaced in May 2024. Until May 2024 there will be two Darton East Ward Councillors.

A letter was also read out from a member of the ward alliance Caroline Hague giving her official resignation from the Darton East Ward Alliance. Councillor Richard Denton will be writing to Caroline to thank her for her contribution to the Darton East Ward alliance group.

2. Declarations of Interest – A member explained they had a declaration of interest for the Christmas lights application and would step out during this funding discussion.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising.

The topic discussed in the last meeting's any other business regarding painting art work on to the open reach green boxes in the area. A similar project was run in the Kingstone ward. A member explained they would ask Darton primary school and the women's institute if they would like to get involved. A professional artist could also do the work but if this option was chosen there would be a cost involved.

5. Financial Update

£5877.20 total.

£2755.60 match funding.

£3121.60 none match funding.

6. Applications for Funding

St John's on stage £762.50. Approved.

The questions put to St John's from the last meeting were read out. Some of the profits go towards the church roof and the rest will go to Louies pace and Barnsley Hospice. Other avenues for funding should be considered for further funding.

Opal's Women's Institute £620.00 Approved

Members would be interested to know if the group is growing. Members also said they would like to know if they have looked at other avenues for funding.

FOMAS Christmas lights - £1500.00 – Approved.

The ward alliance group have previously asked for a spending report from FOMAS. This has now been circulated. There is currently a constitution. They are currently using the Greenspace bank account. A former member explained there is a chair, secretary and a treasurer and other members in the group. FOMAS will also welcome new members to the group. A member suggested for next year it might be an idea to ask if people or businesses would like to sponsor the lights if any extra funds were required. FOMAS could also look to other avenues for funding.

7. Ward Action Plan

The children's disco for Halloween went well and was well attended and the Christmas disco will go ahead on the 8th of December at Mapplewell village hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Selection boxes have been ordered.

Litter picking went well last weekend and the clean and green team have been very effective.

The third local history board has gone up in the area on Sackup Lane. The fourth one will be going up in Woolley Colliery village and the fifth one will go up on Fountain Close. The sixth one may go up in Darton West.

These have been funded by principal towns.

The Darton history group have put together all of the information for the boards.

8. Environmental contract

Councillor Richard Denton is now on the steering group for the environmental contract in replacement of Mat Crisp. Any feedback can be given via the steering group.

The environmental clean team have been given areas to cover.

There have been lots of praise for the environmental clean team.

Members from our group go out with them on a Wednesday in our area.

It seems to be working well although more volunteers are needed.

Dates already booked are on

6th December meeting at Staincross WMC.

20th December meeting at Woolley Colliery village.

9. Health and Wellbeing Event

The event went very well. Only three stands did not turn up. Approx 130 to 150 people attended. Lots of positive feedback was given about the event. Lots of people who attended got lots of information and help.

All the hygiene packs and food vouchers were given out.

A big thank you goes to Gez for organising the whole event which takes a lot of time and effort.

Thanks also to Teresa and Steve for helping and Nick and Caroline at the village hall.

10. Christmas

The sub group had just had a meeting regarding Christmas and the events taking place and everything seems to be in place.

11. Community Summer Gala

A member attended a Voice for Darton meeting and the members there were interested in working with a group from Darton East to put on a summer gala. It was suggested it could be bi-annual. One summer in Darton and one summer in Mapplewell.

This will be taken to the Darton West ward alliance tomorrow. If they are in favour of the idea a sub group can be set up. The sub group could consist of members from voice of Darton, Darton East and West ward alliance's and also members of the community incorporating the people who have already been involved with previous gala events.

The St Helens ward alliance will also have lots of experience in this area.

12. AOB

A member explained to the group that at St Helen's ward alliance applications for funding groups come to the ward alliance and present to the ward alliance group a short presentation about them and why they would like funding, They also answer any questions the ward alliance group may have. This process could be taken forward by the Darton East ward alliance group if members would like to take this forward.

This idea was brought up several years ago and it would stop us going back and forwards with questions we may have about applications for funding.

It would help if the group had more time to look at applications before the meeting then any questions answered could be sent and answered beforehand.

The chair said they would come up with a process to follow with the help of others in the group.

A member asked if the chairs of the Ward Alliances in Barnsley had got together to discuss and share ideas. This currently hasn't happened but could be something to consider.

Agenda item to be added for the next meeting for a further discussion.

The North Area council have said they may have found another supplier for next summer's hanging baskets.

A big thank you to go out to everyone involved in the remembrance day on Sunday.

Meeting closed. 7.16pm

13. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 6pm.

Tuesday 12th December 2023 – 6 PM
Face to face meeting.

Present:

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor
David Hilton – Green space
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Councillor Richard Denton had sent apologies for this meeting, so Councillor Steve Hunt chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest –None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Financial Update

£2994.70 total.
£0.00 match funding.
£2994.70 none match funding.

6. Applications for Funding – None.

7. Ward Action Plan

The Facebook page and website are ongoing.

The Christmas disco was sold out. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the disco and the caretaker Ian for the goody bags he put together which were greatly appreciated.

Some of the Ward alliance members have been litter picking with the environmental caretakers. The dates have been set for January and have been sent to Rosie. The dates need to be publicised, so Rebecca agreed to chase this up. The ward alliance would like to do more than litter picking.

The path behind Foster's bakery is ready for cutting back.

The health and wellbeing event went well, and the event resulted in someone who attended finding out they needed tablets for their blood pressure. Before the event they had no idea.

8. Environmental contract

If anything needs completing by the environmental caretakers, it needs to be done through the formal channels. The spreadsheet with areas that they already cover will be looked at and areas of concern can be added to it.

Some of the Christmas trees in our area are tilting and they will be sorted out in the next 48 hours.

Michael is now back with the Environmental caretaker team on a phased return. Sammy will go back to his role in neighbourhood services.

An apprentice called Oliver has started and made a good start.

The plantings have been completed and the cut through from Kingsway to Croft Close. The path that runs at the side of the working men's club has also been completed.

Areas which are being reported through the correct channel are being completed and being completed to a good standard.

Paths need to be completed now before spring.

Fly tipping is being removed too.

The sessions with the environmental care takers can be advertised on the Ward Alliance Facebook page and a member of the Ward Alliance group was happy to do this.

Woolley colliery village and Dearne Street will be looked at and completed before Christmas.

9. Christmas

The first event at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall went very well. Santa and Maple Bear were there. Everything for the switch on event worked well and nearly every business in the village sponsored the beer festival. 1000 glasses were ordered and they all went. It was very well attended. Some people from Sheffield who attended the event said they went to a lot of beer festivals and the Mapplewell one was one of the best they had been to.

A suggestion was put forward for the beer festival to start a little bit later next year as the member's of the pop in club felt rushed to leave the village hall for the beer festival to start. Someone also fell and needed to go to hospital from the pop in club. Members of the pop in club pay every week to come and attend the pop in club. The benches had already been put out too which were not ideal to sit on for the members of the pop in club. This feedback will be provided to FOMAS.

The Woolley colliery event went well despite the bad weather. There was a glitch with the lights and a few things to take away to make the event even better next year. The PA system could not be used due to the weather. Everyone appreciated it and enjoyed it and a big thanks went out to everyone involved.

10. Community Summer Gala

A member attended a Voice for Darton meeting and the members there were interested in working with a group from Darton East to put on a summer gala.

It was suggested it could be bi-annual. One summer in Darton and one summer in Mapplewell.

The idea has also been mentioned to the Darton West ward alliance.

It was suggested that a public meeting could be held to see what interest it would get from volunteers.

The event could be held in the park. Paperwork would have to be completed and it can be expensive.

It would have to be decided what the money raised for such an event would be used for. The last event in Darton was not put on to raise money it was just put on for the community.

11.AOB

A member explained they had issued an email to ward alliance members on 24/11/23 regarding the quality of the WA grant application form. They asked if the application form could be amended. It was explained that the content of the form is consistent across the Borough and has been approved by BMBC's cabinet. But this suggestion can be fed back.

The groups who apply for funding do submit bank statements and more stringent checks are done behind the scenes for any funding applications.

The Women's institute group is growing.

A member explained they were working locally to put on a level 1 and 2 horticulture course on. This will tie in with the community activities that take place. It will be mainly targeted at the unemployed or people on a low wage. They will get a qualification at the end of it. A member asked if they could potentially take on some of the planters in the area that weren't being looked after now.

A member explained they had joined the Berneslai homes board as a member. They will try to get them more engaged in our community. Not many of the tenants tend to go to the events they put on and communication seems to be an issue.

Litter bin update – A member said they had a meeting at the end of October with the officer in charge and they have been in touch again this week. Any new litter bins are now due from the supplier and will be installed during the Christmas period. Some bins will be moved.

All the purple bin bags being left out are getting filled. The purple bags though can look messy.

In 2019 the council did a cost cutting exercise and decided to remove and reduce some litter bins. Now some extra money has been put in to put some extra bins in the area.

The wheelie bin has gone from the layby near the golf course.

A member passed on thanks from Caroline for her letter she received from the Ward Alliance after her resignation.

Meeting closed.

12. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 9th January at 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 15th November 2023

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

Apologies: None

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 The minutes of the meeting Monday 16th October 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to chase up quotes for repair of Ward Notice Boards.

Rebecca to speak with Highways to look at costings for reciting of planters at Dayhouse Way.

Rebecca to chase up payment for work done on the Milestone at Redbrook.

Rebecca to follow up costings and provision of hanging baskets for 2024 Summer displays.

Rebecca to speak with Bernaslai Homes Officer re: Winter pack provision for residents at Claycliffe/Redbrook and update Councillors ASAP.

Rebecca to speak with management of Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre re their Christmas Programme.

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Fr Tim Stevens re: possible Choir for Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre Christmas event.

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with management of Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre early 2024.

Cllr Alice Cave to send photographs of Dayhouse Way Environmental Group to Richard for circulation to Ward members.

Cllr Trevor Cave to update any programmes with Barugh Green Primary School as and when available.

Rebecca to send dates of Ward Christmas Tree installations to Richard who will then circulate to Ward members.

Rebecca to collate all dates and times of Ward Christmas events send to Richard who will circulate to Ward members.

Shelly to send dates of Oliver production to Richard who will circulate to Ward members.

Shelly to contact Paul Beaumont (VFD) re: arrangements for Darton Academy students' involvement at Darton Christmas Lights switch on.

Ann to contact Shelly and Liam re: possible date for Oliver rehearsal production for designated groups of the local Community.

Liam to inform members of Butterflies of date and venue of Oliver rehearsal production.

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 £5,922.92.

6 WAF applications.

Redbrook Tara not supported

Darton Events Group not supported

7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024 Update

Rebecca gave an update of current provision and procurement.

8 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events and update

Rebecca updated Ward members of Christmas programme and will keep all informed.

9 Darton Stars Awards 2024 Update

Stars Sub Group to meet,

Thursday 30th November 2023 at 10.00 am at Darton Academy

10 Darton West Asset List Update

Nothing to report

A.O.B.

John raised issue of high levels of traffic using Hermit Lane, Gawber

Rebecca and Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of possible funding arrangements for 2024/2025

Christina raised concerns re: lack of public bus service in Kexbrough and Darton.

Shelly informed Darton students available to attend Darton Christmas lights switch on.

Christina raised idea of Bi Annual Summer Event.

The Chair, Cllr Alice Cave thanked all members for their contributions and wished everyone best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 15th January 2024 at 5.00 pm, at the Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:



14th November 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village Notes of the Meeting

Attendance: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Pat Braithwaite, James Crampton, Gillian Nixon, Lee Swift

Apologies: Lyn Gregg, Tina Burke, Cllr Lofts

1. Introductions

- Introductions were given and Lee promised to provide one of the new member induction packs at the next meeting

Action: Lee to sort out induction pack for Gill

2. Date and Times of Meetings / Venues

- Cllr Newing explained that we will be at the sports centre again for the next meeting, but that the Honeywell Community Centre should be available from January for use.
- **The meeting will still be on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm**

3. Matters Arising

- Based on the actions from the previous meeting, the following updates not included in agenda items are:
- Pat visited St Mary's and Wilthorpe Primary to agree spring bulb planting. They were both happy with this.
- Lee still to send out the rough dates for the Community Caretakers.

Action: Lee to send round rough dates for Environmental Caretakers

4. Financial Update

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

5. Funding Bids

Cat Rescue

- Lee did investigate the other bids from the cat rescue. They were funded by one other Ward Alliance. In addition, they confirmed that they put their own money to it significantly, and therefore the money asked is low.
- John Love said that they had a charity number registered, but it was for a completely different cause which made the bid suspect.

- Members felt that the steps the charity took to help the cats were going to be ineffective in the long term, and that public money would be better spent helping improve the Community cohesion of old town rather than the short term benefit of animals.
- After discussion, a vote was taken and whilst Gillian and Councillor Pickering voted for, others voted against. It was therefore decided that the bid would be declined.

Brettas Park Christmas Event

- A bid to hold a full Christmas event at Brettas Park was put forward by the local Neighbourhood Watch. This is outside the costs for the trees that were approved last month. This bid will include entertainment, crafts and selection boxes that will really help bring the community together and provide a good Christmas spirit.
- Members suggested that they would like this event in the future to be more sustainable, but agreed to approve it, minus the cost for contingencies and sundries that were requested.

Environmental Working Budget

- A bid for a small amount of money was asked for, to be held by the North Area Team
- This budget would be used to provide litter pickers to community representatives that asked for them, and to respond quickly to environmental priorities such as repairs etc.
- It was approved

6. Christmas Events 2023

Hudd Rd

- Lee approached Emmanuel Church to ask if they were willing to host refreshments following the switch on. They declined this.
- Similarly, Pat asked Wilthorpe Primary if they would like to bring a choir to this, but with it being out of school time, they also declined.
- It was agreed instead to use Wilthorpe Park as a venue and drop the time to 3.30pm to assist in getting children from school.
- The new date of Monday 4th December at 3.30pm was agreed.

Action: Pat to help Lee advertise and prepare the venue

Summer Lane

- Gillian confirmed that the Old School house are happy to host as a venue for this switch on.
- Equally, it was agreed to look at involving the local schools in this.
- After discussion, it was agreed to look at creating some activities to help pass the time until the switch on happens.
- A date of Thursday 7th December at 3.30pm was agreed

Action: Gillian and Lee to visit Old School House and Summer Lane Primary

7. Summer Gala 2024

- Pat announced that Friends of Wilthorpe Park had just been awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service.
- She suggested that in thanks to this, the Friends group would like to host a royal themed garden party for the community in the summer of 2024.
- It was agreed to look at this in the new year, to see if there was any overlap with the Ward Alliance goals of a summer gala.

8. Community Pantry

- Lee explained that the venue for the community pantry was in the process of being cleared.
- He said that they are currently costing out glass fronted fridges, freezers and having the funding return finalised so the money could be agreed.
- He is currently arranging a meeting with Fareshare to identify food distribution for this.
- A great volunteer has agreed to help out on this, so it's envisaged this will be up and running early in the new year.

9. Ward Plan

- All were asked to look at the Ward Plan before the next meeting to familiarise themselves with it

Action: All to familiarise with the Ward Plan content for next meeting

10. Any Other Business

John Hallows

- Lee announced that John Hallows OBE had passed away recently, and would be missed
- John Love asked in light of this, if someone was taking over the operation of the community-based cameras that were funded via Old Town and asked if we could retrieve them
- Lee explained that the money was awarded as grant funding, so the cameras would unlikely be able to be brought back to the Ward Alliance as they would stay with the Neighbourhood Watch

Insurance

- Bill thanked the Ward Alliance for the approval of the insurance moneys. He said that the insurance for 2024 would likely be more expensive.
- Nevertheless, all agreed it was worthwhile looking into

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 12th December 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village.



12th December 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village Notes of the Meeting

Attendance: Cllr Newing (Chair), Bill Gaunt, Pat Braithwaite, Lee Swift

Apologies: Tina Burke, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Pickering, John Love, James Crampton, Gillian Nixon

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

2. Date and Times of Meetings / Venues

- It was noted that this would be the last Ward Alliance meeting at Honeywell Sports Village, and that future meetings would be at Honeywell Community Centre.
- **The meetings will remain on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm**

3. Matters Arising

- Lee sent around the dates for Community Caretaker activity in Old Town for December.

4. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £10,552.41 with a single bid to be discussed.

5. Funding Bids

AWL Group

- The AWL group was part of Emmanuel Church and were asking for £950 to fund a range of different items, including paying for new music from a military band, refreshments for an event, and rent and equipment for a knitting group. All these activities will take place within Emmanuel Church.
- Concern was raised about the need for multiple amounts of refreshments at significant cost per time, but it was understood that these refreshments will last a total of 12 months.
- There was also issues raised at the fact that the bid asks for payment for military band who have been hired in to obtain sheet music, but the church will not necessarily see access to that again without further hiring of the band.

- After discussion, a vote was taken and whilst there are some concerns, it was agreed to pay the amount asked for. Stipulation was added however, that this request for paying for sheet music will not be applied for again.
- Based on this, the full amount was approved

6. Christmas Events 2023

Huddersfield Rd

- This event was very well attended for Old Town, and was welcome, especially as previous years have struggled with this particular venue.
- It was felt that the change of the event time to 3.30pm had a big effect on that, as well as the serving of hot drinks.
- The downside of the event was that there were so many people it became a little chaotic, and because of the heavy rain, not many people stayed for the actual light switch on.
- Debate was held as to whether we have a switch on next year, or just keep the event running in the park and have it as serving drinks.
- Based on the turnout, the Ward Alliance felt very happy about doing it again, next year, and thanked members of the Friends of Wilthorpe Park for coming along and supporting it – they were absolutely vital!

Summer Lane

- The Summer Lane switch on likewise encountered heavy rain, but thankfully had the support of the Old School House to fall back on.
- Because of the wet weather, the attendance was not as big as it would otherwise have been, but it actually allowed us a chance to hold a relaxed Christmas craft session with the kids as well as a fun sing along.
- It was suggested that next year, we approach Summer Lane Primary School early and encourage them to have a choir, as young people attending will draw in parents and family members.
- Equally, the use of the Old School House went down well, and future activities there would be very useful

Action: Gillian and Lee to visit Old School House and Summer Lane Primary in Spring /Summer 2024

7. Summer Gala 2024

- Following on from Pat's intention to organise and host a celebration for the Kings Award for Voluntary Service at Wilthorpe Park next summer, Bill Gaunt announced that he had other community members also interested in resurrecting the Old Town Carnival.
- Historically the Carnival was in June but we can look at changing the date for this, as it often clashed with Father's Day.

Action: Bill and John to work with Jo Battye to arrange a future date for the Old Town Carnival

8. Community Pantry

- Lee explained that the venue for the community pantry is almost cleared, and a storage cupboard is being ordered for the craft group.
- A meeting is arranged for 14th Dec with Berneslai Homes and Healthier Communities to look at final arrangements.
- Fareshare have the application for food delivery and are reviewing it after Christmas
- A great volunteer has agreed to help out on this, so it's envisaged this will be up and running early in the new year.

Action: Lee to meet with Berneslai Homes and Healthier Communities

9. Ward Plan

- Looking at the Ward Plan, some of the actions were being progressed, including:
- Tinkers pond is being worked on with Wardens in terms of fly tipping
- Pogy Pickers are ongoing with their routes for litter picking.
- The establishment of the community pantry is part of the plan as above

- Ward Alliance members discussed the focus of activity around helping create a dementia friendly Ward being something to focus on.
- Bill agreed to contact BIADS / Emma White to help arrange some Dementia friendly training.
- Support services for the elderly can then be brought in as part of the Pantry provision or Emmanuel

Action: Bill to contact BIADS / Emma White re: Dementia Friendly training

10. Community Caretakers

- Members were asked to provide any information for areas to the Ward to assist with cleaning up / improving.
- Pat mentioned about the small fir tree being re-located by the team from Warner Ave to Wilthorpe Park. This tree is a little exposed where it is, so arrangements will be made to re-locate it further to a more populated part of the Park.

11. Any Other Business

Insurance

- Further to Bill asking if we wanted the public event insurance, he informed us that the cost would be significantly higher for 2024.
- Nevertheless, all agreed it was worthwhile looking into

Action: Lee to send Bill a new Ward Alliance application form

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 9th January 2024, 6.30pm, **Honeywell Community Centre**

Appendix Four:

St Helens Ward Alliance

Thursday 30th November 2023, 4pm, Roundhouse Library

Notes of the Meeting

Present

CHAIR Cllrs Neil Wright

Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Cllr Dave Leech

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

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

- Welcomes and Introductions
- Minutes of the previous meeting

Topics discussed

Halloween Event – This was seen as a huge success

KB handed over all receipts and asked for the costings of the event

Cllr NW spoke about the event returning to New Lodge as that's where it started – this was discussed at length – the strategic issues and costings may rise

MC and SG spoke of the possibility of two Halloween events – One in New Lodge and one in Athersley South

ACTION – Cllr NW to talk to the New Lodge Group to discuss the for event next year

Christmas Activities – all activities are currently on target

Memory Tree – KB spoke to Wesleyan Church unfortunately this is now up for sale so is unavailable.

Cllr NW – asked if Hammertons Funeral Home would be able to host the event – The group believed they already did a similar event so this would also be unavailable

Cllr ST reported that Father Peter from St Helens Church would do an event around the memory Tree but this would need planning. This could be done on All Souls Day for 2024 or possibly prior to the Switch on **ACTION CLLR TATTERSHALL**

All Primary schools had confirmed they were available to support the Christmas Tree Light switch Ons

Switch on events

Tuesday 5th December – Community Shop

Selection Boxes - Buffet and Athersley North children's choir will be in attendance

Wednesday 6th December St Helens Church

Selection Boxes - Refreshments and Athersley South and Laithes Lane Childrens choirs will be in attendance

Lee to check if there are enough selectin boxes for the young people whop attend Ad Astra as they are not getting a Light switch on this year due to the refurbishment program

Cllr NW gave information to the group about the plans for the Sleigh Ride around the area

Previous Funding Applications

Pat Padget asked for a monitoring form for the funding and reported that the Guides excursion had been a great success **ACTION LEE SWIFT**

Lee confirmed that the Barnsley Bowl volunteers had participated in the First Aid Training

Treasurers Report

Lee Swift gave a comprehensive Financial Statement

Performance Report

This will be forwarded to be discussed at the Ward Plan meeting in the New Year

ACTION LEE SWIFT

Junior Tykes

SG asked for information about their application - All the funds are set to go but we are still waiting for some additional information before the funds will be awarded

Cllr DL informed the group that planning permission has been issued and they are just waiting for a start date

Funding Applications

Lee informed the group that there may be an application coming in from Romero

Environmental Application for the ward

£1000 was awarded and all spending had to be cleared by the elected officers

Athersley Cares – Cllr DL declared an interest

£283.75 Was awarded for events with their Men's Mental Health Support Group

Additional Issues Discussed

Cllr ST asked for an update on the Roundhouse Library Kitchen

Lee updated the meeting –

- Household Support Grant had been accessed to purchase equipment for the kitchen but they were still awaiting a few more items
- Ad Astra have been overseeing the use of the kitchen
- Lee is producing an induction pack for all users
- Current users – Ad Astra – Romero NAC for Coffee Mornings – Age Concern have requested more information and are interested in using the facilities
- Once everything is in place Environmental Health will complete their inspection

KB had concerns that it would become a Community Café only which would be in competition with local businesses in the area – she was assured that was not the intention for the use of the kitchen

Cllr NW asked about any Easter / Spring events proposed – the only thing currently on the agenda is the Great British Spring Clean and Seed planting

SG asked if we could do an Easter event in the library using the kitchen facilities – maybe an Egg Hunt in the grounds

CLlr ST asked about the timing and use of the kitchen once Ad Astrea had returned to their centre – Ad Astra are looking at the possibility of continuing to use the library facilities one day per week

KB asked what Holiday Provision have we had in the area for the young people – The group fed back on a list of provision that had been delivered throughout the year

Environmental Caretakers

The team are currently busy doing all the Christmas Trees in all the North area

CLlr ST asked if Newstead Road - Laxton Road to Beeston Square - Laithes Lane Crossing to Arnold Avenue and Sutton Avenue were still on the list **ACTION LEE SWIFT TO CONFIRM WITH THE CARETAKERS**

Any Other Business

CLlr ST and CLlr NW discussed a bin request for Rotherham Road – Maybe there can be a bin relocation **ACTION CLLR ST / CLLR NW**

KB asked if it was possible to organise a Spring (May) event for the Monsall Crescent area

SG enquired about the bin on Derwent Road/ Peveril Crescent area – this keeps getting moved – Could it be moved completely or permanently fixed **ACTION CLLR ST**

SG asked about the Chatsworth Road Crossing onto Laithes Lane – this is very difficult and could be dangerous

CLlr ST talked about the concerns at the roundabout as well

ACTION CLLR DL TO LOOK AT THE ROAD SAFETY PLAN

CLlr ST enquired as to when the group are going to address the Ward Alliance Ground Rules – The group decided we would look at them at the upcoming Planning Day **ACTION LEE SWIFT**

Everyone was wished a peaceful festive period and the meeting closed

Date of the Next meeting: Thursday 11th January 2024, 4pm, Roundhouse Library