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MEETING NOTES		
Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance	
Date & Time:	Tuesday, 14 November 2023 (10am – 12pm)	
Location:	Welfare Hall, Great Houghton	
Chair:	Cllr Ashley Peace	
Minutes:	Gill Holland (Secretary)	
Attendee's:	Apologies:	
Paul Archer, Cllr Ruth Booker, Cllr Jeff Ennis, Darryl Hand (CDO), Allan Hampson, Gill Holland, Peter Makinson, Cllr Ashley Peace, Deborah Pearson, Anne Skelton, Elsie Smith	Deborah Hanson Linda Knight Rev Christine Moorey Brenda Doyle	
Guests		
Lynn Maloney – Invited to speak about the work of U3A.		
Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members introduced themselves and the Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Lynn Maloney from U3A.</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Deborah Hanson, Linda Knight, Rev Christine Moorey and Brenda Doyle</p> <p>3. U3A, Lynn Maloney</p> <p>Lynn introduced the work of U3A and explained that the organisation was established nationally 42 years ago and in Barnsley 27 years ago. There are currently approximately 1300 members in Barnsley and the U3A groups work alongside Barnsley Age UK and Barnsley Council. In some</p>		

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cases, U3A plan their own events but also take part in events arranged by other organisations.

Lynn advised that U3A are a charity and charge an annual membership fee of £12, plus an initial £5 administration fee. All the committee members and group leaders are volunteers. A donation of £1.50 is made by each member attending any indoor group for venue hire and some sports groups have an additional charge for venue hire. The Buzz is a quarterly magazine issued to Barnsley U3A members and is included in the membership fee. [Autumn Buzz 2023](#)

The Penistone U3A was cited as a particularly successful group and there is a desire to have increased representation in the North East area so there is a focus to advertise the work of U3A here. There is also a emphasis locally and nationally to gain younger members who are able to take over the leadership of some of the existing groups and establish new groups as well as a focus to have a more diverse demographic across the organisation as a whole.

Lynn shared that there are 125 activity groups in Barnsley [Home | Barnsley U3A](#) all run by volunteers, and include gardening, music, crafts, drama and literature groups. Whilst there is some element of learning in the groups, the organisation is trying to get away from the word university and one of the more important emphases is for members to have the opportunity to make friends and socialise with others from their local community.

U3A has also been involved with the project led by BOPPAA (Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance) to help map all the activity groups throughout the borough in order to increase the provision of physical activity programmes across Barnsley [Boppaa Activities](#).

Cllr Peace thanked Lynn for the presentation and the work of U3A was commended for their grassroots approach.

4. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

Peter Makinson and Cllr Ruth Booker declared an interest in the Ward Alliance Funding Application submitted by Shafton Parish Council.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

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4.1 DH to contact the Grimethorpe District Band for discussion about future funding and the possibility of resubmitting the WAF.

UPDATE: The CDO advised that there has been no further contact from the band despite requests for more information. It was agreed that this WAF will be rejected and taken off the list for consideration.

6.1 PM to look at sourcing items for the packs from companies in the community.

UPDATE: Ongoing

6.2 DH to cost the price of slippers and oodles

UPDATE: The students from Outwood Academy, Shafton are currently working on this as part of their organisation of Christmas events.

Hanging Baskets UPDATE: The tender process has been completed and a provider has been awarded the contract. More information to follow.

Ward Alliance Bank Account – UPDATE

The necessary paperwork has been submitted and we are now awaiting confirmation from the bank that the account is set up.

6. WAFS

Shafton Parish Council – Shaftonbury Music Festival

Appreciation was expressed with regards to the work of Shafton Parish Council in supporting groups and events in the community. Discussion was given to the funding request particularly in light of the Parish Council’s ability to raise a Parish Precept, current fund levels, the intent to donate any monies raised to charities, the question of the event’s sustainability and timing of the funding submission.

Decision: It was agreed that the funding request is rejected with the suggestion that it is resubmitted for consideration in the new financial year. It was also agreed that at a maximum the Ward Alliance would match fund the donation from Shafton Parish Council of £550.

St Michael’s & All Angels Church Great Houghton – Christmas Events

There was discussion regarding the need to be mindful of being inclusive of all faiths and religious groups in the events we plan in our communities.

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It was agreed that in this case that the gift of a children’s book telling the story of the first Christmas is appropriate.

Decision: Agreed funding in its entirety.

NEWA Christmas Events 2023

The CDO explained that this application has been submitted to account for the agreed monies of £3000 which have been ringfenced for Christmas events earlier in the year. The request also reflects the additional £1000 agreed at the last Ward Alliance Meeting.

Decision: Agreed that the application is funded in its entirety.

Great Houghton Methodist Church – Warm Space

The CDO advised that the Methodist Church has been successful in obtaining funding from Welcoming Space and Pride of Place in addition to having funds left from a previous request.

Decision: Agreed that the application is rejected since the request will be fulfilled by other funding streams.

AGE UK – Christmas Dinner – Email Funding Request

The CDO advised that he has had email contact from Barnsley Age UK requesting £50 from the North East Ward Alliance to help towards the cost of a Christmas two-course meal for 200 people, to be held on 13 December in the centre of Barnsley. Each Ward Alliance is being approached with the same request.

The value for money was discussed as the event will only benefit a few members of the North East area and it was also noted that Age UK do receive funding centrally. Historically members of our communities face various challenges in attending events in the centre of Barnsley so the uptake may be limited.

Decision: Agreed that the email funding request is rejected at this point until there is more information available. UPDATE: It was later agreed to give £50 from the Working Funding for this event as further information was provided.

7. Finance

7.1 The statement of expenditure was updated by the CDO and circulated with the agenda.

Core Funding: Total Spent £21,488.57 remaining £4370.98.

It was highlighted that the financial statement reflects a payment from Shafton Parish Council of £774.00 which is a repayment from 2021 for the Walking Maps Project.

Grassroots Academy expenditure has increased from £580 to £690 which reflects a payment for four inside venues necessary due to the bad weather. This had already been included as a contingency in the original WAF submission.

Working Fund: Total Spent £3,000.95 remaining £1,024.05.

The change reflects the cost of ten keys which have been purchased for the noticeboards across the Ward Alliance.

8. AOB

8.1 Young People’s Suggestions – Shafton Academy

The CDO commended the work of the students from Shafton Academy for organising the Christmas events. There have been some challenges with receiving emails, but all the posters and advertising for the events have been completed.

Cllr Peace advised that he has requested an opportunity for the group of students from Shafton Academy to visit the Town Hall and meet the Mayor of Barnsley to be thanked for their work. Members will be invited to attend the event.

8.2 DIAL Update for the North East Ward

We have received interim monitoring information from DIAL for the months of August and September 2023. There have been 18 people from the North East Ward who have made DIAL appointments. The breakdown by location is as follows:

Location	# of Appointments
Brierley	4
Great Houghton	7
Grimethorpe	6

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8.3 Community Noticeboards – Keyholders

Ten keys have been purchased for the community noticeboards and the CDO has a map of where they are located. Going forward members and volunteers from the North East Ward Alliances will have responsibility for updating the noticeboards and each member will have a key in addition to the CDO and three Councillors. This enables the CDO to send through updated/new information electronically so that members can print it off and update their own noticeboards.

Noted that the noticeboards are to be used for displaying community information and not advertising local businesses.

8.4 Grassroots Half Term Provision Data

The half-term provision went really well despite the weather, with 57 participants attending over the four days. The average age of participants is 10 years old. Noted that the number of girls attending decreased after the first session and that work needs to be done to look at other types of half-term provision so that a variety can be offered.

Location	# of Attendees
Brierley Methodist Church	10
Great Houghton Methodist Church	20
Brierley Methodist Church	12
Great Houghton Methodist Church	15

8.5 Christmas Events

Noted that volunteers will be needed for the Christmas Light Switch On events. It was agreed that any monies not spent from these events will be put towards providing mince pies and chocolates.

8.6 Printing Ward Alliance Meeting Papers

It was agreed that Ward Alliance Members will be responsible for printing their own papers for the meeting if needed and extra paper copies will no longer be provided at the meeting in order to cut down on paper waste.

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Meeting papers will be circulated as normal seven days before the next meeting so that members can familiarise themselves with the content of the documents. If this proves a difficulty for anyone please let the CDO/secretary know.

Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 16 January 2024

10am – 12pm

Venue: Brierley, TBC

Minutes Approved by:

Date: 30 November 2023