

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 6th November 2023 @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Will Fielding (Chair) Councillor Chris Wray Councillor Sam Christmas Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes) Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident (SM) Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT) Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB)	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD) Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB)

1. Welcome and Introductions		Action/Decision	Action led
	Councillor Wray welcomed everyone to the meeting with no introductions necessary.		
2. Apologies for Absence		Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		

3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Higham Cricket Club – Christmas Light Motifs</u></p> <p>In respect of the costs quoted by BMBC for erecting the Christmas light motifs, the price has now been reduced, however, it is still felt by the organiser’s at the Club, that the price is still too high. It was reported that a notice has therefore been put up at the Cricket Club stating the Christmas Light Motifs will not be going up.</p> <p>DG stated that prices quoted by BMBC for the Ward Alliances Christmas Motifs to be erected have now also been queried. DG will report back with their response to this matter, and what if any reductions are made to their initial quote.</p> <p><u>Christmas High Street Event</u></p> <p>It was reported that regarding the Christmas High Street Event, some details are still in need of finalising. DG stated that funding from the Better Barnsley Bond has also still to come through and was still struggling to get it processed for payment to be received.</p> <p><u>Higham Community Garden</u></p> <p>DG reported that she has rechecked the email she has received in respect of ownership details of the land. DG reported that a strip was owned by BMBC, but the rest was thought to be owned by the Coal Board.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 3rd October 2023, were agreed as a true record.</p>		

4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action led
	There were no declarations of pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest declared.		
5. Budgets		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £7,862.38</p> <p>Small Sparks Balance:- £337.91</p> <p>DG reported that the Ward Alliance should be able to both ring fence amounts of funding for projects, and also carry forward any remaining budget into the next financial year.</p>		
6. Update for Christmas		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>DG reported that the Ward Alliance’s Christmas Light Motifs should be erected by the 28th November.</p> <p>DG also stated that the 3 Christmas trees donated by KDA, should have been put up by Neighbourhood Services within the next week or so.</p>		

7.	Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Love Gawber and Pogmoor in Conjunction with St. Thomas’s Church – Christmas in Gawber</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from the Love Gawber and Pogmoor Group in conjunction with St. Thomas’s Church to hold an after- school Christmas party event at Gawber Community Centre. Primarily aimed at both Gawber Primary School and Nursery and their parents, but all others are welcome also. The application requesting £400 will be spent on providing festive refreshments, a small gift for each child presented by Father Christmas, party lights to decorate the hall, hall hire, Father Christmas outfit, and fees to cover costs for brass band to attend to play festive tunes.</p> <p>The Funding Application was approved for the full amount, with Ward Alliances Members stating it was a worthwhile event bringing members of its community together.</p> <p><u>Dodworth Methodist Church & Toddlers Group – Christmas Coffee Morning</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from Dodworth Methodist Church & Toddlers Group for the sum of £380.</p> <p>The funding will be used to provide a Christmas Coffee Morning at Methodist Church and 2 Christmas Toddler Group Parties. It will be spent of providing Christmas Gifts and Refreshments to children participating at the Coffee Morning, and</p>		

	<p>gifts for all the children at the Toddlers Group Parties as well as refreshments, buns and cakes for the toddlers and their carer's.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members thought this was a very worthy project, and the funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>Small Sparks Application - Planters in front of Dodworth Library</u></p> <p>A small sparks funding application was received requesting the sum of £150 from 2 local volunteers. The funds required are needed to make improvements to some of the beds outside the library to purchase membrane and mulch/barking chippings to keep the area weed free and therefore low maintenance.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Ring Fenced Public Health Funding Allocation</u></p> <p>DG reported that a project /scheme which the £2,000 funding received from Public Health stills needed to be identified. DG reiterated that the monies must be spent on a wellbeing/public health event or improvement project.</p> <p>A discussion was held about potential projects the money could be spent on. It was suggested and agreed that the instalment of a Defibrillator should be explored. DG will investigate this</p>	<p>DG</p>	

	<p>proposal further and report back to the Ward Alliance. Ward Alliance Members will continue to consider other potential ideas/projects which fits the funding criteria.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>		
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 5.30 pm.</p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6th February 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March 2024</p>		