

# Ward Alliance Meeting



<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Thursday, 16 November 2023 @ 5.30 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr John Clarke (JC)		
<b>CDO:</b>	Sarah Davey (SD) on behalf of Michelle Toone (MT)		
<b>Secretary:</b>	N/A		
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Tracey Hamby (TH) Mireille Eastwood (ME) Allison Johnson (AJ)		
<b>Guest:</b>	N/A		
2. Apologies for Absence			
None given in meeting.			
It was asked that Ward Alliance members would please send apologies if they are unable to make the meeting.			
Sherry Holling (SH) sent apologies by email- CDO accessed later.			
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest			
None declared			
4. Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Not available: will be sent in due course	MT to send	MT
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	To be followed up in next formal meeting	MT to follow up	MT
6.. Ward Alliance Budget 2023/2024		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<b>Total remaining allocation for 2023/2024:</b>	MT to check the amounts on return to work	MT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main Fund = £ 9,136.09</li> <li>Engagement Fund = £ £2030.53</li> </ul>		
7. WAF Applications/ Potential spend / Ratified spend		Action/ Decision	Action lead
a.	No WAF applications this month		

b.	Confirmation that Small Sparks grant had been processed for Stitches		
<b>8. WAF Monitoring</b>		<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>
	Mierille reported that she has not yet had chance to do this, and that it might be difficult for groups before Christmas, but she has programmed it in for the New Year and is looking forward to it.	Mireille to email Cllr Clarke when visiting groups	ME
<b>9. Area Council Update</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
a.	<p><b>Social Isolation and Challenge Fund:</b> SD reported that this grant has been released to replace the current social isolation contract that ends in March 2024.</p> <p>The new grant will be for 1 year from April 2024 to March 2025, and will be for community and voluntary groups to tackle social isolation.</p> <p>The closing date was on 31 October and about 10 applications had been received.</p> <p>It was asked if all applications were being considered or the panel was filtering them out, so SD assured the group that the normal processes were being followed.</p>		
b.	<p><b>Pride of Place Fund:</b> SD reported that this grant had been released by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and that organisations could apply for funding which fits the Council's objectives around Healthy Barnsley, Growing Barnsley, Learning Barnsley and Sustainable Barnsley.</p> <p>Community and Voluntary groups can apply for capital or a mix of capital and revenue and the funds need to be spent by end of March 2024.</p> <p>The closing date for applications was 17 November 2023.</p>		
<b>10. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	To discuss at next formal Ward Alliance meeting	MT to lead	MT/ planning committee
<b>11. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	To discuss at next formal Ward Alliance	MT to lead	ALL
<b>12. Coffee, Cake and Community: Sarah Davey</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p>SD gave a brief overview of the Worsbrough group- Coffee, Cake and Community which operates within Worsbrough Library on a Thursday between 3 and 4.30 pm. It is a social and activity group for those in the Worsbrough area. The group does arts and craft activities, quizzes, and bingo.</p> <p>These sessions are part of the Stepping- Stones Programmes, which aim to develop volunteers and provide opportunities to participate for those who are vulnerable</p>	Cllr Clarke to check out Elm Court as a possible temporary venue and to let SD know	JC

	<p>and/or marginalised. The other programmes are Micro-volunteering and Coffee, Cake and Confidence.</p> <p>SD explained that the group is being run by 4 volunteers, supported by herself, but that the aim is for volunteers to run the sessions in the near future as a group in their own right.</p> <p>At the end of November, the library is closing down for refurbishment until April 2024, meaning that the group needs to find somewhere close by to meet. Because a proportion of participants are from Ariya House, a brain injuries rehab centre in Worsbrough, the venue would need to be accessible by them. They have no transport. Suggestions were Elm Court, Barrow Club, and potentially running it on a temporary basis at Ariya House if that is allowed and they have the space. Cllr Clarke mentioned that to get into Elm Court a fob might be needed and will explore possibilities here.</p>		
<b>13. AOB</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
<p>a. <b>New Area Manager:</b> Cllr Clarke shared that Kelly Lycett, the new Area Manager for the Central Area Team, was starting towards the end of January and would replace Lisa Phelan who was now managing the NE team. Kelly would work part time alongside the other Area Council Manager, Sarah Blunkett.</p> <p>b. <b>Creative Recovery Christmas concert:</b> SD shared that there would be an event at the Barrow Club, organised by Creative Recovery Uplift Project either on 7 or 14 December depending on the availability of the brass band. They are awaiting confirmation as to when the band is available.</p> <p>c. <b>Worsbrough Sports and Community Association:</b> The question was asked if a Christmas event had been organised at Worsbrough Sports and Community Association. SD did not have this information, but said that she was sure Michelle would have started the process.</p>		<p><b>MT to inform the group with regards to Christmas events/ SD to contact Craig Aubrey/ Alan (WA) if needed to find out if Sports Association had been booked</b></p>	<p><b>MT</b></p>
<b>Date and time of next meetings</b>			
	<p>14<sup>th</sup> December: Social (venue TBC)</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> January: Ward Green Baptist Church</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>	<p><b>MT</b></p>

