

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 11th March 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 January and February 2024.

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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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Date:
28th February 2024

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance

Tuesday 9th January – 6 PM

Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor

David Hilton – Green space

Rebecca Battye - North Area Team

Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man

Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident

Helen Altun – Secretary

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

1. Apologies

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor

Paul Marsh – Local Business Man

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.

This funding may or may not be carried over into the next financial year. This funding can be earmarked.

The funding can also be advertised more. The group agreed to put a push on advertising it more from March/April time.

6. Applications for Funding – None.

Application review – The flow chart was given out to members and spoken through.

The group said it would be a good idea for funding applications of large amounts for a member of the group who put in the application to attend the ward alliance meeting to answer any questions the ward alliance may have.

It was also agreed that groups applying for funding should expect to wait approx. two months for a decision.

Members also said it was unfair to say no to an application for funding and then say they can't come back to us for funding for six months. 3 months seems more sensible for funding agreed and no time limit on funding applications that haven't been agreed.

There is guidance about the application form and how to fill it in, The application form cannot be changed or adjusted because this was agreed at cabinet. Darton East could trial a new process and if it worked it might be adopted by other wards. The guidance can be flexed.

The group agreed to take any time limits away to come back for funding on rejected applications.

Take the time limit to reapply for funding from 6 months to 3 months for successful applications subject to special agreement.

Invite the application applicant to attend the ward alliance meeting if the funding application is over £1000. If the applicant did not want to come to the meeting the ward alliance group would still, make a decision on the application.

7. Ward Action Plan

The environmental team picked up 16 bags of litter and fly tipping. Rosie has the updated list with dates and venues coming up.

8. Environmental contract

The contract seems to be running well and is very positive. Sammy will go back to his role at the end of January.

Members asked to get a footpath plan and ask for them to be looked at by the environmental caretakers before spring.

Feedback will be given to the environmental caretakers on their work.

The Hanging baskets went out to tender and a new supplier has been appointed.

Contracts are being finalised. Orders will need to be in by February. There is a significant price increase. A repeat sponsor will pay £110 and a new sponsor will pay £143. This includes the plaque. The plaque and basket for an existing sponsor who sponsors again will remain in the same lamppost.

There is a list of people who are wanting to sponsor, and the existing sponsors will be contacted first. Afterwards any available to sponsor will be advertised. The baskets will go up in June and will be taken down in September.

A member suggested that it might be an idea to put something on the brackets in winter with sponsorship available. If we decide to go ahead with this idea, we would need to speak about it around June time at the ward alliance meeting.

In our area there is approx. another 20 lampposts available and the brackets for the lampposts cost £15.75 per bracket.

9. Community Summer Gala

At the last ward alliance meeting members discussed the summer gala and decided we would need to have a public meeting. Community groups can come along to the meeting and the group would need to have a chair and governance. It would also be an idea for the event to be run by a community group if we have any interest.

Regarding insurance for the summer gala if a council employee is present this would cover the insurance with Barnsley council.

We have not heard from Darton West and they are still considering if they wish to get involved.

It could be a joint event between Darton and Mapplewell which could be alternated between both parks.

The voice of Darton is interested in getting involved.

A member stated that ward alliance members from Darton East should get involved.

If Darton West do not want to get involved they do not have to, but would that mean all the funding came from Darton East ?

FOMAS may be able to help with funding a community summer gala and funding could be available from other sources.

St Helen's ward alliance put on a very good family event in their area.

Councillor Richard Denton would be happy to chair the initial meeting but would not be putting himself forward to chair the organising group.

A member said that our ward alliance Facebook posts need to be increased and things could be improved with the Facebook page.

The ward alliance should be promoted on as many channels on social media as possible.

Some members expressed they were not happy with the public meeting and event idea being advertised on the Liberal Democrat Facebook page and it should not have been put on a political page. A discussion was had, and members had to agree to disagree about the post being put on the Liberal Democrats page.

If members feel any posts are inappropriate, please contact the member who posted the post or the governance team at Barnsley council and ask them to investigate it.

10.AOB

A member asked if the Barnsley North East hiking and heritage trail could be linked in to our heritage boards. Could the boards also be linked in to James Hudson Taylor with a guided walk around the area.

Bins – Putting plastic wheelie bins in laybys in not a good idea. Can the council revert to putting a normal bin there as the wheelie bins are getting set on fire. It was explained that the council were looking at something more substantial than wheelie bins in laybys.

A member asked about the new bins in the area which should have been installed between Christmas and the new year but have not yet been put in. It was agreed this could be chased up.

A member asked for a sign to be flagged up to the council on the junction of Paddock Road.

A sign is also down on Windhill Lane and the sign which was near the new takeaway on Towngate has not been replaced.

A member explained that the Christmas tree at Windhill needs to be moved. Could funding be approved from this budget to put a power point in for the Christmas tree.

It is not cheap to put in a power point, but it would be a good idea. A member suggested to earmark a chunk of money from the funding then so much per year. A member asked when the double yellow lines were going to be painted on the roads around the Co Op and Carr Green Lane. These should have been completed a while ago. Also, Darton Primary school is waiting for some road markings to be put on the road.

Meeting closed.

11. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 13th February at 6pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
Tuesday 13th February – 6 PM
Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt
David Lockwood
Teresa Wilcockson
Paul Marsh

North Area Team:

Rebecca Battye

1. Apologies

Cllr Dickie Denton
Helen Altun
Nick Hibberd
Gez Morrall
David Hilton

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 –

Ward Alliance Childrens Disco Working Budget - £300 – Approved

Hanging Baskets Working Budget £500 – Approved

Application review Process – Discussed and adopted on a trial basis.

7. Ward Action Plan

No updates.

2024/25 Ward Action Plan to be added to the March agenda. Discussion to be had on Ward Alliance priorities and projects for year ahead.

8. Environmental contract

A member reported that all feedback received from the local community about the clean and green team has been positive.

The team have been busy in the area and have supporting with the removal of fly tipping.

Ward Alliance litter picks remain the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month. The next two are:

21st February- meeting Staincross WMC

6th March - covering Dearne Street area and Woolley Colliery Village.

9. Community Summer Gala

A Summer Event report paper was submitted ahead of the Ward Alliance – this was discussed at the meeting.

A member fed back from the community/open summer gala meeting on 30th January. The main points included:

- 11 people attended
- Discussion about what type of event – most popular was a family orientated day.
- To be held Mapplewell Park

A discussion was had by the Ward Alliance and it was agreed that it would be feasible to organise a small event this year. A Ward Alliance sub group to be formed to lead on organising and delivery of the event. Sub group to meet in next two weeks to start planning.

10. AOB

None

11. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 12th March at 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 15th January 2024

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

Apologies:

None.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday 15th November 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to chase up quotes and repair of Ward Notice Boards (this matter has taken 2 years for work to be commenced)

Rebecca to follow up and complete payment for work done on local milestone restoration at Redbrook

Rebecca to organise for Clean and Green Team to tidy 2 planters located at Claycliffe Roundabout

Rebecca to meet with Hanging basket provider re: costs and update next meeting (Agenda item)

Rebecca to send on behalf of all Councillors and Ward Alliance members a thank you letter to Paul Beaumont for his work regarding Christmas events at Kexbrough

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with Amanda Jerrard re: issues concerning

1. Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre
2. Planters at both Dayhouse Way (Re-site) and Claycliffe Roundabout (general maintenance)

Cllr Sharon Howard to follow up large litter bin to be sited at Ripley Grove bus stop and removing current litter bin from Ripley Grove bus stop and re-site at BBIC bus stop

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with management of Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre to look at ways forward

All Ward Alliance members to observe any car parking issues outside The Royal and Crown and Anchor public houses at Barugh Green and report as appropriate

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

Members to consider any changes for 2024/2025 (Agenda item)

4 Active Travel Update

Nothing to report

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £ 5922.92

6 WAF applications.

None

7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024 Update

Rebecca updated members of the current situation

Members agreed in principle for the following:

New baskets to cost £105

Repeat baskets to cost £75

(Agenda item for February meeting)

8 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events Review

All members agreed the events had been very successful across the Ward

9 Darton Stars Awards 2024 Update and programme

Date for Event 15th March 2024

Sub Group to meet to finalise programme (Agenda item)

10 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update

Nothing to report

11 Bi Annual Summer Event (Discussion)

This was discussed

It was agreed not to pursue a Bi Annual Gala at this time due to distance for some Ward residents to travel from across the Ward and other possible transport issues and limitations

Summer Activities Programme across the Ward to continue as normal

(Agenda item February meeting)

A.O.B.

Shelly to liaise with Liam re: future date for the Oliver production arrangements

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Julie Hailsworth re: booking arrangements for the Darton Centre

Christina to look in to possible summer events by Voice for Darton and update (Agenda item)

Date and Time of next meeting

Unable to sort date and time for next meeting due to lack of venue

Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 19th February 2024

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave,
Cllr Sharon Howard, Liam Morgan, Ann Carroll, John Ryan,
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 15th January 2024 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

**Rebecca to follow up repair of 3 Notice Boards across the Ward
(It was approved by Ward Alliance members that £335.00 would be made for
payment of Notice Board repairs)**

**Rebecca to contact Clean and Green Team to assist with tidying of two
planters at Claycliffe roundabout**

**Rebecca to send letter to local business in the locality of Darton embankment
to assist in reducing littering of the area**

**Rebecca to invite Anna Hartley (Director of Communities and Public Health) to
the next Ward Alliance meeting**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave to discuss with the Leader costings for the
re siting of 2 planters at Dayhouse Way**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave to arrange a meeting with *Amanda Jerrard
and the Committee of Redbrook/ Wilthorpe* Community Centre to discuss
current issues and ways forward**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave to inform Parks Officers to concerns of a
person using Darton Park muga area for personal gain**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave to speak with Gary Hindsley re: future street
names for MU1 site. (Possible future joint venture for Gawber/ Barugh Green
Primary Schools and Gawber History Group)**

**Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Gary Hindsley (Head of Planning)
re: possible link with Amco to assist with Longfields project
Liam to contact Dave Timlin to link in with Longfields project**

Richard to contact Toyota re: planters programme

Richard to send to Ward Alliance members photograph of Gawber Primary School pupils History Board Design

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

4 Active Travel Update

Discussed as part of the Ward Action Plan

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £5922.92

6 WAF applications.

Greenotes CIC (Approved)

7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024 Update

Rebecca updated members of costings and progress

8 Darton Stars Awards 2024 Update and programme

Rebecca updated re: pending event and programme

Ward Alliance members to arrive 5.15 pm

Event start 5.30 pm

Venue Barnsley Town Hall

9 Annual Summer Event

This was discussed, to follow up (April agenda)

10 Darton West Asset list update

Nothing to report

A.O.B.

Liam updated Ward members re: events, programmes and locations supported by the Butterflies Group

Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave informed Ward members of the recent visit of Anna Hartley (Director of Communities and Public Health) to all areas of the Ward.

Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 11th March 2024, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre

Appendix Three:



9th January 2024, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village Notes of the Meeting

Attendance: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Cllr Lofts, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon

Apologies: Tina Burke, James Crampton, Pat Braithwaite

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

2. Matters Arising

- Bill to contact Jo Batty and Kirsty Summerfield to see if they're going ahead with the Old Town Carnival.
- Love Gawber & Pogmoor were also interested in doing a summer event on the fields at Pogmoor
- Cllr Newing agreed to speak to Emma White re: dementia friendly Ward stuff
- Bill agreed to look at getting a quote for the public liability insurance

Action: Bill Gaunt to contact Jo Batty and Kirsty Summerfield to ensure Carnival is going ahead

Action: Cllr Newing to contact Emma White re: Dementia Friendly Ward work

Action: Bill to get quote for public liability insurance

3. Membership

- It was stressed that more community members are needed on the Ward Alliance.
- Gillian agreed to approach Emma from the Old School House to see if she is interested

4. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £9,602.41.

5. Funding Bids

Friends of Wilthorpe Park

- The park group sent in a bid to request a container for the park. This was submitted as the room for the event items and gardening equipment that are building up.
- The bid was recommended for approval with a total of £2,416

Hanging Baskets

- The bid for the hanging baskets was submitted for approval
- It was noted that this money would hopefully come back into the pot, as it's there to cover any non-payment from sponsors.
- Questions were asked about putting on Ward Alliance details for the plaques, but Lee explained with the fact that sponsors were paying for this, and the fact that they are uniform throughout the Borough, it would not be appropriate to put this on, however, we can have a discussion around sponsoring some baskets from the Old Town Ward Alliance themselves.
- The bid was recommended for approval with a total of £3,000

6. Events 2024

Old Town Carnival

- As noted above, Bill is contacting Jo Batty and Kirsty to ensure volunteers are moving forward with this

Pogmoor Summer Gala

- This is in the hands of Love Gawber and Pogmoor to arrange
- They are looking at around July for this

Kings Award Tea Party

- Friends of Wilthorpe Park are still interested in arranging a gala / afternoon tea to celebrate the Kings Award for Voluntary Service
- In all cases, Ward Alliance members said they are free to apply to the Ward Alliance for support and funding.

7. 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.
- Fareshare have the application for food delivery and are reviewing it
- Lee is about to submit bid for Healthier Communities money
- Gillian suggested she could get a contact for ALDI to get a discount on food

Action: Gillian to provide ALDI contact to Lee

Action: Lee to submit Healthier Communities bid

8. Community Caretakers

- The following areas were mentioned for looking at by the Community Caretakers
 - Wakefield Rd at side of Grey Horse
 - Leaves on the path at West Rd
 - Moss on pavements

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 13th February 2024, 6.30pm, **Honeywell Community Centre**

Appendix Four:

St Helens Ward Alliance
Thursday 11th January 2024 - 4pm, Roundhouse Library
Notes of the Meeting

Present

CHAIR Cllr Sarah Tattersall

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

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

Apologies Cllr Neil Wright, Cllr Dave Leech, Dawn Bailey

- Welcomes and Introductions

Minutes from the previous meeting

One alteration in Any Other Business.

- SG enquired over the bin on Derwent Road to be permanently fixed not removed.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Action Points from the previous meeting

Follow on to next meeting – **Cllr NW** feedback from New Lodge Community Group re Halloween event.

Cllr ST – Spoke to Father Needham from St Helens about the Memory Tree event –

After much discussion about the Memory Tree event it was agreed that Cllr Tattersall would speak to Father Peter from St Helens and enquire as to whether we could link this with All Souls Day in November 2024

ACTION Cllr ST

LS - Monitoring Form for Girl Guides at St Helens Church – Lee passed this onto Pat Padgett

The topic of monitoring forms caused a discussion and KB asked why they are not brought to the meetings. It was agreed that all future monitoring forms would be seen at Ward Alliance Meetings

ACTION LS

LS - Performance Reports from the biannual reports completed by the NAC team plus the Ground Rules and Ward Plan for 2024/2025 will be done at our upcoming Ward Planning Meeting

ACTION LS

LS – Environmental Caretakers – it was reported that all the requested work had been done to a very high standard.

Cllr ST/Cllr NW – this issue with the bin/s will be carried over to the next meeting.

Cllr DL – the issue with the Road Safety will be carried over to the next meeting.

Funding Applications

Lee gave the background for the application for Hanging baskets for our area.

There was a great deal of discussion about the cost for sponsorship of the hanging baskets.

The application for Hanging Baskets was deferred until after the Area Council meeting on the 15th January. An extra-ordinary meeting will be held depending on the outcome of this.

ACTION Cllr ST / LS

Funding Update

Lee gave a comprehensive report on our current financial situation.

There was a lengthy discussion around the allocation of funding and money in 2024/2025

It was requested that a change to how the budget is presented. This will include the remaining money of each event once this has been completed.

KB asked for an update of the funding situation after the Summer Gala and the Halloween event

ACTION LS

Environmental Caretakers

Reports have been coming in from the community about the great work that the team are doing.

A list of forth coming events was handed to all members.

SG reported that there had been a significant increase in the amount of dog faeces on Peveral Cres – this needs reporting to the Wardens.

ACTION Cllr ST

KB reported that the Mondal Cres area needed work in the area – this is the responsibility of Berneslai Homes.

Lee reported that the Caretakers will do 3 weekend community events per year as part of their contract – If any group would like to work with them.

Ad Astra as part of their Easter Holiday provision will be doing an Easter Hunt – Litter Pick and supplying Pie and Peas to the participants.

ACTION MC

KB spoke about the Standhill Crescent area that leads to the Active Travel Routes – this area is overgrown – It was reported that Cllr DL has been in discussions with the NCB about the area – we will take this to the next meeting.

ACTION LS

Events

KB spoke about the success of the St Helens Church Christmas events and how the numbers were significant.

The timings worked well at all events running them straight after schools.

Cllr ST reported that we would normally have three events.

KB asked if Holy Trinity could be involved this year with the possible use of the Blessed Sacrament Church as a Christmas event.

SG asked if there was any possibility of a Christmas Tree on the Monsal Crescent area.

More consultation required.

ACTION Cllr ST

KB asked about Christmas Lights around the Roundhouse Area – storage of lights is an issue.

ACTION Cllr NW / KB

Costings would be required for 6 – 10 lights.

ACTION LS

Gala 2024

Thanks were given to past organisers of this event and issues were discussed.

Required to run the event is an organiser and a working party.

Working Party will consist of Cllr NW SG CN and KB – this group will organise their first meeting.

Cllr ST will support the group.

For Rules of Engagement for the Working Party

- The Working party will report back to the full meeting.
- The final say on any decisions will go to the full meeting.

ACTION Cllr NW – SG – CN – KB

A discussion was had about a working budget for the Gala it was agreed that an application for £1200 would be put together for the next meeting.

ACTION Cllr ST

The working party are going to contact vendors to check on their availability for the summer. Lee will pass on all the details he has of vendors we have used previously. People discussed the need to move away from strictly agency stalls. MC suggested allowing the stalls, but encouraging more engaging activities and offers from those providers e.g. mini games they can play and run as part of it.

ACTION LS AND GALA WORKING PARTY

Any Other Business

Dates for WA meetings for 2024

ACTION MC

KB – asked about Wildflower seeding – several areas were suggested but these required more information, and we may need to do a consultation with residents who live in the area.

Information about seeds and costings

ACTION KB

Enquire with the Environmental Caretakers for a Bluebell wooded area.

ACTION LS

Enquire with Highways for clarification and guidance re wildflower areas.

ACTION Cllr ST

Possible Community event could be Litter Pick / Clean up and seed /bulb planting session at Wharnccliffe Memorial Field.

DATE OF THE NEXT AND FUTURE 2024 MEETINGS

DONM February 22nd 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

April 4th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

(This is the Thursday following Easter Monday – are members away?)

May 16th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

June 27th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

We may need an early July meeting to confirm details for Summer Gala instead of the August meeting.

August 8th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

(do we do an August Meeting??)

September 19th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

October 31st 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

December 12th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

St Helens Ward Alliance
Extra-ordinary Meeting - 23rd Jan 2024

Present

Chair Cllr Sarah Tattersall

Cllr Neil Wright Cllr Dave Leech

Community Members Dawn Bailey (DB) Sally Goodier (SG) Claire Nock (CN) Kath Bostwick (KB)

Michelle Cooper (MC)

BMBC Lee Swift (LS)

This was a one item Agenda – Hanging Baskets for the St Helens Ward

Cllr ST gave an introductory set up for the meeting

LS updated the group on the process he had

Cllr DL spoke to the group about setting up a meeting with Rachael Payling and the other area chairs to discuss the amount of subsidizing that will be put in place for the baskets – explaining in this current economic climate the increase from the previous year was high and questioned would people /companies be able to afford the increase.

LS had been out and done a survey of all the lampposts in the area (with the aim to submit them to Street Lighting) to verify if they are suitable for Hanging baskets – He informed the group that this has to be done every year.

The next step would be to have all sponsorships/ requirements (Basket orders) in by 19th February to confirm the orders with the company supplying.

Lee and his colleagues are currently contacting all previous sponsors of Hanging Baskets with the new prices.

Brand New Sponsor- Basket £145 – this includes basket and sign

Previous Sponsor – Basket £110 – this includes basket

Additional cost of £16 if a new bracket is required for the lamppost

Cllr DL – Asked if we should expect the sponsors to pay for a bracket? Should Ward Alliances pay for the brackets then they will own them.

LS – Sponsors shouldn't have to pay for brackets as there are several in the area from previous years and currently the WA hasn't agreed to contribute to the Hanging Baskets

LS – BMBC will sort Lampposts and brackets – and they will stick to their original price of £16 per bracket should we require any

There was a great deal of discussion around:

- how many sponsors we have had in previous years (10 – 15) and whether the cost of sponsorship would be estimated to be repaid
- the increase in price this year. – (£67 last year)
- Where the previous year's baskets are now
- The company who acquired the tender (KMO Ltd)
- who they have subcontracted to in Barnsley (Twiggs)
- Could we use a local supplier and the implications
- Could we use a local supplier in future years

Cllr ST gave the group the options and costings for Hanging Baskets

Minimum cost for 20 baskets with no signs or brackets £2200

Maximum cost for 20 baskets with signs etc. £3320

Everyone around the table was given the opportunity to air their views
KB proposed we purchase 20 baskets at the minimal cost of £2200
SG seconded this proposal
It was agreed and voted unanimously
We will await the response from the Area Chairs at our next meeting