

North East Ward Alliance - Minutes

Feb 2024

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MEETING NOTES		
Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance	
Date & Time:	Tuesday, 27 February 2024 (10am – 12pm)	
Location:	Shafton Parish Council – Community Centre	
Chair:	Cllr Ruth Booker	
Minutes:	Gill Holland (Secretary)	
Attendee's:	Apologies:	
Cllr Ruth Booker, Brenda Doyle, Cllr Jeff Ennis, Darryl Hand (CDO), Allan Hampson, Gill Holland, Deborah Pearson, Ann Skelton, Elsie Smith,	Paul Archer Deborah Hanson Linda Knight Peter Makinson Rev Christine Moorey Cllr Ashley Peace	
Other Attendees: Lisa Phelan, North East Area Team Manager BMBC, Chris Newton and Connor Everard - Grassroots Sports Academy and Faye Dolan - Youth Association		
Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with introductions.</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Paul Archer, Deborah Hanson, Linda Knight, Peter Makinson, Rev Christine Moorey and Cllr Ashley Peace</p> <p>3. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests</p> <p>Deborah Pearson expressed an interest in the Great Houghton Village Hall Committee WAF request and left the meeting during the discussion of this item.</p>		

4. Grassroots Sports Academy, Chris Newton & Connor Everard

4.1 Young People’s Consultation

Connor Everard gave an overview of the results of the consultation with the 17 students from Outwood Academy, Shafton who attended the Mayor’s Reception on 23rd February 2024.

Below is a table which outlines the questions put to the students and their responses.

Question	Response	# of Students
What events have you attended?	None	9
	Christmas Fair	3
	Sports Club	4
If you had £1000 to spend in your area, what would you spend it on?	Youth Clubs	1
	Sports Clubs	4
	Support Groups	1
	Park Improvements	6
	Cleaner/Litter Picking	1
	Career Signposting	1
What activities would you like to see in your area?	Fun Fair/Circus	2
	Sports	8
	First Aid	1
	Festivals/Fairs (Game based)	1
	Warm Spaces	1
	Social Events	1
	Trampolining	1
What Areas Are Not Utilised Properly?	Green Spaces	11
What improvements would you like to see in your area?	Cleaner Areas	6
	Parks	7
	Activities	4
	Policing/Staffing	1
	Woodland Areas	1
	Support Groups	1

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The demographics of the students who participated in the consultation are as follows.

Gender: 11 female, 5 male, 1 gender fluid.

Location: Shafton 5, Cudworth 5, Monk Bretton 2, Brierley 1, Ardsley 1, Lundwood 1.

Chris highlighted that the majority of the students felt that park spaces are not utilised properly, and that most of the parks in the area are unsuitable for their age group. They also expressed that some of the parks could be significantly improved by simple measures such as facilities being painted.

It was also noted from the discussion that the primary mode of advertising local events is through Facebook which does seem to reach parents and teachers effectively. However, on talking with students only one of the 17 still uses Facebook. The rest of the students favoured other social media platforms such as Tik Tok and Instagram therefore some consideration needs to be given to how we advertise community events.

Chris explained that as a result of this consultation they have been asked by the school to do some further consultation work with students.

4.2 Grassroots Proposal – 12 Month Project Plan

Chris Newton highlighted the following information from the proposed project plan which was circulated before the meeting.

One of the main aims of the project is to “develop community spirit” within the four villages of the North East Ward Alliance with the main objectives of family/intergenerational participation and making new connections and friends. Grassroots will deliver one two-hour session of activities (10.00am – 12.00pm or 12.30pm – 2.30pm) in each of the four areas on the middle two Saturdays of the month. The sessions will be held in indoor and outdoor venues and include activities such as sports, arts and crafts, theatre productions and summer events. The activities will also include sessions on preparing and cooking healthy food on a budget. It is hoped that as the project progresses people from the community will suggest other activities they would like to see in their areas.

Chris outlined that in order to meet the needs of the different communities the 12-month provision will be adaptable and flexible. They will track and monitor outcomes on a monthly basis and report back to the Ward Alliance Members.

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5. Youth Association Update, Faye Dolan

Faye outlined that the Youth Association, YA ([The Youth Association](#)) mainly focuses on detached, street-based outreach, connecting and building relationships with young people where they are - whether that is on the streets or in local parks. They also deliver targeted workshops and are currently working in Outwood Academy, Shafton with two single gender groups and completing work around gender specific issues.

Faye explained that they are also working with a group of 13–14-year-olds in Grimethorpe. They do meet and work with older teenagers, but it can take longer to establish relationships with this cohort since they are generally more reluctant to engage.

Members identified some “hot spots” in their communities where young people are congregating. Faye requested that Members continue to send information through the CDO darrylhand@barnsley.gov.uk and the YA workers will plan to visit the areas which have been identified.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

6.1 Actions from 22 January 2024

5.4 NEWA WAF

CDO to submit a WAF for the NEWA Hanging Basket.

10.5 AOB

CDO to ask for an update from the Youth Association.

The CDO updated that both these items have been completed.

6.2 Other matters arising:

- **Hanging Baskets**

The CDO confirmed that the difference in price of the Hanging Baskets across the North East Ward is because Shafton and Grimethorpe are continuing to use their current providers whilst the NE Ward Alliance has taken responsibility for the hanging baskets in Great Houghton and Brierley and are using the new provider for the Borough.

- **Ward Alliance Bank Account**

This is now set up so Members can now actively look at applying for different grants as appropriate.

- **Sloppy Slippers**

The first event is next Friday, 8 March (2.00pm – 4.00pm) in the Welfare Hall in Great Houghton. The slipper exchange is one of several services planning to attend the event such as Age UK Barnsley, DIAL Barnsley, More Money in Your Pocket and Humankind – Mental Health Support.

The CDO reminded Members that each pair of slippers costs £13 and the budget for each area allows for 20 free pairs per location. The CDO has included the information about the number of free pairs available in the advertising for the event. The sloppy slippers events for the other three villages will be organised in the coming months.

- **Ongoing involvement with Students from Outwood Academy, Shafton**

The CDO stated that last week’s meeting in the town hall between the students and the Mayor was very encouraging. There was lots of great engagement and subsequently three students have submitted an application for Ward Alliance Membership. The intention is to continue to meet as a Ward Alliance with the students on a quarterly basis. The CDO has written to school staff asking that there is representation from each of the four areas.

7. Finances

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

Core Funding: Total Spent £25,859.55 remaining £0. This figure reflects the inclusion of the two potential WAFs being discussed in today’s meeting and possible ringfenced money for the Grassroots 12-month provision.

Working Fund: Total Spent £4,025.00 remaining £0. The only changes noted are a £40 payment to Grassroots for leading the Outwood

Academy, Shafton consultation during the Mayoral Reception and possible ringfenced money for the Grassroots 12-month provision.

8. WAFs

8.1 Brierley Sewing Bees

It was noted that this is a very professionally run group which provides an opportunity for social connection for many people in the community. The group has over 40 members from all over the North East Area and there is currently a waiting list for membership. Historically the group have not requested any funding before. The equipment the group is requesting will replace the current equipment which is in disrepair and not fit for purpose.

Members of the Ward Alliance agreed to fund the application from Brierley Sewing Bees for the full amount requested.

8.2 Great Houghton Village Hall Committee

The CDO outlined that the request is for an Easter activity provision on 24th March for children and families and will include free activities for children. Local businesses from the area will be invited to attend to sell their goods and promote their businesses. The committee is planning to cover the cost of the venue hire and the cost of refreshments will be covered by income generated at previous events. It was agreed that this is a great family project and that events in Great Houghton usually have good participation from children and parents.

Members of the Ward Alliance agreed to fund the application from Great Houghton Village Hall Committee for the full amount requested.

9. Grassroots 12-month Provision

Ward Alliance Members agreed that the Grassroots 12-month provision will be an effective outreach tool for the communities in the North East Ward. Members reached a consensus to allocate the entirety of the underspends from both the Core Budget (£1,810) and the Working Fund (£380), totalling £2,190 for the fiscal year 2023-24 to the Grassroots project.

Additionally, it was agreed to earmark £800 from the 2024-25 Ward Alliance Budget. However, if match funding from other sources proves

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unsuccessful, the Ward Alliance is open to increasing this allocation to £1,000 if deemed necessary.

10. Action Plan & Priorities for 24/25

The CDO commented that Ward Alliance Members need to consider what events need to be replicated during the year 24/25 and the appropriate funds need to be ringfenced from the new budget. Through discussion it was agreed to keep the same Ward Alliance priorities for the coming year and to ringfence funds for the Outdoor Cinema event and Christmas events.

11. Outstanding Monitoring

The CDO reported that he is continuing to support members of the Brierley Residents Group regarding monitoring and expects the outstanding information to be submitted by the end of March.

Once this information has been submitted the CDO will pull together the information for the NE Ward Alliance which will then go to make up the North East Area Council Performance Report. Thanks were expressed to the CDO for his work in supporting Brierley Residents Group with their submission and for all his hard work in collating the monitoring information for the North East Ward.

12. AOB

12.1 DIAL Q3 Report

The CDO drew Members' attention to the DIAL Q3 report circulated before the meeting. Lisa Phelan will find out when the service is due for renewal then discussion is needed about future provision for the area. It was noted that the numbers of people using the service does not necessarily accurately reflect the number of hours of work spent with each client. Lisa also mentioned that DIAL have reported that appointment slots are always filled, and they have never had an occasion when appointments have not been used.

12.1 LP to find out when the service is due for renewal and table for discussion at the appropriate Ward Alliance meeting.

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12.2 Section 106 Update

The CDO advised that the quarterly 106 update put together by Laura Sharman has been circulated before the meeting for information. The CDO gave the following updates:

- Brierley - Consultation for the commemorative garden in Brierley has been completed and this has now gone to Panel for consideration.
- Shafton - The CDO is meeting with Shafton Parish Council this afternoon to begin initial discussion about green spaces within the community and possible future projects.
- Grimethorpe – The Dell Phase II will have new play equipment installed including a zipwire and inclusive roundabout.

12.3 Healthwatch Hygiene Report

The CDO shared that he had enclosed this report with the meeting papers as he wants Members to consider the findings from the survey - in particular the statistic that 45% of the 139 people from the Borough who took part in the survey stated that they have had to go without essential hygiene or sanitary products. The CDO highlighted that this is a 10% increase on the previous survey. Various options on how we could support this agenda were discussed such as consulting the students from Outwood Academy Shafton and including this as part of the Grassroots provision.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 9 April 2024
10.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: New Options Gym, Grimethorpe, S72 7FN

Minutes Approved By:

Date: 6 March 2024