

North East Ward Alliance - Minutes

Jan 2024

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MEETING NOTES				
Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance			
Date & Time:	Monday, 22 January 2024 (11am – 1pm)			
Location:	Bow Street Offices, Cudworth,			
Chair:	Cllr Ashley Peace			
Minutes:	Gill Holland (Secretary)			
Attendee's:			Apologies:	
Paul Archer, Cllr Ruth Booker, Brenda Doyle, Cllr Jeff Ennis, Darryl Hand (CDO), Allan Hampson, Gill Holland, Linda Knight, Cllr Ashley Peace, Deborah Pearson, Ann Skelton, Elsie Smith		Deborah Hanson, Peter Makinson, Rev Christine Moorey		
Discussion Points:			Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Deborah Hanson, Peter Makinson and Rev Christine Moorey.</p> <p>3. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests</p> <p>Councillor Ruth Booker and Linda Knight both expressed an interest in the Shafton Playworks and Shafton Parish Council Ward Alliance Funding Applications and left the meeting during the discussion of these items.</p> <p>4. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>4.1 Hanging Baskets – Update</p> <p>The tender process has been completed and KMO Ltd has been awarded the contract for the provision of hanging baskets across the Borough.</p>				

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The CDO has met with both the Grimethorpe Residents Group and Shafton Parish Council to outline the new provision in detail. Both groups have decided to remain with their current provider.

The hanging baskets project for Great Houghton will be run by the NE Ward Alliance and there has already been an encouraging uptake of sponsorship of the baskets. Brierley Residents Group are meeting at the beginning of February to discuss provision of hanging baskets. It was agreed that the Ward Alliance will also take responsibility for the project in Brierley and the CDO will publish information about sponsorship of hanging baskets on social media within the next few days as the deadline to submit orders to KMO Ltd is 19 February.

Cost of the Hanging Baskets are as follows:
£145.00 for a basket with a plaque, £110.00 for a basket without and £55 for a new bracket.

4.2 Ward Alliance Bank Account – Update

The bank account is now set up with Nat West and will be valuable when applying for small pots of independent funding.

4.3 Other Matters Arising

Sloppy Slippers

There was a query about the Sloppy Slipper projects and the £1000 which has been ringfenced for events in the four localities. It is planned that the Sloppy Slipper projects for each village will be included in other events such as More Money in your Pocket/Winter Warmth events. The CDO has costed the slippers at £13 per pair which would mean that approximately 20 pairs of slippers would be available for exchange per village. The CDO will follow up with the company providing the slippers and provide more information at the next meeting.

Ongoing involvement with Students from Outwood Academy, Shafton

The Chair outlined that it is the intention to continue with quarterly Ward Alliance Meetings at Outwood Academy, Shafton and students will be invited to participate. The CDO advised that he continues to meet regularly with both groups of students involved in the community sessions.

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<p>5. Ward Alliance Funding Applications</p> <p>5.1 Playworks Shafton CIC</p> <p>The following issues were raised during discussion.</p> <p>The CDO confirmed that there is no HAF provision for February half-term and if Playworks' application is rejected the project will not take place.</p> <p>Queries were raised about the 30 children nominated for the nursery places and noted that it appears it will be the same children attending for the week. It was queried whether we would in essence be providing free half-term childcare for children who already attend the nursery. It was also outlined that a lot of those vulnerable children targeted will already have childcare provision in place.</p> <p>Playworks are requesting a large amount of money the majority of which is going towards paying nursery workers.</p> <p>Although described as benefitting children across all four villages. Historically, it is known to be difficult for many families to travel and will mainly benefit children from the Shafton area.</p> <p>Due to the considerations raised above the Ward Alliance Members rejected the funding request.</p> <p>5.2 Pins & Needles, Shafton</p> <p>It was agreed that this is a good, supportive community group which supports social activity and promotes good mental health.</p> <p>The following issues were raised during discussion:</p> <p>The group have requested a large sum of money and they have already received £1099.99 for equipment at the beginning of the year. Noted that they returned £340 which was not spent.</p> <p>There is a question of requesting funding for the purchase of equipment and nothing in the application which describes how this will contribute towards the sustainability of the group.</p> <p>The application does not describe any plans for match-funding. Members felt that the equipment would be an enhancement to the group rather than a vital piece of equipment without which the group could not</p>		
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<p>operate. It was also queried whether there are other ways for patterns to printed by individual members of the group.</p> <p>Due to the issues discussed above, Members agreed to reject the funding application but asked that the CDO offer his support in completing further funding requests.</p> <p>5.3 Bowling Green, Shafton Parish Council</p> <p>Noted that Shafton Parish Council have recently returned £750 for the Walking Map Project which did not take place.</p> <p>The request is for funding for some urgent ‘TLC’ for the area around the bowling green. The green itself is in pristine condition. The Community Payback Team will be involved in maintaining and sustaining the area.</p> <p>It was highlighted that Shafton residents pay annual rates to the Parish Council for the upkeep and maintenance of community assets. Funding this request would effectively mean that Shafton residents are ‘paying twice’ for the upkeep of one of their community assets. Additionally, users of the bowling green pay fees to use the facility.</p> <p>Due to the issue discussed above Members agreed to reject the funding application.</p> <p>5.4 NEWA Hanging Baskets</p> <p>Members agreed to have a NE Ward Alliance sponsored hanging basket in each of the four villages and for £600 to be ringfenced for the project.</p> <p>The CDO asked Grimethorpe and Shafton to confirm if they still have space available for a basket in their areas since their projects are run independently. Once the CDO receives confirmation from Shafton and Grimethorpe he will submit a WAF to request the funding for all four villages and add the request to the order to be submitted to KMO Ltd in February.</p> <p>5.5 Great Houghton – Coach Trip</p> <p>It was confirmed that this is a community coach trip organized annually for families in Great Houghton. The subsidy requested will enable more families to afford the trip.</p> <p>Noted that the funding request is for £750 to go towards the cost of the coach hire. There will be a ticket charge of £10 per person with places for</p>		
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5.4 CDO to submit a WAF for the NEWA Hanging Baskets

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100 people. The extra £400 raised through ticket sales will be put towards the cost of the coach hire for next year's trip thereby promoting the sustainability of the project.

Members agreed to support the funding application for the total amount requested.

5.6 Grassroots Provision

The Chair explained that there is initial discussion with Grassroots about providing some regular activity sessions across all four villages starting in April for the coming year. The proposal is for activities to take place on the middle two Saturdays each month with each village having a morning or afternoon's provision. The provision will be wider in scope than sport, and Grassroots will also provide a mobile kitchen and learning about nutrition. Initial thoughts are that funding for the proposal could be taken from a combination of the Innovation Fund, Area Council Funding and Ward Alliance Funding.

The CDO has just received the proposal from Grassroots which will be outlined in detail at the next meeting during the planning discussion.

6. Finances

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

Core Funding: Total Spent £21,649.03 remaining £4210.52. The only change in the finances is the payment of £288.55 towards Christmas events at St Michaels and All Angels.

Working Fund: Total Spent £3,212.45 remaining £812.55. The only change noted is a £100 payment to the Great Houghton Welfare Committee for their recent centenary event.

The CDO confirmed that the Statement of Expenditure reflects the underspend from the Christmas events. It was highlighted that the level of annual spend across all four villages has been fair and proportionate.

6.2 It was queried whether it was appropriate to make the decision regarding NE Ward Alliance finances and whether Members were in agreement to continue to have a central fund for NE Ward Alliance finances rather than separate funds. Members agreed that they would like the financial arrangements to remain the same for the coming year.

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7. Christmas Events in the North East – Reflection

The Chair expressed thanks to all those who supported the success of the Christmas events across the four villages.

It was discussed that a significant amount is given to fund these events and there is a lot of positive planning and activity on which to build for future events. It was agreed that constructive conversation about future Christmas events needs to take place with community partners so that expectations and responsibilities can be communicated and clarified.

It was also agreed that young people need to continue to have an input in the planning future events. The Chair advised that discussion and planning around Christmas activities will take place within the wider action plan review and forward planning discussions which are tabled for the Ward Alliance meetings in February and April.

8. Review of 2023 Action Plan

The CDO shared the Review of the Action Plan document which has already been populated with actions and progress made against the priorities for 23/24. The Chair highlighted that the review reflects a good range of activities across the four villages and that all of the priorities for 23/24 have been achieved and in many cases exceeded.

The review of this document will help in the preparation of the NE Ward Alliance Report which will be included in the annual Area Councils Performance Report. The CDO asked Ward Alliance Members to review the document and send any additions for the Actions/Progress column to DarrylHand@barnsley.gov.uk.

9. Outstanding Monitoring

Brierley Residents Group – Summer fete

The CDO updated that the monitoring information is still outstanding for this event. This will continue to be chased and the group informed that no further funding will be considered until the monitoring information is received.

10. AOB

10.1 Ward Alliance Membership

The Chair advised that we have made several attempts to recruit Ward Alliance Members from Brierley and will continue to do so. The Councillors will be writing out to current Ward Alliance Members to ask

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them to confirm that they would like to continue to serve on the NE Ward Alliance.

The Chair reminded Members to confirm their attendance for Ward Alliance Meetings either by accepting/declining the meeting appointments or sending apologies. For the most part attendance is relatively good, but Members were reminded that if anyone does not attend three consecutive meeting without sending apologies then in line with Ward Alliance guidance a replacement representative will be recruited.

10.2 Purple Bags

The CDO updated that we are still waiting for the new bags which have the new branding and will inform Members once the bags are available.

UPDATE: The new purple bags are now available and have been delivered to:

- Sainsbury's - Shafton
- Morrisons - Great Houghton
- Brierley shop. - Brierley
- New Options Gym - Grimethorpe.

Volunteers can scan the QR code on the bag to request litter collection.

10.3 Young Peoples Visit to the Mayors Chamber

The Chair confirmed that meeting for the students from Outwood Academy, Shafton has been confirmed for Friday, 23 February. The visit will include meeting the Mayor, a tour of the Town Hall and visit to *Experience Barnsley*. The school is inviting 20 students and will provide their own transport. If any Members would like to attend this session, please let DarrylHand@barnsley.gov. know.

10.4 Brierley Commemorative Garden

The CDO advised that the NE Ward Alliance has taken on a Service Level Agreement for the new Commemorative Garden on Church Street in Brierley. In preparation, the CDO has had initial discussions with the Section 106 Panel and Brierley Residents Group. He has already obtained two quotes for the work and will be getting a third to take for consideration to the 106 Panel.

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<p>10.5 Youth Association Query</p> <p>Members asked if the Youth Association could provide an update on the work with the youth in the area. The CDO will get in touch with Nadine Handley and ask for an update.</p> <p>Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 27 February 2024 10am – 12pm</p> <p>Venue: Shafton Parish Council, Community Centre, Venue confirmed</p>	<p>10.5 The CDO to ask for an update from the Youth Association</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>Minutes Approved By:</p>		
<p>Date:</p>	<p>6 February 2024</p>	