

# DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday 9th January 2024 @ 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Collins Close, Dodworth</b>

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
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) Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD) Zahid Chavan – Barnsley Muslim Community Centre (ZC)	Lyn Gregg – Dodworth Methodist Church

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action led
<p>Councillor Wray welcomed everyone to the meeting including the Ward Alliance's new member Zahid Chavan.</p> <p>All Ward Alliance Members introduced themselves to Zahid and welcomed him to the Ward Alliance.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Love Gawber and Pogmoor – Christmas in Gawber Event</u></p> <p>DG stated that the above event did not go ahead as planned. DG reported that she had invoiced the group to reclaim the funding they had received from the Ward Alliance to help fund the event.</p> <p><u>Ring Fenced Public Heath Funding Allocation</u></p> <p>DG reported that she had rechecked the funding criteria clarifying how it must be spent. DG confirmed that we had already spent this amount of funding on projects and events which met the relevant criteria including community notice board improvements, the high street event, addressing loneliness as well as signposting residents to relevant groups.</p> <p><u>Cars Parked on Land at Higham/Higham Communitiy Garden</u></p> <p>DG stated that in respect of the land at Higham, after checking with BMBC’s Asset Management Department concerning ownership, they had confirmed it was all in the ownership of Barnsley Council. DG reported that BMBC were now going to investigate the matter concerning cars being parked on the land, including whether it was being used to run a business.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, were agreed as a true record.</p>		

<b>4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	Councillors Wray and Christmas both declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the Ward Alliance Funding Application received from the Dodworth Miners Welfare Amateur Boxing Club.		
<b>5. Budgets</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £6,797.38</p> <p>Small Sparks Balance:- £187.91</p> <p>DG stated that there was some potential underspend from Christmas projects resulting in a small increase in the over budget balance. DG will update the Ward Alliance accordingly.</p>		
<b>6. Ward Alliance Applications</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p><u>Small Sparks Application – Planting outside front of Dodworth Library</u></p> <p>A small sparks funding application was received requesting the sum of £150 from 2 local volunteers.</p> <p>The funds required are needed to make improvements to some of the smaller beds outside the library by purchasing shrubs and plants.</p>		

DG stated that a meeting with BMBC's Parks Services and the Principal Towns Officer had taken place to look at the front of the library and discuss both the unfinished areas and some repairs needed.

DG reported that following the meeting, it had been agreed that the 2 large shrubs in the 2 large beds would be removed and replanted with trees and other shrubs. Shrubs will also be planted along the security fencing to improve the aesthetics in that area. Works replacing and/or refixing coping stones will also be carried out. This work will be carried out by BMBC.

Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.

#### Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Brass Band

A funding application was received from Dodworth Brass Band for the sum of £1,000.

The funds required are needed to cover expenses for attending events including travels costs, hire of van or bus and musical director costs. The funds will also help towards annual rent costs which will increase in April, and any unforeseen repairs/maintenance of instruments.

Following a lengthy discussion, the application was agreed in full.

#### Dodworth Miners Welfare Amateur Boxing Club

A funding application was received from the Boxing Club at Dodworth Miners Welfare for the sum of £2,500.

The funds required are to pay for a fully qualified England Boxing Coach for 12 months to allow the club to promote better quality and safer coaching

	<p>and entice new members to the club generating more users and income.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members discussed the application at length before agreeing to part fund it, covering the costs for 6 months for a boxing coach instead of 12. Therefore, the sum of £1,250 was approved.</p>		
<p><b>7. Ward Alliance Projects</b></p>		<p><b>Action/Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Action lead</b></p>
	<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG reported that a new provider had now been sought and agreed. However, DG stated she was currently unable to give any further details. Hopefully DG will provide a detailed update at the next meeting.</p> <p>DG could confirm that prices will see an increase stating it will cost £109.77 just for a basket, £15.75 for brackets and £33 for plaques.</p> <p>Order for baskets will need to be submitted by the end of February.</p> <p>It was suggested by DG that the Ward Alliance should continue to cover the costs of brackets.</p> <p><u>Review of Christmas in Dodworth</u></p>		

	<p>This item was deferred for discussion to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Community Engagement Exercise</u></p> <p>This item was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.</p>		
<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p>		<p><b>Action/Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Action lead</b></p>
	<p><u>Miners Memorial Higham</u></p> <p>Councillor Wray reported that a project to create a miner's memorial at Higham was being investigated by a local resident.</p> <p>Councillor Wray stated that although this was something the Ward Alliance could support and be involved with, it would not be able to fully fund such a project.</p> <p><u>Higham Methodist Church – Defibrillator</u></p> <p>DG and the 3 Ward Councillors stated the Methodist Church should approach the Yorkshire Ambulance Service in the first instance in respect of their wishes to install a defibrillator at the church.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>		

9. Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 5.30 pm.</b></p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024</p>		