

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 6th February 2024 @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Chris Wray 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) Lyn Gregg – Dodworth Methodist Church (LG) Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT) Zahid Chavan – Barnsley Muslim Community Centre (ZC) Kelly Lycett - BMBC Central Area Manager	Councillor Will Fielding Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD) Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Action/Decision

Action led

	Councillor Wray welcomed everyone to the meeting including Kelly Central Area Council Manager.		
2.	Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead

Ring Fenced Public Health Funding Allocation

DG confirmed that the ringfenced public health funding pot had been spent in full.

Cars Parked on Land at Higham/Higham Community Garden

DG reported that arrangements had been put in place for a BMBC Neighbourhood Warden to monitor the area looking for signs to see if the land is being used for business purposes.

SM stated that she has taken several photographs of up to 18 cars with an individual appearing to look like they were carrying out mechanical work to the vehicles.

DG asked SM to forward the photographs to her so they could be used as part of any information gathering. DG requested any other photographs which Ward Alliance Members take, be forward to her also.

Dodworth Miners Welfare – Amateur Boxing Club

DG reported the Ward Alliance funding of £1,250 which was awarded is still currently on hold as the Club has still not provided insurance and DBS details as requested.

DG stated she would give the Club until the end of February to provide relevant documentation including other necessary details/records.

Higham Methodist Church - Defibrillator

It was reported that nothing further has been discussed about this matter. DG stated she would check her diary and hopefully attend the next Church Meeting due to be held on 21st February 2024.

	<p>There were no other matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 9th January 2024, were agreed as a true record.</p>		
<p>4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action led</p>
	<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary /non-pecuniary interest declared.</p>		
<p>5. Budgets</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:- Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £5,547.38 Small Sparks Balance:- £37.91</p> <p>In light of the current unallocated budget, it was suggested whether the Ward Alliance should ringfence some funds for Christmas 2024. It was agreed by Ward Alliance Members this was a good idea.</p> <p>DG reported that there was a potential application in the pipeline which may come in March, but nothing else she was aware of.</p>		

6. Ward Alliance Applications		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Small Sparks Application – Top up Small Sparks Budget</u></p> <p>A funding application was submitted by the Ward Alliance for the sum of £462.09 to top up the Small Sparks budget.</p> <p>The application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>Smalls Sparks Application – Gawber Defibrillator Replacement Pads etc</u></p> <p>A small sparks application was received from volunteers at Gawber Community Centre for the amount of £68.85. The funds requested are to purchase a spare set of replacement defibrillator pads and a starter pack.</p> <p>The defibrillator has been insitu for approximately 12 months and was used this week in an emergency situation where the pads and starter pack were used.</p>		

	<p>Ward Alliance Members agreed the importance of the equipment being in fully working order at all times with all necessary accessories in place.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		
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<p>7. Ward Alliance Projects</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
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	<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG stated that all lighting columns available for sponsorship on High Street Dodworth have now been allocated. DG stated that 2 spare columns had been identified in case there are any issues with BMBC Street Lighting Section.</p> <p>Across the rest of the Ward, DG reported that 3 columns had been allocated in Pogmoor, 2 in Gilroyd and zero in Higham.</p> <p>DG stated that there were 8/9 columns available in Higham. MH stated he would speak to a potential sponsor in the Higham area.</p> <p>In terms of when the hanging baskets will go up, DG reported the new provider, a company called KMO, were confident they would be up in June. They will remain up until the end of August or possibly into September if the weather has been</p>		
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good and the baskets are still in good condition.
The baskets will be watered twice a week.

Review of Christmas in Dodworth

Following the suggestion to ringfence some funding for Christmas 2024, it was agreed by Ward Alliance Members to ringfence the remaining budget balance.

Councillor Wray reported that this year's Dodworth Ward Christmas Festival will be held on Sunday 1st December 2024 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Councillor Wray also stated that the next meeting of the Christmas Events Group will be 5th March 2024, at 4.30 p.m. at the Central Club, Station Road if anyone wished to attend/get involved.

Gilroyd Living Christmas Tree Sponsor

DG reported the sponsor of the living Christmas Tree, which was planted at Gilroyd, has stated she no longer wants to be associated with the project and has requested her sponsorship money back. DG stated that there had been a small number of negative responses from the community since the planting of the tree. The tree has also been vandalised.

Ward Alliance Members stated it was a great shame the tree had been vandalised and that some negative comments had been received. Obviously, the tree will grow if given the chance and would become a lovely asset to the community.

Ward Alliance Members agreed to give the sponsor a full refund as a good will gesture.

Community Engagement Exercise

	<p>This item was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.</p>		
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Junior Wardens Volunteers</u></p> <p>MH reported that no volunteers had been forthcoming so far to help with the Junior Wardens Project and in particular the driving of the minibus. MH stated that 13 events were scheduled for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>DG stated she would look into whether the scheme can be included in projects advertised within the Council which BMBC members of staff are allowed to use their 4 paid days a year to volunteer in the community.</p> <p>MH stated the Junior Wardens Presentation of Certificates Event to all participating children in the project will take place on the 27th and 28th February at the Holiday Inn at 1.00 p.m. All Ward Alliance Members are invited to attend.</p> <p><u>Service Bus Issues – Woodland Drive</u></p> <p>Councillor Wray reported that a bus route is going to be established around the Woodland Drive area and that a meeting with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Office was scheduled for Tuesday 13th February 2024 to discuss the matter further.</p>		

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