

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 22nd July 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 be 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 May and June 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:
5th July 2024

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance

Tuesday 14th May – 6 PM

Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Richard Denton

Cllr Steve Hunt

Cllr Leyla Nayeri

Helen Altun

Nick Hibberd

Gez Morrall

Teresa Wilcockson

David Lockwood

Paul Marsh

David Hilton

North Area Team:

Rebecca Battye

1. Apologies

None

It was agreed that Councillor Richard Denton would continue as chair for the meetings. Richard welcomed Leyla to the ward alliance and introduced her to everyone.

2. Declarations of Interest –None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Financial Update

New financial year

£10877.62 total.

£5813.81 match funding.

£5063.81 none match funding.

6. Applications for Funding –

Grassroots summer activities £630.00 - Approved.

Defibrillator working budget £200 – Approved.

Health and wellbeing event £1000 – Approved.

If any working budget is to be carried over, please include this on the application for funding.

7. Ward Action Plan

Ears and voice of the community –

Facebook and Mapplewell and Staincross website ongoing.

Cover photo for Darton East Ward Alliance facebook page to be updated.

Young people –

Summer activities to be arranged for in Mapplewell park.

Sports van to be arranged for Mapplewell park.

Summer disco at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall.

The village hall is also looking at hosting some events in the summer holidays.

Ace's netball team were asked to attend the summer activities in the park but have not confirmed if they can attend.

Older people –

A variety of activities happen in the village hall for older people. It would be great to get more isolated people out and joining in, but they must want to engage.

Wellbeing event –

Wellbeing Event – October.

It was agreed to try to target people for the event and do a leaflet drop. On the leaflet it could also have information about activities going on in the community and dial a ride.

Leaflets can be shared with groups at the village hall and at the church.

Plaques will go up in the next few weeks on lampposts, with hanging baskets to follow at the beginning of June.

This year is the most baskets that have been sponsored ever. Approx 58 hanging baskets will be going up in our area.

Some of our planters got destroyed in Darton after a car crash. We will have to pay for them to be removed and will ask the drivers insurance company for the money to cover the costs.

It was suggested to ask Clean and Green if they could remove the contents of the planters.

8. Environmental contract

Our clean up event along with St Helen's ward went very well. They went down the trail for approx. 4 miles picking up litter.

Thank you to all the volunteers.

A member raised that grass was growing up through some of the benches in the area and needed cutting. This will be raised at the next meeting.

The council are behind with grass cutting.

A truck got stuck in Ibberson gardens after a report of graffiti.

9. Community Summer Gala

The gala will be led by the Darton East Ward Alliance. The latest meeting took place today.

It will be a small family event on 07/09/2024. 11am – 2pm. This date has been picked after looking at other events taking place in the area and school holidays. The group have been in contact with lots of potential vendors to attend the event. The date will be communicated out in a flyer and on social media shortly.

A site visit was completed, and the group have several people lined up to attend. The neighbourhood police team will be coming.

It was suggested that the mayor should also be invited to come to the event.

10. AOB

A member asked how long-standing groups who use the village hall could apply for funding if they did not have a business account. The village hall bank account could be used to hold the money.

Barnsley treasures workshop – leaflet handed out to the members of the ward alliance.

FOMAS (Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross have started a local history group. They have had 3 meetings and there has been a large amount of interest. They are looking at funding some history boards. The group has attracted some senior citizens, and it could potentially engage other elderly people.

It was suggested to be put on the flyer which is going out in the area shortly.

11. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 11th June 2024. 6pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
Tuesday 11th June 2024– 6 PM
Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Richard Denton
Cllr Steve Hunt
Cllr Leyla Nayeri
Helen Altun
Nick Hibberd
Gez Morrall
Teresa Wilcockson
David Lockwood

North Area Team:

Rebecca Battye

1. Apologies

Paul Marsh
David Hilton

2. Declarations of Interest – Yes

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Financial Update

£9027.62 total.
£5813.81 match funding.
£3213.81 none match funding.

6. Applications for Funding –

Seamrippers Quilting group - £657.30

The group members had a discussion about the application and the chair of the group was asked to come in to the meeting to answer questions as they were at the group at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall at the same time. It was agreed to approve £500.

7. Ward Action Plan

Ears and voice of the community –

Facebook and Mapplewell and Staincross website ongoing.

More admin to be added to the Darton East ward alliance facebook page.

Young people –

Summer activities to be arranged for in Mapplewell park on a Wednesday if enough volunteers are available.

Grassroots Sports van is coming to Mapplewell park on the first Thursday of the holidays then fortnightly 1pm to 3pm.

Summer disco, Halloween and Christmas disco at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall.

The toddler group at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall will continue throughout the summer holidays on a Tuesday 9.30 to 11.30 and it will also be opened up to older siblings.

Older people –

A leaflet drop will be completed in September. A project lead has been decided.

The leaflet will be delivered by hand. Approx 5000 leaflets will be required.

Wellbeing event –

Wellbeing Event – October.

Environment – The hanging baskets are going up. Some plaques are still to go up, but 90 per cent are already up.

The hanging baskets can not go on concrete lamp posts.

8. Environmental contract

Feedback is good. The contract has been in place for nearly a year. The volunteers work with the team usually on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Rubbish and fly tipping have been recently removed.

Upcoming events are:

19/06/24 – Grasmere Crescent

03/07/24 – Village Hall area.

17/07/24 – Staincross WMC area.

Some paths need to be cut back.

They have been asked to look at Oakwood Drive and Cloudberry Way.

Woolley Colliery is also overgrown.

9. Community Summer Gala

The latest meeting for the summer gala was today.

The arrangements for the gala are progressing well.

Three types of entertainment should be there. Jake EB Music, Barnsley Youth theatre and a brass band.

Monkey Bizness are booked for the event with a bouncy castle, slide and assault course. This will be at no cost to the ward alliance. Parents will pay a small fee for the children to use.

The mayor has been booked to open the event.

There will be an ice cream van and face painter.

An advert will go out on social media advertising the event and asking if anyone would like to be a stall holder.

10.AOB

The project to create street art on the green BT boxes is not going ahead.

A big thank you was given to Rebecca along with flowers and a card and she is moving to support another area.

Meeting closed 7pm.

11. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 9th July 2024. 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 5th June 2024

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

Apologies: None

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1b The Chair alerted members that Rebecca and Rosie are transferring to other Wards

The Chair would like to thank Rebecca and Rosie for all their excellent work and support given to Darton West Ward Alliance Councillors and all members of the Alliance

1c The Chair informed that Kelly Lycett will take over from Rosie and Tanya Dickinson will take over from Rebecca

2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday 17th April 2024 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to inform Tanya Dickinson to look at costs for tidying of the 2 planters at Claycliffe roundabout

Rebecca to contact Clean and Green Team to sort out tidying of planters at Claycliffe roundabout and placing planter at Wilbrook Rise/Withorpe Road on the regular schedule for grass cutting

Cllrs Alice Cave, Sharon Howard, Trevor Cave to follow up costings and progress for resitting of 2 planters at Day House Way (Ongoing)

Cllr Sharon Howard to speak with Gary Hindsley re: possible involvement of Schools with street naming at the MU1 development (Ongoing)

Rebecca to finalise and update Ward Notice Boards at

Baurgh Green, Harry Road Rec and Wood View

Rebecca to look at any progress re: littering at the embankment in Darton

Rebecca to finalise Hanging basket provision across the Ward

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to seek advice re: residents' concerns about the location of some hanging baskets and the wording on the attached plaque

Rebecca to monitor defibrillator at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre

Rebecca to monitor defibrillator at Priestley Avenue (new pads required)

Christina Carroll to monitor defibrillator at Thompson's Garage Darton and update as required

Sharon to forward contact number of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to John Ryan, to assist with any antisocial behaviour at Darton Park

Liam to contact Tracey Brewer at Highways re: Longfields project and update

3 Ward Action Plan

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

4 Active Travel Update

Nothing to report

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £11, 894,24

6 WAF applications

Day House Way Community Garden Project	Approved
Darton Darby and Joan Scarecrow Festival	Approved
Hanging Basket Working Budget	Approved
Darton Bowling Club (£1000)	Approved
Kexbrough History Group	Declined
Café Crossroads	Declined

7 Darton West Clean and Green Update

Nothing to Report

A.O.B.

Cllrs Alice Cave, Sharon Howard, Trevor Cave are now representatives on the Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre Group

Liam Morgan thanked members on behalf of Butterflies for the Awards given at the Star Awards both for Butterflies and himself.

Date and Time of next meeting.

Monday 15th July 2024 at 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre

Appendix Three:



14th May 2024, 6.30pm, Honeywell Community Centre Notes of the Meeting

Attendance: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, Lee Swift, Pat Braithwaite

Apologies: Tina Burke, Cllr Lofts, Gillian Nixon

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

2. Matters Arising

- Bill met with Jo and Kirsty. They are keen but a lot of work is involved. Cllr Pickering and Bill are meeting to sort signatures on the account
- Pat agreed to invite both Jo and Kirsty to the Cupcakes and Crowns event on 15th June, to promote the group etc.
- Pat said Amber Colton is not in Parks now, so not clear about the remit for trees, going forward.

Action: Pat to invite Jo and Kirsty to the park event

3. Membership

- At the moment, the Ward Alliance are currently below the threshold for approving funding. We therefore need more members.
- There are a total of four potential new member applications in, which will hopefully be scored at the next Ward Briefing.
- Once this is done, the Wilthorpe Park and the Emmanuel Church bid can be processed (assuming they come onboard)

Action: Cllrs to score memberships at Ward Briefing

4. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £12,078.05.

5. Funding Bids

- There are no upcoming bids, but a form has been handed to the craft group at Honeywell Community Centre, so it is expected to be submitted soon

- Bill got quote from Hicox, but will need new one, as the limit will have expired. We will not be able to sign this off, until the threshold is met. It is believed to be in a region of £460

Action: Bill to confirm quote for insurance

- Discussed way to improve Willowbank and said maybe get someone in, to sort out marsh between canal and woods.
- Cllr Pickering to talk to people at fleets rejuvenation and see if they want to divert some money towards it.

Action: Cllr Pickering to approach Fleets team for money to help sort marsh on Willowbank

6. Events 2024

Old Town Carnival

- It is believed that this will not take place now until 2025

Kings Award Tea Party

- The Kings Award Tea Party is now called Cupcakes and Crowns.
- It will take place on Sat 15th June at Wilthorpe Park, 11am-2pm
- It will include a bring your own picnic, rides, scones, crown crafts and fancy dress, as well as a live singer

Brettas Park

- The D Day event will be on 1st June 11am-2pm
- Has dog show, drinks, games, and re-enactment from WW2 living history group
- Also has music and entertainment

7. Community Pantry

- The cupboard is up and in the store room
- There is still a lot of item of the craft group laying around and they need moving
- Lee is having a food delivery ordered and will be here, soon.
- The banners for the room are here
- Lee agreed to ask Jill Barker if she could chase up the group to move some items

Action: Lee to sort the food order

Action: Lee to speak to Jill barker re: clearing area

Action: Lee to switch fridge and freezer on

8. Spring Bulbs

- Lee said bulbs are about to be ordered and if Old Town want any, they need to know by end of July
- It was agreed to create a list of places next meeting for who wants what for bulbs.

Action: All to find areas for bulbs and report on numbers at next Ward Alliance

9. Hanging Baskets

- These are all on track for putting up at the start of June

10. Ward Plan

Local Pride

- Stencilling. Pat contacted Chris Buckle and he can get hold of areas for stencilling.
- Pat showed everyone the poster of how litter is affecting wildlife and it was agreed to get costs for some posters

Action: Pat to let Chris know areas for stencilling

Action: Pat to cost up posters and submit Ward Alliance bid

11. Any Other Business

- None

Action: Cllr Newing to attend the Kings Award presentation on 24th April

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 11th June 2024, 6.30pm, **Honeywell Community Centre**



11th June 2024, 6.30pm, Honeywell Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

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

Apologies: Tina Burke, Pat Braithwaite

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

2. Matters Arising

- Jo and Kirsty have been invited to the Cupcakes and Crowns park event
- New Ward Alliance memberships have been scored and new members will be invited to the next meeting. Thankfully, this means that the funding can now be allocated as the minimum membership threshold has been passed.
- Bill needs to confirm the new quote for the insurance, it's likely to be higher than the other one.
- Cllr Pickering has to await for the fleets rejuvenation money being allocated before he can ask if they will divert some to marsh project at Willowbank
- Cllr Newing attended the Kings Award celebration and felt it went well

3. Membership

- Jane Barry, Shaun Brady, Carol Barber, and Pat Lewis will be joining us for the next meeting.
- Lee agreed to put together induction packs for the new members

Action: Lee to put together induction packs for new members

4. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £12,078.05.

5. Funding Bids

- The form for the craft group at Honeywell Community Centre is still to be returned. Lee agreed to remind them. Equally, a form has been passed to Sugden's Bowling club

Action: Lee to remind groups to submit their bids

- Bill got quote from Hicox, but will need new one, as the limit will have expired.

Action: Bill to confirm quote for insurance

6. Events 2024

Cupcakes and Crowns

- The Cupcakes and Crowns event is taking place on Sat 15th June at Wilthorpe Park, 11am-2pm
- It will include a bring your own picnic, rides, scones, crown crafts and fancy dress, as well as a live singer

Brettas Park

- The D Day event at Brettas Park was held on 1st June.
- It was a great event by all accounts and everyone enjoyed it

7. Community Pantry

- The food order from His Church charity came and it's pretty good
- Cllrs were dissatisfied with the state of the storeroom at the centre.
- The craft group have not moved as much equipment as they need to.
- In addition, Gill had explained that she had visited other pantries and needed to have a discussion about health and wellbeing.
- Lee explained that he has a meeting with environmental health and agreed to ask about the requirements for this.
- Lee agreed to set up a meeting with all stakeholders to discuss a way forward with the meeting.

Action: Lee to meet with environmental health

Action: Lee to set up a meeting with stakeholders

8. Spring Bulbs

- The following was agreed to be put forwards in a bid for the next meeting:
 - Wilthorpe Park – 2,000 crocus, 2,000 snowdrops, 2,000 bluebells
 - Cllr Pickering to speak to Brettas Park for their requested amount
 - Cllr Pickering to speak to Summer Ln and St Mary's
 - Pat to ask Wilthorpe Primary school

Action: Cllr Pickering to ask schools and Brettas Park for spring bulbs allocation

9. Summer Holiday Provision

- Lee explained that Grass Roots Sports academy were willing to host some sports provision in the area, at a cost of £240 per session
- St Helens Ward have funded a total of 4 sessions from them over the summer.
- It was agreed after discussion to look at 2 sessions on a single day, delivered at Brettas Park in the holidays.

Action: Lee to ask for dates from Grass Roots sports provision

Action: Lee to put together bid for next Ward Alliance

10. Hanging Baskets

- The baskets are now in place. There are some issues with other areas, but Old Town baskets are okay

11. Ward Plan

Local Pride

- Stencilling. Pat has arranged with Chris Buckle to do some stencilling around the area.
- Gill has obtained some stickers for dog fouling
- The pledge project needs to be discussed at another meeting

Action: Ward Alliance to think about areas for stencilling

12. Environmental Contract

- Areas to suggest for clearing:
 - Willowbank Res
 - Fleets Car Park
- Lee explained a cleanup for Sat 27th July was available in the AM
- It was agreed to do this on Sat 27th July 10am-12 noon

Action: Ward Alliance to prepare and plan to clear up smithies In area on Sat 27th

13. Any Other Business

- None

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 9th July 2024, 6.30pm, Honeywell Community Centre

Appendix Four:

St Helens Ward Alliance
Thursday 16th May 2024 - 4pm, Roundhouse Library
Notes of the Meeting

Present

CHAIR Cllr Neil Wright

ELECTED MEMBER Cllr Dave Leech

Community Members Sarah Taylor, Claire Nock, Sarah Pearce, Kath Bostwick and Michelle Cooper

BMBC Staff Lee Swift

Apologies Dawn Bailey

- Welcome and introductions

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted

Matters Arising

KB asked about the clean up on Laxton Road which was delayed due to bad weather – new date will be arranged with the Environmental Team and volunteers.

Cllr DL Thanked everyone who took part clean up on the Active Travel Route which took place 13/5/24 It was a successful day which was timed well as the Official Opening of the was done the following day. Darton East Ward assisted with the event.

KB confirmed there was a great deal of rubbish left behind many of the houses leading onto the trail.

It was agreed that we would discuss this issue with the Rangers and the Environmental Team

ACTION Cllr LEECH and KB

Cllr DL discussed an area around Stoney Royd and a patch of land that we can use as a Wild Flower area. This is a project that the Alliance has been discussing for a while. This has been discussed with the wild flower area and agreed this would be a good site. We need to confirm ownership of the land.

ACTION LS

Discussions with Pete Goodlad about accessing his site

ACTION Cllr DL

Arrange a site visit for the Alliance members

ACTION Cllr DL

The group discussed that there is only a small amount of money in the budget for wildflowers (£100). It was noted, however, that if needed, some unspent funds could be returned to the WA pot would be sign posted to the Wildflower project.

Proposed - Cllr DL

Seconded – Cllr NW

All members in agreement

Funding Applications

Forthcoming applications

– Romero bid. Lee announced that Romero's bid was withdrawn, as they need to re-work the budget and re-consider what they would apply for

- Area Notice Boards. These are being assessed as the weather gets better.

- Waste Bin for the Active Travel Route – the cost of this bin will be split between St Helens Ward and Darton East Ward - costs to be collected by LS

ACTION LS

Funding

The current and working budget was discussed with the group

The group discussed Monitoring Forms and requested that **all future** applicants will be requested to complete all monitoring forms as part of the initial application.

If the Alliance members don't get the relevant paper work returned this may go against them for future grant applications

Environmental Caretakers

The group discussed areas in St Helens to be worked on with Michael and the environmental team.

Suggested areas – Clifton Avenue – Laxton Road – Ravensfield Court – New Lodge
Many of the areas discussed are already on the rotational route for the Environmental team.

It was agreed that the New Lodge area would be the next Environmental /Volunteer Day on 27th July 2024 (weather permitting) and after checking that the Environmental team are available.

It was agreed that new signs were needed in the area regarding the amount of dog faeces that is in the village.

Cllr NW and Cllr DL agreed to paint signs in the area. Permission has been obtained from the relevant agencies. We need to obtain paint

ACTION NW

Upcoming events

Summer Gala – CN and KB fed back to the group about their plans for the event. All is going well with the planning

- Co-op is providing some food products for the event
- Lee needs to coordinate the payment for aspects costings and final checks
- Lee to produce PR for the event

The group are working hard to coordinate the event, thanks were given to the group.

Spring Bulbs

It was agreed to purchase a selection of bulbs and we will arrange groups/individuals who will be able to plant them in autumn – 2000 daffodils – crocus - bluebells and snowdrops.

Lee agreed to complete the funding bid as it's approved, now.

ACTION LS

Summer Sports Provision

It was agreed that we commission Grassroots Sports Academy to deliver 4 sessions throughout the school summer holidays.

ACTION MC

Lee agreed to complete the funding bid as it's approved, now.

ACTION LS

Any Other Business

KB – Halloween Event – The planning for this event will start as soon as the Summer Gala is completed

ACTION NW

KB – Community Information Event for St Helens – We are going to invite Mark Griffiths along to the next meeting to discuss his ideas on an Information event

ACTION LS

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th June 2024

4pm @ The Roundhouse Library