

North East Ward Alliance - Minutes

May 2024

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MEETING NOTES		
Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance	
Date & Time:	Tuesday, 21 May 2024 (10am – 12pm)	
Location:	Bow Street Offices, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8JW	
Chair:	Cllr Ashley Peace	
Minutes:	Gill Holland (Secretary)	
Attendee's:	Apologies:	
Cllr Dorothy Coates, Brenda Doyle, Allan Hampson, Gill Holland, Linda Knight, Peter Makinson, Cllr Ashley Peace Ann Skelton, Elsie Smith	Paul Archer Cllr Ruth Booker Darryl Hand (CDO)	
Other Attendees: Joanne Smith, Community Development Officer (CDO), Cudworth Ward Alliance.		
Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members and opened the meeting with introductions. Cllr Dorothy Coates was welcomed as a new Member to the NE Ward Alliance and thanks were expressed for the valuable contribution of those who have recently resigned their NE Ward Alliance Membership, Cllr Geoff Ennis, Deborah Hanson, Deborah Pearson and Rev Christine Moorey.</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Paul Archer and Cllr Ruth Booker.</p> <p>3. Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests</p> <p>Pecuniary interests were expressed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Skelton and Elsie Smith – Grimethorpe Summer Gala Peter Makinson and Linda Knight – Shaftonbury Musical Festival Cllr Dorothy Coates – Brierley Summer Fete 		

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<p>4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.1 DIAL Q3 Report - LP to find out when the service is due for renewal and table for discussion at the appropriate Ward Alliance meeting. <p>UPDATE: The recommissioning of the advisory and guidance service (DIAL) for the North East Ward will be scheduled for review at the meeting in August. A request has been made to DIAL to provide information regarding costs for the coming year and detail/data about the impact/outcomes for 23/24 so that a decision can be made. Cllr Coates requested that any information for Great Houghton is itemized so it can be reviewed at the Parish Council.</p> <p>5. Finance</p> <p>5.1 It was noted that due to the resignation of Deborah Pearson another signatory will be needed for the WA Bank Account.</p> <p>5.2 Members were updated that the Barnsley Council NE Area Team officer arrangements have recently changed as part of the wider Council transformation review. Instead of each of the six areas having their own designated Project Officer (PO) there is now a centralized team of three POs who are available to support Ward Alliance Members with financial processes.</p> <p>5.3 It was highlighted that the format of the Ward Alliance financial information has been updated to an Excel spreadsheet with one tab outlining Core Funding and committed spend for 24/25 and the second worksheet showing the detail of the Working Fund. The information now reflects both committed and actual spend giving a clearer overview of the current financial position.</p> <p>Cllr Peace advised that £20,000 has been funded for the NE Ward for 24/25 and that additionally a request has been made to the NE Area Council for funding for the recommission of the advisory/guidance service.</p> <p>The Core Fund has a remaining uncommitted balance of £10,629.55. The Working Fund has a remaining uncommitted balance of £2,000.00 minus £111 spent for replacement defibrillator pads.</p>	<p>5.2 Councillors to take the issue of officer support to the NE Area Council Meeting for discussion.</p>	<p>AP/D C</p>
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<p>6. WAF's</p> <p>6.1 Shaftonbury Music Festival – Shafton Parish Council</p> <p>Members were reminded that it was agreed at the November 23 WA Meeting that at a maximum the Ward Alliance would match fund the donation of £550 from Shafton Parish Council for this request. It was highlighted that the Ward Alliance would not be able to fund the retrospective costs of the promotional banners.</p> <p>Decision: It was agreed that the request would be funded for £400.</p> <p>There was additional discussion about the possibility of purchasing a generator which could be used for community events in the North East. It was requested that the CDO research the cost of purchasing the equipment outright and consult Barnsley Council's Legal Department to discuss the possible liabilities of owning/hiring out the equipment.</p> <p>6.2 Grimethorpe Summer Gala - Grimethorpe Residents Events Group</p> <p>Members were reminded that the Gala was very well attended last year and across all four villages summer events were extremely effective within the different communities.</p> <p>It was recognized that the Gala this year has been solely organised by a team of volunteers which represents a volunteer match of £3890.80.</p> <p>The funds requested are to cover infrastructure costs for the event, first aiders and toilet facilities.</p> <p>Decision: It was agreed that the full requested amount of £706 will be funded.</p> <p>6.3 After School provision - Ladywood School</p> <p>Members reviewed the request for funding from Ladywood School to cover costs of £20,000 for an after school club. It was highlighted that this was quite a large amount and more importantly there were no plans outlined for volunteer match funding one of the stipulations outlined in the WA Framework.</p> <p>Decision: Members agreed that the WAF request be rejected.</p>	<p>6.1 CDO to research the cost of purchasing a generator for use in the NE Area.</p>	<p>DH</p>
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6.4 Summer Fete 2024 – Brierley Residents Group

It was noted that the funds requested this year has decreased significantly from the amount last year (£1,491.00) and that as with the case of the Grimethorpe Gala a large group of volunteers is involved with the event including four new volunteers. The money requested will go towards infrastructure costs for first aiders and toilet facilities.

Decision: It was agreed that the full requested amount of £929 will be funded.

Discussion followed regarding the scheduling of community events within the NE Ward and the need to try and prevent any kind of clash of dates where possible. It was advised that there is a new website planned to go live at the end of May called **Visitor Barnsley** – “It will feature listings of businesses, venues, attractions, accommodation and events, as well as stories, itineraries, images and videos that highlight the unique character and diversity of Barnsley”. Members will be able to access the website and see what events are scheduled when and help, where possible, prevent future clashes of community events. Updates on how to access and use the website will follow via email.

7. Performance Report 23/24

The draft Performance Report was reviewed and thanks noted for the CDO for his excellent work in putting the report together. The information reflects the great work that has taken place over the past year and in particular highlights that there was more or less an even split of funding spent across the four villages. The report will be finalized and then reviewed at the NE Area Council Meeting in July.

8. Outstanding Monitoring

It was noted that the review of monitoring is a standing agenda item, and any outstanding monitoring will continue to be tracked and support offered to groups to help with completion. Community groups are aware that no further funds will be agreed unless outstanding monitoring information is submitted.

- St Michaels Church – Christmas Events
- Brierley Sewing Bees – Equipment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Great Houghton Village Committee – Easter Events <p>9. AOB</p> <p>9.1 Sloppy Slipper Events</p> <p>Cllr Peace advised that the Sloppy Slipper project was included within a wider Warm and Well event which included several other health and wellbeing advisory services. Initially £250 was ringfenced for each of the villages to use for a slipper exchange project. It was highlighted from this first event that it was difficult to manage in terms of recipients and number of slippers exchanged. Fifty-eight pairs of slippers were given out which meant a cost of £600 in total. It was agreed that this makes the project not financially viable to repeat in this same format across the other three villages.</p> <p>Members agreed that sloppy slippers is an important project to support falls prevention, but more work and discussion is needed about partnering with services and other groups to target those in the community who would benefit most. The CDO will ask the services involved about their outcomes from the wider event and share at the next meeting.</p> <p>9.2 Ward Alliance Branding / Logo</p> <p>This has been an ongoing project over the last 12 months. The branding and logos for the Area Teams have been agreed and now Ward Alliances have been asked to agree on branding and logos for their groups. Please send any ideas/feedback to DarrylHand@barnsley.gov.uk by 4 June 2024.</p> <p>9.3 Re-confirmation</p> <p>A reminder to members to confirm their WA Membership by clicking on the online link recently circulated with the documents for this meeting.</p> <p>9.4 Boundary Commission</p> <p>Members were reminded that the Local Government Boundary Commission is currently consulting with residents and local organisations to review the proposals for new ward boundaries in Barnsley. The consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations ends on 15 July 2024. One of the proposals includes the plan for Great Houghton to become part of the Darfield Ward. This will have a significant impact on the NE Ward Alliance and have implications for the funding of services that cut across all four villages such as DIAL and Grassroots. It will also affect Ward Alliance membership and</p>	<p>9.1 The CDO will ask the services involved about their outcomes from the wider event and share at the next meeting.</p>	<p>DH</p>
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<p>representation. The decision will come into effect after the next General Election. The implications of this consultation will need to be tabled as an item for discussion during the summer.</p> <p>9.5 Outdoor Cinema</p> <p>Members were reminded that after the Outdoor Cinema event in Shafton last summer it was agreed that the event will be repeated in one of the other three villages this year. After discussion, it was agreed that Brierley would host the event this year with two films and the venue and date will be confirmed over the next few weeks. It was also agreed that Grimethorpe will host the event next year.</p> <p>9.6 War Memorials</p> <p>Cllr Peace proposed that Members consider ideas for a project to tidy up some of the war memorials across the four villages and commission some kind of memorial in Shafton which doesn't currently have anything in place. Peter Makinson updated the group that there has been some initial discussion with the British Legion about having a war memorial in Shafton.</p> <p>9.7 Process for Reporting of Outcomes from Ward Alliance Meeting</p> <p>Discussion regarding the process and timing of circulation of minutes and reporting of decisions made at the Ward Alliance Meeting. It was highlighted that minutes from the Ward Alliance Meeting are not in the public domain until they are ratified at the NE Area Council Meeting. Ratified NE Ward Alliance Meeting Minutes can be found at Committee details - North East Area Council (moderngov.co.uk) It was agreed that it is important to be careful about the level of information that is shared with community groups and services before the minutes have been published. The CDO will seek clarification about the timings of the process and report his findings at the next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 11 July 2024, 10.00am – 12.00pm at Bow Street Offices, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8JW.</p>	<p>9.7 The CDO will clarify the process and report his findings at the next meeting.</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>Minutes Approved By:</p>		
<p>Date:</p>	<p>29 May 2024</p>	