

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

## **North Area Ward Alliance Notes**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report appries 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 the requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to the 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab.16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) 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 April, May and June 2017.  
Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
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Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
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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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## Appendix One:

### Darton East Ward Alliance

#### 'CAN DO-WILL DO'

11th July 2017 – 6PM

Mapplewell & Staincross

Village Hall

#### Present:

Cllr Roy Miller Darton East Ward  
Cllr Harry Spence Darton East Ward  
Cllr Gail Charlesworth Darton East Ward Councillor  
Sandra De-Donno Mapplewell Village Hall  
Rebecca Battye North Area Team  
Paul Marsh Local Business Man  
Julian Senior Greenworks  
Jonathan Senior Greenworks  
David Oates Local Business Man  
Pauline Brooks Methodist Church  
Jonathan Harrison Local Business Man  
Helen Altun Minutes

#### 1. Apologies:

David Hilton Greenspace

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Rebecca explained Mapplewell Strollers had withdrawn their application for funding. There are not enough members now wanting to participate in the walk.

#### 3. Matters Arising

Julian Senior explained he had spoken a lady who was giving away a free container and she was happy for the Darton East Ward to have it. Rebecca said she had spoken to Tanya Hunter and they would like to know the size of the container. The container must not block any windows where it is situated.

#### 4. Declaration of Interest

Sandra De Donno – Learn and Play with pleasure.

#### 5. Ward Plan

Councillor Roy Miller explained he had been working on tidying up the area. He had received some complaints from Windhill residents and said fly tipping had become a problem. Councillor Roy Miller explained there was a decrease of fly tipping in the borough but an increase in our area. Councillor Roy Miller also explained that the Pye Avenue entrance had been completed.

Councillor Harry Spence explained that all the planters had been taken and had started to be planted.

Sandra explained all the flower baskets outside the village hall were completed by the dementia group.

Gail explained she had called to see the head teacher at Mapplewell Primary School but the head teacher was busy. Gail explained she had spoken to a lady from highways and she had mentioned some bookmarks in red, amber and green which could be given out to people parking on the streets near to the school. Gail also explained if the school would not help it might be worth setting up a residents group for the area and also claws in the road had been mentioned as an idea to Gail.

Helen explained her daughter attended Mapplewell Primary and the head teacher had sent a letter out asking people to consider where they park and to park in the co op supermarket. Helen also mentioned it might be an idea to close off the school gates near Braithwaite Street and Greenside Avenue so the only gate available would be via the park which would make more parents park in the co-op car park.

## **6. Applications**

- Councillor Harry Spence explained he would like to request funding for the planter on Sackup Lane.
- Nova Theatre Group - £250 Application Successful. This request was sent to both Darton East and Darton West wards. Children will be attending from both areas. Leaflets and flyers will be distributed around both wards and in an advertisement in the arrow. It is for a first stage summer school. Darton West has already contributed.
- Learn and play for pleasure £1284.96. Rebecca explained we may not be able to fund this project she would look in to the rules around this. It is to fund two play workers once a week on a Tuesday morning at the mother and toddler group at the village hall. Everyone was in favour to fund this application.

## **7. Finances**

Rebecca explained Ward Alliance Funding available. Broken down there is £9,055.71 available for projects requiring match funding (volunteer hours) and £6,600.00 available for projects not requiring match funding.

- Jonathan spoke about his customer's complaining there were no car park spaces available in the centre of the village and a local trader had been parking cars in the Tin Hat car park with no tax or insurance on the cars. Councillor Roy Miller explained VOSA had already been informed about the trader and they were looking into a possible new car park for the village of Mapplewell down Spark Lane. Shop fronts will also be looked at under the Principal Town.
- Pictures were passed round the group for The North Area Magazine.
- Councillor Harry Spence spoke to Rebecca about getting funding for seven planters. Harry had spoken to a resident on Sackup Lane who had made one and he said it looks lovely. It had cost them £190. Rebecca explained she didn't believe any budget was left to pay for the planter.
- Harry will also speak to Russ about the contents of some of the planter's.
- Harry explained one planter was left to be adopted for Woolley.
- Rebecca explained she had met with Councillor Harry Spence due to Christmas only being 23 weeks away. There will be two events. Thursday 30/11/17 for the Christmas light switch on in Darton and Friday 01/12/17 for the Mapplewell event. Rebecca asked for permission in writing for the Christmas Tree in Darton. Rebecca confirmed it would cost maximum £1000 for The Neighbourhood Services Team to install the electric and sleeve at Darton. Darton Primary will be invited to the Darton event and Mapplewell Primary and Wellgate Primary to the Mapplewell event.
- Helen explained she would like the event to run for a longer. Helen explained there was a really good turnout for the event at Mapplewell last year and it seemed to be only a short get together.
- Helen also explained she knew a lady who may be able to come along to the Mapplewell event and play a musical instrument. Helen said it would also be nice for the adults to have a carol sing-along.
- Rebecca explained they were looking to run an event in October half term – Teddy Bear's picnic at the library. Rebecca asked for the group to consider volunteering. Book start Bear may even make an appearance.
- Sandra explained the new manager had been chosen for the village hall his name was Nick and he would be starting at the village hall on 14/08/17. Sandra leaves on Friday 28/07/17. Sandra is having a leaving party on Friday 28/07/17 at 7.30pm. Sandra thanked everyone for their support.

Next meeting 12/09/17 at 6pm.

## **Appendix Two: Darton West Ward Alliance**

### **Notes of meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 5pm at the Darton Centre**

**Attendees:** Cllr Linda Burgess, Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Alice Cave, Tom West, Ann Plant, Louise Oxley, Dominic McCall

**In attendance:** Lee Swift, Community Support Officer

**Apologies:** Jason Gardner, Richard Haigh, Carol Gamwell, Scott Ledger

#### **1 Welcome and apologies**

Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone and apologies were received.

#### **2 Notes of meetings on 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The notes of the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> July and action points were discussed.

**Action points:** *Cllrs to meet with Ian Wilson to follow up the response to previous queries.*

*Linda to meet with Russ Boland re Dayhouse Way planters.*

#### **3 Ward Alliance Fund**

**A** The budget update was noted

**B** WAF applications

WA application for a seat on Huddersfield Road AGREED

Darton College application for community farm AGREED with conditions

Priestly Ave Community Group application for craft equipment FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

#### **4 Ward Alliance Action Plan Update**

Dominic led the WA through an update.

**Action Points:** *Linda to ask for potential bulb planting sites through the Neighbourhood Network*

*Linda to clarify the ownership of Longfields with BMBC Asset Management*

*Rebecca to ask Silkstone Parish Council about their sponsorship project for hanging baskets.*

#### **5 Green and Clean updates and future projects**

**Action point:** *Rebecca to raise queries about Green and Clean Team projects with Area Manager*

*Alice and Dominic to visit Harry Rd Rec to identify any projects*

#### **6 Communications**

**Action point:** *Dominic and Linda to update at next meeting*

#### **7 Updates from North Area Council**

Linda and Sharon gave updates

#### **8 AOB**

There was no other business

#### **9 Date and time of next meeting was agreed as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Agenda to include WAF and Communications Update and Stars of Darton West Ward planning**

## Appendix Three:

### Old Town Ward Alliance Minutes – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Present

Cllr Liz Grundy (Chair) Cllr Anita Cherryholme

BMBC Rep: Lee Swift

Community Representatives: Rev Cameron Stirk – Kirsty Summerfield –  
John Love – Bill Gaunt – Amy Walker – Luke Holmes – Michelle Cooper

#### Invited Guests

Natalie Dunn – My Best Life

Noel and Sheila James – Community Champions

#### Apologies

Cllr Phil Lofts – Dorothy Hayes – Sheila Lowe – Father Craig Tomlinson

Liz welcomed everyone to the meeting and a brief description of the Ward Alliance was given for our visitors.

A Community Champion Award was given to Noel James who collects litter in the Old Town Ward every morning. Our thanks and appreciation was expressed to Noel.

Natalie gave a brief presentation about her work with My Best Life, which is a Social Prescribing service now, running in Barnsley. The service addresses Social Isolation and Loneliness for anyone over 18 years of age. A brief discussion/question and answer followed Natalie's presentation and the group asked if we could have a list of opportunities and services in our area and also a list of the Social Prescribing Champions based at the doctors surgeries in the area.

**The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as a true copy**

#### Matters Arising:

- Old Town News.
- the articles are completed. Lee agreed to send Bill the last outstanding Ward Alliance profile picture then the magazine can be printed and distributed
  
- Web Site
  - Amy has looked at the current Web Site and has started working on the site –

[www.oldtownwardalliance.wordpress.com](http://www.oldtownwardalliance.wordpress.com) is where it stands currently and there will be a £10 per year licence fee – **PLEASE LOOK AT THE SITE AND BRING FEED BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING**

- John Love asked about the fencing for Cresswell Street – Lee awaiting feedback from Paul Caswell as to the costings of this, then we can complete a Ward Alliance Form

#### Ward Alliance Funding

Current Funds available - £27,429.39

#### Change of use of WA Grant – Ad Astra

- Ad Astra have previously had a grant for £300 to work with St Pauls Church to set up a Coffee Morning – due to various issues this was never set up so they have asked if they can have a change of use for this £300 – They want to run a Cook and Eat Session for Young people over the Summer holiday and also run some Coffee Mornings.
  - The group discussed and asked if there would be a charge for these events they were informed there would be no charge and the change of plan was agreed.

#### Friends of Wilthorpe Park

The group have asked for a notice board for the park at a cost of £1464.00.

- The WA have asked for three quotes and we only have one so the application was deferred

#### St Mary's School

The group have asked for tree removal as part of their gardening club at a cost of £1200.00 There has been site visits from Clean and Green and BMBC Parks and Cllr Lofts – the recommendation from Parks is that they have a policy of not cutting down living trees.

- The WA have declined this application but have recommended that Cllr Lofts speaks to parks and the school to see if Parks Dept could help with this issue.
- **ACTION CLLR LOFTS**

#### Old Town Ward Alliance/ Honeywell

Request for a Dog Bin/ Dual Bin for Honeywell Place at a cost of £1838. This application will come from the non-match funding funds.

- The WA agreed to this application

#### Old Town Ward Alliance / Brettas Park

Request for fencing to be places around part of a playing area in Brettas Park at a cost of £2990.00 plus VAT this application has been deferred previously - the group discussed this application at length again and have

previously asked for information from Parks about the necessity of this fencing. The group discussed the area and it was agreed that a site visit would benefit the decision making for this application.

- The application was deferred again and a site visit will be organised.
- **ACTION LEE / CLLR LOFTS**

#### Old Town Ward Alliance / Fleets Clean-up

This bid was intentionally withdrawn from the meeting so that Lee and Luke can work together to provide more detail to the project. The bid will be re-submitted at a later point.

- To meet and develop the project bid
- **ACTION LEE / LUKE**

A discussion was held in regards to WA funding applications being repeatedly deferred and if there should be a limit placed on how many times a single application should be looked at. Lee recommended that this decision be delayed until a full consultation can be undertaken with the entire Ward Alliance group. The vast majority of members present however felt that this was unnecessary and determined that even if such a consultation was undertaken, the motion would pass anyway. Therefore, there was a decision made to automatically reject an unaltered bid, should it be deferred more than twice at the Ward Alliance.

#### Ward Alliance Membership

Lee informed the group that as per the guidance notes, all members of the Ward Alliance will be required to re-apply to renew their membership with the exception of Cameron Stirk, Luke Holmes and Amy Walker as these members have become members within the last 12 months.

Lee gave an explanation of the scoring process that would take place.

Cllr Grundy expressed great concern that this should not be happening and will ask for further clarification.

Several members of the group were unhappy and annoyed at this request as it was only just over twelve months since the group re applied for their membership – they asked who had requested this and why it had been requested – several stated they were offended at being asked again so shortly after they had been asked to reapply previously – it was asked if all other Ward Alliances are asking their members to re-apply or was it just our ward – and if so why and what were the underlying reasons for this to be happening. **Feedback was requested urgently.**

- Lee to enquire with other Ward Alliances around their procedures for membership renewal
- **ACTION LEE**

### Love Where You Live

- Mayors Parade – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – everyone welcome to join the LWYL group who are having a ‘walking float’
- Anyone doing any work over the summer that the team can be involved with – please let Lee know.

### Any Other Business

- Dog Signs
  - Lee gave the group details about where the signs were planned to be.
  - Russ Boland has OK'd the venues
  - Lee to speak to Sarah Ford about the signs
  - **ACTION LEE**
- Community Champions
  - Nomination from Dorothy – Mr Terry Dickson for his community work in Wilthorpe.
  - **ACTION LEE**
- Previous Grant applicants .
  - It was discussed that we don't always hear about the successes of our previous WA applicants so it was agreed that we would look at inviting reports and feedback from previous applicants.
  - **ACTION LEE /MICHELLE**

**August meeting – It was agreed that we won't have a meeting in August**

**Date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
7pm Edith Perry Room  
Barnsley Hospital**

## Appendix Four:

# St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA

**Present:** Cllr. Dave Leech; Cllr. Jenny Platts (Chair); Neil Wright, Rebecca Leech, Clyde Black; Madge Busby; Ruth & David Gammon; Tony Lowe; Lee Swift;

**By invitation:** Fiona O'Brien (BMBC); Helen Murphy (Coalfields Regen. Trust)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Sarah Tattersall; Freda Stenton;

### 1) Principle towns

- Following on from the site visit that Cllr Platts, Lee and Fiona attended, **initial** proposals for an improvement scheme have been submitted and approved.
- The scheme outlines improvements to the Post Office shop fronts, work to resolve parking issues around post office area, and the clean-up and improvement of the grassed area at the corner of Laithes Crescent, outside Pound Stretcher. Parts of these improvements are to be an artistic mosaic area.
- The next steps with this are to put together a more detailed business case for the panel and to consult on the proposed ideas.
- Work on this will be progressed jointly between Fiona (who is project managing the proposals), Lee, and the Ward Alliance.
- A discussion was held around the specifics of the proposal. For the mosaics, it was decided that the creation of these should be done in collaboration with the schools, but each school will have an opportunity to contribute rather than holding a design competition. If the business case is approved, Fiona will contact the schools with the hopes of the designs being drawn up in term time and the physical work being completed in the holidays.
- For the parking issues, it was proposed that the path on the roadside closest to Laithes lane could be shortened as there would be less disruption for the residents. Fiona has put together a leaflet for the homes around the area and will be consulting shortly.
- As part of the consultations, Fiona will be looking at putting together an open meeting at the Roundhouse.

[Action: Fiona to work with Lee to organise a consultation on the initial proposals](#)

### 2) Funding Applications

- Celia Parkinson and Margaret Crouch from the Twilight Group presented their bid for £441. The bid was for materials for bingo, and to enable the social group to take their members with poor mobility to various events up to and including Christmas.
- The Ward Alliance agreed to fund the full amount.

### 3) Gala Feedback

- Cllr Leech thanked everyone who was involved in the planning and delivery of the Gala event.

- It was felt that despite a brief spell of bad weather, the Gala was well attended and the venue was felt to be far better for attracting members of the public.
- One of the main problems of the site was the access for big wagons on the site. It was agreed to try and stipulate the need for smaller wagons next year
- The only other significant issue was a couple of groups struggling to supply their own gazebos / tables / chairs. It was suggested that the Ward Alliance could purchase a huge marquee and tables / chairs to hold the stalls under one roof. The difficulty with that would be the storage and transportation of it.
- The second option was to look at a couple of smaller gazebos with tables and chairs. Cllr Leech said these could be stored in his garage.
- Ruth agreed to cost up the full amount for the marquee and a separate costing for the gazebos; then bring it back to the next meeting.

Action: Ruth to cost up a marquee, gazebos, tables and chairs and bring back to the next meeting.

#### 4) St Helen's Health Event

- It was noted that the Ward Alliance and the St Helen's Together Partnership are working together to host a Health event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm-4.30pm.
- This event will be tagged onto the Over 60's group at New Lodge Working Men's Club

Action: Cllr Platts agreed to confirm with the Over 60's committee and tell Rosie Adams so the invitations can go out

#### 5) Membership

- It was formally noted that David Gammon has now retired from Secretary Duties. Everyone expressed their thanks to him.
- Neil Wright and Rebecca Leech had applied to be members of the Ward Alliance. Cllr Platts and Cllr Leech submitted their scoring sheets, and Cllr Tattersall had given her views prior to this meeting. In summary, the applications were approved and Rebecca and Neil were welcomed to the group.
- Rebecca was proposed by Ruth to be Secretary and seconded by Madge. It was agreed by everyone (Cllr Leech expressed an interest) that this was a good idea, therefore, Rebecca will be Ward Alliance Secretary from the next meeting.
- Concerns were raised around the lack of attendance by Aimee Phillips.

Action: Neil Wright and Rebecca Leech are now members of the Ward Alliance

Action: Rebecca is now Ward Alliance Secretary

Action: Lee agreed to complete a letter informing Aimee that the Ward Alliance have removed her from the membership list. Cllr Leech to sign it off.

#### 6) Ward Plan

- It was acknowledged that the action in the Ward Alliance plan have to be updated, but there are still opportunities to consult with the public to find potential actions around the priority issues.

Action: Lee agreed to collate the consultation responses and then arrange a workshop

## 7) Any Other Business

### *Spring Bulbs*

- A discussion was held at the possibility of ordering more spring bulbs in St Helen's.
- It was agreed to order 500 bulbs in total for St Helen's – 250 standard daffodils and 250 crocus.
- It was also asked if we could look into arranging more machine planting of bulbs along the junctions to Laithes Lane.
- LS to talk to Lubbe and Sons.

Action: Lee to contact Lubbe and Sons to find out costs of bulbs and to see when the machine will be in the UK next.

### *Volunteer Recognition Cards*

- Lee explained the upcoming implementation of Volunteer Recognition Cards and how they will make it easier to register your participation in all Love Where You Live activities.
- John Hallows had concerns that they can be used as fake ID's. Lee reassured him they are only like TESCO Club Cards and cannot be used as photographic ID.

### *Upcoming Clean-ups*

- Standhill Crescent
- Wingfield Rd - 17<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am

### *Local Events*

- Volunteers at New Lodge Community Centre are organising a family fun day on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1-4pm at the centre. Ward Alliance members were asked to spread the word and help promote this.
- In addition, Athersley TARA will be holding their coffee morning on the 8<sup>th</sup> August, all are welcome to attend.

Action: All to promote

## 8) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 4:00 pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at TARA office, Mansfield Rd. Ruth gave her apologies in advance for this meeting