

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Dearne Area Council Meeting:**

**Agenda Item 8**

**Report of Dearne Area  
Council Manager**

## **Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes**

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

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and review of the priorities.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne North and South 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), 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 The Dearne South Ward Alliance is due to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September 2015. Therefore papers could not be submitted to the Area Council. One to one meetings with alliance members have been arranged in order to discuss the assessment plan and rearrange meetings days and time.
- 4.2 This report includes notes of Dearne North Ward Alliance that was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The meeting was very positive and the self-improvement and self-assessment plans were reviewed against the priorities.

### **Appendix One: Dearne North Ward Alliance Meeting notes:**

The reporting into the Dearne 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

### Notes from the Dearne North Alliance Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 - 10am Goldthorpe Library

#### 1. Present:

Cllr Worton (Chair), Cllr Gardiner, Derek Bramham (Resident), Pauline Phillips (Thurnscoe Park), Annette Gollick (Resident & new member), Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team), Lisa Lyon - Observer (Dearne Area Team)

#### 2. Apologies:

Andrew Hainey, Sandra Pennington, Alison Sykes, David Perry, & Charlotte Williams

#### 3. Notes of previous meeting / matters arising

As the previous meeting was not quorate notes were taken which have been certified at today's meeting by Cllr Worton & seconded by Pauline Phillips, it was also noted that apologies from Derek Bramham needed to be added on to the last notes too.

Community networking event held on the 17th June Dearne Playhouse had excellent feedback from groups & residents, several Alliance members had a presence at the event and really excelled themselves in not only showcasing the work that's been done in the community over the past 12 months but equally consulting with the community about the priorities and whether these should be reviewed. The Area Team wanted to thank David Perry for taking part and helping with the discussions with the local community too.

Pauline gave an update on the Thurnscoe Park in bloom, adding that all was going well until the spraying of weeds also killed a row of flowers but this was because they came a few days before judging took place, not afterwards. The results will be in shortly, which Pauline will keep everyone informed.

The self-assessment improvement plan is on the agenda.

Marie has been out and about talking to several Alliance members to get everyone's input into the improvement plan and Action plans.

#### 4. Funding applications

Checklist toolkit forms were handed out before the meeting to ensure questions and discussions about the applications could be made & checked before the overall decision.

**Scout application for £6000** (split 50/50 with Dearne South) for roof insulation was discussed and put on hold – it was unanimously agreed that they will invite the group to the next meeting to enable open discussions about their funding and how they can help with social action against some of the ward priorities.

**Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club** requested **£1620.00** for a white sight screen 4.5mtr x 4.25mtr. The screen enables the batsmen to see the ball. The screen would be used by their 2 senior teams and junior section – all agreed (Mark has agreed to ensure their volunteer hours will help in the community with social action against one of the Alliance priorities - **unanimously agreed**

**The Ship FC** requested **£780.00** (a newly formed football group) that was looking to seek funding to help with start-up costs, for kit, balls, cones, paint, and general training equipment, this application came through the generic Dearne email address, Marie is to make contact with the group to keep them in the loop with the Alliance/Area Council etc and the priorities within the Dearne area - **unanimously agreed**

## 5. Self-assessment improvement plan

The improvement plan was distributed to all members with their opinions/actions & decisions all been discussed and approved, opinions from some of the members that had put in their apologies by Marie Sinclair visiting them individually were also included.

Breakdown of improvements suggested & actioned: Cllr Worton informed the members what they required to be quorate, and how many members needed to be in attendance, another option was the possibility recruiting more members to increase the numbers of attendance at meetings, Cllr Worton highlighted the importance of existing members on the Alliance and what kind of work that's required and their role within it – DN Alliance members to attend summer/winter events to promote the work of the Alliance & try to recruit local residents.

The Alliance is to look at establishing a working group or work as an Alliance to help address the issues against the Ward priorities, allocate tasks for individual members using their key strengths and skills. The next agenda item is about how to draw up an action plan which sets out how they can achieve these priorities & who will be involved in this.

Marie advised the Alliance on an option of handing out to new & existing members a welcome pack which includes descriptions of Ward Alliance members and provide a new pack after recruiting any new members, after a short discussion they all agreed to attend 'working together workshop' with new & existing Alliance members to run through the works carried out by the Dearne Area Council, the Ward Alliances, what their individual roles are, how this feeds into the Dearne Neighbourhood Network & the 'love where you live' campaign with the whole of the Dearne. – Marie to bring this to the next meeting.

Another option for any new members 'introduction' onto the Ward Alliance is to initially meet the Chair & Area team person to have a one to one briefing session prior to attending the first Ward Alliance meeting, then to invite them to observe the next meeting to get a better feel and understanding of that.

## 6. Action plans (see appendix)

## 7. AOB

Devolved Ward Budget update:

To fit in with the action plans (as above) a regular update from The Dearne Area Team will enable the Alliance members to understand how the priorities in the area are met.

The Bulky Rubbish scheme would be implemented within the next 4 weeks; Cllr Worton asked if Marie could send the information out via social media & the neighbourhood network. Lisa Lyon is currently devising a poster/information sheet. Lisa advised the group on what the scheme was about (The scheme is to provide a bulky rubbish collection across the Dearne for a period six month. The project will allow households to have up to 4 bulky items removed and disposed of at no cost to the tenant.

Fit Reds (split 50/50 with Dearne South) is a programme that allows males from 16+ to attend weekly 2 hours sessions for 9 weeks where they will learn about diet, nutrition and men's health issues. The men will be monitored and body measurements taken and monitored for the duration of the programme. After 9 weeks, the men also have the option of maintaining their fitness gains through attending any of the veteran's sessions which are delivered throughout the borough.