

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 19th November 2018**

Agenda Item: 9

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance Notes

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 September and October 2018.

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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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5th November 18**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
11th September – 6 PM
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Roy Miller - Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Helen Altun – Minutes
Mark Glymond – Youth voice and participation
Kelly Taylor – Youth voice and participation

2. Youth Participation Officers.

The table welcomed both officers and asked them to give an insight into their job role. They explained it was to get young people engaged in the community, to get their voices heard and participate in activities they are interested in.

Mark and Kelly also spoke about Make your mark –this is a youth council to be started with 3 pupils from each school getting involved.

They are hoping to go to Darton College in the next few weeks.

Mark and Kelly explained they needed to know the issues that the young people are experiencing. Their role is needs based and people lead.

They would like to get young people involved in community projects e.g with Twiggs.

They are also out and about in the community building up trust and relationships with the young people in the area.

Councillor Roy Miller highlighted some areas where he felt the officers should spend some of their time working with young people.

Mark and Kelly went on to say young people do feel stigmatised and it is about breaking down barriers and identifying problems.

They share information what they find with Berneslai homes and vice versa.

Pauline Brook explained the youths could do with a base and asked if the Village Hall could be used.

Nick Hibberd explained the village hall could be used as a base. Darton College was also discussed.

Mark and Kelly went on to say they would like to do a launch night and Helen Altun and Councillor Gail Charlesworth explained they thought a disco for the children would be a great idea.

If a launch night was successful it would empower the children to raise funds to keep activities going in the community.

Rebecca Battye will pass out Mark and Kelly's details to all members and pass on any volunteers to them for any future events.

The Youth voice and participation team will also keep a register of hours for volunteer funding.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

Reference was made to the use of the Greenspace facebook page to communicate local events. David Hilton also provided the local contact name for the Royal British Legion.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Financial Update

£8,127.50 available for Ward Alliance Fund supported projects.

£4,292.50 available for Ward Alliance Fund not requiring match funding.

6. Declarations of Interest

Nick Hibberd

7. Applications for funding

Incredible Edibles - £2008.00 – Approved

Over 55's club - £915.00 – Approved

Family Event - £600 – Approved.

8. Review and Refresh

Roads - Councillor Roy Miller explained a lot of main roads are being resurfaced throughout Mapplewell. David Hilton raised concerns regarding weeds and dirt along Spark Lane. Councillor Roy Miller explained when Dearne Hall road was shut a good in depth clean was completed and a new weed killer was put down but highways can be asked to have a look at it.

Crime and Safety - Councillor Roy Miller explained a meeting had been held with the Safer Communities Service regarding approximately 30 children gathering down Darton. Councillor Roy Miller also explained our ward had the highest concentration of over 80's and the council were looking at insulation for the elderly to keep them warm over the winter.

Neighbourhood Network – Rebecca Batty explained she would like to get this set up and would like a list of what people in the area are doing and what they have already done. Rebecca Batty will ask Rosie for a copy of Twiggs contract.

Health and Wellbeing – More courses are now being held at the Village Hall including Diabetes support.

9. Christmas

Councillor Harry Spence explained two dates had now been booked for the Christmas Tree light switch. One will be held near Birkenshaw's at Darton on Monday 03/12/18 and another event at Mapplewell Co-op on Friday 30/11/18.

A community garden is also going to be set up and Councillor Harry Spence will be going to Mapplewell Schools to help with the light switch on and the community gardens. Next year the Councillors are looking at putting two more Christmas tree's up in Woolley and Wind Hill.

10. AOB

David Hilton explained he had spoken to the British Legion regarding the war memorial bench. The bench should be put in place by Remembrance Day. The British Legion are funding the bench and fitting it. They are also willing to fund another bench the group will think about a place for a second bench to be placed. Councillor Gail Charlesworth asked if we could go for Barnsley in Bloom for the Mapplewell War memorial. The councillors agreed they would need to speak to Jo Birch to try to arrange this for next year. David Oates asked to be added as an admin for the Darton East Facebook page so he can add events and pictures.

There was a discussion about the standard of the village centre works. Councillor Roy Miller will be looking at completing a snagging list with any issues identified with the village centre. Questions were also asked about the white planter's in the village. Councillor Harry Spence explained the planters will remain in place and the lady from Harmony as asked to sponsor the one outside her shop. Once the village is completely finished Councillor Harry Spence explained he will go round businesses for sponsors for the planters. A sign could be put on the planters in a colourful way with the business name on.

It was also raised about cars being parked up near Pacchinos pizza shop and wheelchairs had struggled to get past to go to Mezzaluna. If cars are parked in front of Pacchino's the community can phone the police.

Next Meeting 09/10/18 6pm

Appendix Two: **Darton West Ward Alliance**

Notes for meeting on Monday 10th September 2018 5pm at the Darton Centre

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Linda Burgess, Jason Gardner, Christina Carroll and Rebecca Battye, Community Support Officer BMBC

1 Welcome and apologies

Cllr Cave (Chair) opened the meeting and apologies were received from Tom West, Ann Plant, Louise Oxley, Richard Haigh and Cllr Sharon Howard

One of the two Youth Workers recently appointed by the North Area Council, Kelly Taylor, attended the meeting to discuss the brief for the Youth Workers and discuss how their work will connect with the Ward Alliance.

Action points:

Rebecca to ask the Area Manager for regular updates on the work in Darton West Ward including the statistics collated.

Kelly to contact the Ward alliance when she has made contact with a group of young people who would share their views on the Darton Park proposals.

2 Notes of meeting on 9 July 2018

The notes were reviewed.

Action points:

Rebecca to arrange the siting of a replacement dual purpose bin at Harry Rd Rec.

The grass verge at Lynton Close to be discussed at a Ward Cllr meeting with Rebecca.

Rebecca to enable Christina to act as a guardian for the defibrillator at Darton

Dominic to undertake a survey of seat benches in the Ward.

Rebecca to prepare a letter re sponsorship of Christmas lights at Barugh Green, for delivery.

3 Ward Alliance Fund

A The budget update for 2018/19 was noted. The budget commitment for Christmas was identified.

B There were 2 WAF applications which could not be considered because the meeting was not quorate.

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan 2018/19 review and identification of developments needed.

The Ward Alliance Action Plan was reviewed and updates and amendments given.

Action point: Rebecca to update the plan for our next meeting as Dominic was not available.

5 North Area Council updates

The issue of the role of the newly appointed Youth Workers was discussed at the start of the meeting

6 BMBC Darton Centre Project

An update was given following the consultation re Darton Park developments at the Darton Fete.

7 Communications

The next edition of the North Area Council magazine was discussed

8 AOB

There was no other business

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 1st October, 5pm at the Darton Centre

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Notes of Meeting on Monday 1st October 2018 5 pm at the Darton Centre.

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Members present: Cllr Linda Burgess (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Alice Cave, Christina Carroll, Ann Plant, Richard Haigh. Rebecca Battye, North Area Team.

Apologies: Dominic McCall, Tom West, Jason Gardener.

Representatives from Twiggs attended the Meeting to discuss their involvement in the Ward Action Plan.

Action point: Twiggs to attend next Ward Alliance Meeting to discuss Barnsley in Bloom options.

2 Notes of Meeting 10th September 2018.

The notes were reviewed and agreed a true record.

Action Points

Rebecca to clarify the responsible members for the defibrillator.

Rebecca to update members re: Christmas lights at Barugh Green.

Linda and Ann to deliver Christmas lights sponsorship letters to local business on Barugh Green Rd.

Dominic to conduct survey of seat bench provision across the Ward and report

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A The budget update was noted.

B WAF Applications.

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| Barugh Green Community Group | Agreed. |
| Christmas in Barugh Green. | Agreed. |
| Relocation of dog bin at Harry Road Rec | Agreed. |
| Darton west Village Improvements. | Agreed. |
| Gawber History Group Interpretation Board | Agreed. |
| Christmas in Redbrook. | Agreed. |
| Care Leavers Christmas Group. | Deferred. |

Action Points

Rebecca to check responses from other Ward Alliances.

Linda to discuss with Senior Council Officers and report.

4 Ward Alliance Plan 2018/ 19

The Action Plan was reviewed

Action Points:

Rebecca to update the plan and supply to all members.

Rebecca to check availability of a bench for Darton.

Stars Event to be discussed at next meeting.

Richard was thanked by members for his submission on annual Ward Parks Report.

5 North Area Council Updates.

Sharon updated members on the contracts for Youth Councillors and Environmental Enforcers.

6 Darton Centre Project.

Linda gave an update on the Darton Project.

7 Communications.

There was discussion about any items for the following media:

North Area Council Magazine - proof was now agreed

There was nothing to report to Darton Arrow, Barnsley Chronicle, Facebook, Twitter

8 A O B

Rebecca to send out North Area Council statistical information to members.

Rebecca to invite Rosie to discuss with WA at next meeting.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 5.00 PM AT THE DARTON CENTRE.

Appendix Three:

Oldtown Ward Alliance Minutes

2 October 2018 Meeting

PRESENT

Phil Lofts, Clive Pickering, John Love, Bill(W) Gaunt, Lee Swift

APOLOGIES

Jo Newing, Luke Holmes, Sheila Lowe

MATTERS ARISING

JL raised the matter of Xmas trees that was discussed in the last meeting. LS response that a new strategy was being introduced to provide permanent trees that would be planted and grow supplemented by temporary trees until such time that the permanent trees had grown to sufficient size. A costing paper to be discussed in the Non-Matched Funding Applications.

DISCUSSION - MINUTE TAKING

PL said that he had hoped that one of the current members would undertake the minute taking but this now seemed unlikely. He pointed out that £500 per year was available for this secretarial job. JL said that he knew a person that would possibly be interested but that they were not a member of the Ward Alliance; if this was acceptable he was prepared to approach them. There was general agreement that JL should pursue this matter and report back.

AD ASTRA TOUR DE YORKSHIRE UNUSED FUNDING RETURN

LS returned the cheque for £255 to cover the unused element of the funding for the Ad Astra Tour de Yorkshire event in Wilthorpe Park caused by the non-show of the temporary toilets.

WG said that as BMBC no longer accepted cheques and that this had made it very difficult for the Willowbank Community Partnership as the Yorkshire Bank charge £30 for an immediate direct transfer. This was even though a letter was provided with two mandated signatures that effectively requested a 3 day transfer. The Partnership requires that two signatures are provided for every payment to avoid concerns of impropriety.

LS said that BMBC still temporarily accepted cheques and one could be submitted in their name. WG will provide one. The Partnership were looking into changing their banking arrangements.

OLDTOWN FUNDING UPDATE – OCTOBER 2108

LS provided the latest Oldtown Funding Statement. This showed a balance of £20,898.28 if the applications below were to be approved.

MATCHED FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Two applications have been received. Barnsley Writers for £525 and Care Leavers Christmas dinner for £47.62. Both were approved.

NON-MATCH FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Christmas Tree application came forward again and LS put forward a costed report covering for both planting permanent and erecting temporary trees at five sites for a total cost of £4,530 including all the labour and disposals. This quote used up to date quotes where possible, but a couple aspect were based on the 2017 costs. This was accepted.

DISCUSSION - POSSIBLE FUTURE APPLICATIONS

Several possible applications were talked about but have not yet been brought forward by their sponsors.

1. Motorbike Gate at Brettas Park.
2. Park fencing at Brettas Park.
3. Barbara & Bob Sharpe function (possibly Community Hogmanay evening).
4. Wilthorpe Primary School PTA – removing overgrown area and providing bike/scooter shed.
5. Summer Lane School interested in a container grow your own scheme.
6. Possible young person summer play scheme.

NEWS LETTER AND WEBSITE DISCUSSION

WG raised the matter of both the Newsletter and the Website; the funding for both will shortly expire. The Newsletter had sufficient funds for one more publication with some left over and the Website had £100+ left but that no hosting charges had been made for the last year and when these came through it was likely that all of the amount left would be consumed. See below for Website visitors for the last few months

On the Newsletter matter, WG pointed out that there were two issues that also needed to be considered. Firstly, that he had resigned as Editor about six months ago due to an editorial policy disagreement, and secondly, no articles for publication had been received for some considerable time.

On the first issue WG agreed to continue as Editor at least in the short term.

On the second issue a general discussion came through with ideas for sources of articles. These were that local schools could have interesting activities that they would like to see

published and also that local football, bowls, darts clubs may well be happy to publish their results/achievements. WG to follow these up.

A.O.B

LS talked about Town Spirit initiative. This is about a community pledge covering multiple aspects including "Protect It", "Live It" and "Love It".

JL said that the Willowbank Community Partnership – Community Carol Service would be held on 11 December 2018 again in St Paul's Church Oldtown with the Mayor in attendance. St Mary's School Choir will be leading the singing as usual. Refreshment provided.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 27th September 2018, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA

Present: Cllr Dave Leech (Chair), Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Tony Lowe, Madge Busby, John Hallows, Sadie Youel

Apologies: Cllr Jenny Platts, Neil Wright, Clyde Black.

By Invitation: Pete Goodlad, Michelle Cooper, Lisa Phelan and Beth Goodliffe. Youth Participation Worker – Kelly Taylor

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given from all members due to new people attending the meeting. Everyone was welcomed.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were considered and approved.

Youth Participation Workers: Kelly Taylor came and talked about what her position is and how they planned to get young people engaged in projects within the community. It was suggested by the members that she get in touch with Michelle Cooper from Ad Astra. Kelly was thanked for her presentation.

Events: St Helens Gala Update – Cllr Leech reported that the Gala was a huge success and plenty of people attended the event. Thanks, were given to all involved in making the event a success. Members did identify a problem with the gazebos that had been purchased, they took too long to put up. Lee Swift to investigate purchasing new gazebos that are easier and quicker to put up.

Cllr Tattersall arrived at the meeting.

Funding Applications: There were 4 funding applications submitted for this meeting.

- Care Leavers Christmas Dinner Group – Lisa Phelan and Beth Goodliffe attended the meeting to discuss their funding bid. The bid was for £47.62 from each of the 21 wards. The bid is to provide Christmas Lunch for Care Experienced Young People who would normally be spending Christmas Day alone. It will also cover transport costs and provide presents. The ladies were thanked for their presentation. Once the ladies had left the members discussed the bid, Cllr Leech suggested that the bid should be increased, John Hallows suggested it should be increased to £100. The members voted and it was agreed to increase the bid to £100.
- Ad Astra – Michelle Cooper attended to discuss the bid for Ad Astra. The bid was for £1,359.60 and is to revitalise the New Lodge Community Centre (new chairs, etc) and to buy resources for October half term and the Christmas event. Michelle was thanked for her input. Once Michelle had left the meeting the members discussed the bid and voted that the full amount would be awarded.
- Community Bonfire – Pete Goodlad attended to discuss his bid for £1,000. This is to fund the annual community bonfire which will take place on Saturday 3rd November. It will be used for the firework displays, leaflets and posters.

The Ward Alliance logo will be on all posters and leaflets. After his presentation Pete left and the members voted that the full amount would be awarded.

- Caterpillar club – This bid was for £800 for the children’s playgroup. It would be used for rent, insurance and to help fund activities. Cllr Tattersall asked for clarification from Lee Swift that the ward alliance could fund for rent. Lee said that because it was being used to benefit the running of the group then yes, we could. The full amount was awarded.
- The members discussed whether it was acceptable for the Ward Alliance to pay for rent. It was agreed that for all future funding bids the ward alliance would not fund rent/ insurance.

Secretary to contact all applicants to tell them of the decisions made.

Cllr Leech also discussed when the funding applications need to be submitted as some of the recent bids had only been submitted a few days prior to the meeting. It was agreed that all funding bids need to be submitted two weeks before the meeting date. Any bids submitted after this time will have to go on the next meeting’s agenda.

Ward Plan: Due to the time taken on the funding bids the Ward Plan wasn’t discussed during this meeting. It will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Clyde Black, Lee Swift gave a report of £16,779.99 as of the 27th September. He also stated that if all proposed projects were approved the budget would decrease to £12,072.77.

Secretary’s Report: Rebecca reported that due to Ruth Gammons resignation she has signed for the petty cash and will continue Ruth’s good work in providing tombola’s/ raffles for any events. It was discussed for the Christmas events that two Christmas food hampers would be put together totalling £50 each. It has yet to be decided whether raffle tickets will be sold or given away to all attendees.

Forthcoming Projects/bids: Christmas events – The permanent Christmas trees that were planted last year were the first to be discussed. Due to the extremely hot weather we’ve had, the trees aren’t doing so well. New Lodge Community Centre and The Community shop are having the most trouble with their trees.

For TWIGGS to deal with the trees it could cost £360+. Cllr Tattersall to talk to TWIGGS regarding this. If trees are dead, then a temporary tree may have to be placed for this year’s events.

A working budget is to be put together to cover all costs of the events. Lee Swift is to put in two funding bids, one for the trees and the other for the events themselves.

TWIGGS have agreed to dress the trees, etc, for a cost but will reduce the cost if volunteers will donate their time to help.

All members agreed for Lee Swift to deal with the funding bids for the trees and the working budget for the events.

Any other business: Madge Busby told the members that the children’s cook and eat would run during the school holidays.

The meeting closed at 17.30pm.

Date and time of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th November at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.