

Cudworth Ward Alliance	
Meeting Notes	
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Cudworth Ward Alliance
<b>Date and time:</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10.30am.
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual meeting Cudworth

<b>Attendees:</b> Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair) Councillor Charlie Wraith (vice chair) Janet Robinson Joan Jones Jenni Baker Pam Kershaw  <b>In attendance:</b> <b>Caroline Donovan:</b> North East Area Council Manager. <b>Christie McFarlane:</b> Community Development Officer	<b>Apologies:</b> Councillor S. Houghton. Mick White
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1.	<b>Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests:</b> There were no interests declared		
2.	<b>Notes of the previous meeting:</b> Virtual meeting Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 There were no matters arising.		
3.	<b>North East Area Council update:</b> Caroline Donovan gave a North East Area Council Project update of the work which has taken place. The North East Area Council continue to be flexed to meet the needs of the local community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The North East Area Environment Team are supporting Neighbourhood Services through keeping all areas litter free, emptying litter bins, and cutting small grassed areas of public open space. Neighbourhood Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for their help.</li> <li>Support to volunteers and community groups has been maintained.</li> <li>District Enforcement Officers are undertaking patrols as a visible presence on the streets. Regularly reporting in, any areas of fly</li> </ul>		

	<p>tipping and any other community/ neighbourhood issues of concern. They are also linking in with Parks Services ensuring that play equipment is not being used and reporting any damage. Enforcement Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop Smoking Service: Sarah is still working from home, providing support and help to residents who are trying to stop smoking, or would like to give up smoking.</li> <li>• Ad Astra has taken the decision to furlough their staff but are still working with the Area Council on a voluntary basis. Every day they have Facebook groups for young people from Outwood Academies Shafton and Carlton. They run dance sessions on zoom. And are still making sure there is enough sanitary wear available in schools for young ladies.</li> <li>• Age UK Barnsley: continues to offer support to all current service users and new ones that have contacted them during the recent events. New volunteers have also joined them over the past few weeks and are helping with shopping and telephone befriending. They also continue to support older people through telephone information, Advice and Guidance Service.</li> <li>• DIAL and C.A.B are continuing to offer welfare benefits and financial advice, online or by telephone.</li> <li>• The Community Responders Scheme: The Community Responders are volunteers working with people who are shielding, or have been assessed as vulnerable, helping them with their shopping or telephone befriending.</li> </ul> <p>The Area Team has received 100 requests for support 48 shopping requests 52 befriending support.</p> <p>Some Community Responders have been assigned to more than one case. Some require ongoing support; some cases are too complex for the responders to deal with and have either been referred to Age UK or Social Services.</p> <p>The feedback about the volunteer's experience has been positive. Volunteers felt they had been able to contribute in a small way to the challenges facing everyone during these strange times. Some volunteers have commented on how they would like to explore other volunteering opportunities in the community when we are back to more normal times. Others commented on how it has taught them new skills and how much it has all helped them as much as the clients themselves.</p> <p>Compliments were paid to the Area Council of how well thought out and planned, the fantastic Community Responders Scheme has been, considering the small amount of time everyone had to prepare.</p>		
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<p>4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Activity Packs:</b> Over 430 age related Activity packs have been delivered to vulnerable families across the North East Area Council, for tots, juniors, and teenagers. Thanks to the partnership working of several services within the council, working together to help families during this difficult time. The cost of the packs was minimal and has been an excellent example of what can be achieved through partnership working.</li> <li>• <b>Social Isolation and Dementia Project Age UK Barnsley</b> - This project is funded by the North East Area Council. Normally there are two part time staff members involved in this project. However, through this period of the pandemic, the whole of the central support team has been working on supporting front line efforts. The service has supported 111 people, in the North East area since the lockdown. 36 people who needed regular help with shopping. 93 socially isolated people needing telephone befriending and 3 people who needed their prescriptions picking up. The service is still supporting 57 people at the end of June.</li> </ul> <p>The information and advice service has been available throughout and has supported people to access repairs, aid adaptations and incontinence products, as well as providing support with benefits, health, and social care issues. Staff and volunteers have taken every opportunity to make life better by delivering occasional meals from the fish and chip shop and providing afternoon teas.</p> <p>25 new volunteers have come forward to offer their help to the service during the pandemic. Volunteers were provided with PPE equipment. In this quarter volunteers have provided 283 hours in this service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Groups and Activities:</b> Considering groups are unable to meet, isolated older people from the N.E. Area have been encouraged to participate in home-based activities to help with their wellbeing. There is a varied menu of 10 activity clubs. Exercise, wildlife, art, crafts, reading, gardening creative writing, puzzles etc. 59 people in the N.E. area are currently joining in the activities. Each older person can join up to 3 activity clubs. The challenge for the North East Service is to enable those vulnerable older people who need or wish to continue to shield, can do so, as well as supporting people who want to get back out and about.</li> </ul> <p><b>Principle Towns:</b></p> <p>The old public toilet area is looking good with the work done there.</p> <p>There is an area on St Johns Road in need of fencing off.</p> <p>The grass verges on Bow Street have now been turned into parking space. Councillor Wraith stated the work done on Bow Street looks good</p>	<p><b>Christie McFarlane</b></p>
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<p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p>	<p>except for a piece of grassed area which has been left and now looks out of place compared to the work done.</p> <p>Christie is to check on this and take photographs.</p> <p>There are still some shutters to do for shops in Cudworth. 25 shop shutters have been completed so far.</p> <p>CCTV has been erected at the back of Barnsley Road.</p> <p><b>Potential Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Environment:</b> The Environment Team are continuing to help with litter etc. The British clean-up is due to start on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for two weeks. Christie is to send out details once they have been received.</li> <li>• <b>Increased opportunities for achievement for local residents:</b> Training for the North East Environment trainees.</li> <li>• <b>Health and wellbeing:</b> Age UK and community responders.</li> <li>• <b>Youth Provision:</b> £14,000 has been secured from Public Health and Fare Share for food, including a project for breakfast bags for vulnerable families during the school holidays. To help get a nutritious breakfast.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>David Gill emailed the finance figures to members before he finished working at Cudworth on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p> <p><b>Funding applications.</b></p> <p>There were no funding applications.</p> <p>Janet suggested for the Ward Alliance to purchase masks and hand sanitiser to help local groups get back to being able to meet, considering social distancing rules. Or may be for people who are still afraid of going out to the shops.</p> <p>Caroline and Christie informed members B.M.B.C Superstars have been making masks and can be ordered. Caroline can put people in touch to order masks. B.M.B.C has distributed masks in Cudworth. Christie stated there could be an issue of meeting demand.</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Caroline informed members David Gill has asked her to thank everyone for his lovely leaving gifts and kind words.</p>	<p><b>Christie Mc Farlane</b></p>	
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<p>9.</p> <p>10.</p> <p>11.</p>	<p>The Ward Alliance will be recruiting soon for a new Community Development Officer to replace David Gill.</p> <p>Mick White has sent a letter of resignation to the Ward Alliance and states how much he has enjoyed working with the Ward Alliance members.</p> <p><b>Compliments and Complaints.</b></p> <p>Compliments received to the North East Area Council / B.M.B.C for all the work, help and support given to residents during the Coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>Councillor Wraith informed members a former member of the Ward Alliance Julie Berry has sadly died. Julies funeral will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at St Johns Church. Cudworth. The time of the funeral is not yet known.</p> <p><b>Date and time of the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10.30am – virtual meeting due to Covid-19</b></p>		
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