NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Thursday 27 th August 2020
Location:	Microsoft Team Meeting

On-line	Apologies
Cllr A Cherryholme (Chair) Cllr J Ennis, Cllr L D Higginbottom	Mr P Mackinson,
Ms. D P Coates, C MacFarlane, C Donovan	Ms B Sargesson
Messer's M Fensome, R Archer, L Holt, A Hampson	Ms S Nixon

1.		Action/Decision	Action lead
	1. Notes of Previous Meeting		**
	The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.		
	2. Matters Arising –		
	CIIr JE informed members that he had received a letter of resignation from Beryl Sargesson. Who was stepping down from the Alliance due to personal circumstances.	Noted – It was agreed a letter of appreciation be sent to her	MF
	CD informed members that additional Covid Hardship Funding totaling £2,500 per ward had been promised in principle CD ask members to consider allocating a similar amount in order to enable CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) to provide additional outreach sessions within the Alliance,	Following discussion, it was agreed that £625 from each of the four villages funds be allocated for sessions in each village (£2,500 in total)	
	CD informed members that in Grimethorpe.		
	 a) 38 male & 62 females had sought help/advice b) 34% had disabilities and 44% declined to say c) The social return on investment was £52 per £1 invested. 	Noted	
	CAB were still operating but only online and via the telephone. Additional publicity material was being produced to promote that fact	Noted	
	3. Ward Alliance Finance	Noted	
	C Macfarlane to circulate a copy of the latest accounts once members had discussed /agreed the proposals put forward at this meeting		

CD rep	orted on the following		
a)	Age UK supporting 111 people by providing formation and advise during lockdown.	Noted	
b)	25 new volunteers being recruited during the lockdown period, who gave up 283hrs of their time to provided / run various activities. Their support and services were well received by those served.	Noted	
c)	The District Enforcement Team dealing with fly tipping issues and working with the Parks and Playground staff on various operational issues.	Noted	
d)	The North East Environment Team litter picking and grass cutting.	Noted	
e)	C Platts the Private Housing Officer and his staff helping the Enforcement Service.	Noted	
f)	Ad-Astra running a Facebook service voluntarily for Children and Youth Workers	Noted	
g)	The Area Council (Community Support) providing a shopping delivery service on 48 occasions and providing friendship assistance to 52 people.	Noted	
Group I service	formed members that the Great Houghton Youth had provided 234hrs of support delivering the same to but pointed out it was stress full due to the ds of the hierarchy with regard to risk assessment	Noted	
Clir DH read out a letter of appreciation from a member of the community thanking the Youth Club for its efforts,		Noted	
h)	That 430 Activity Packs for children and youths had been purchased and distributed across the North East Area during the lockdown period.	Noted	
i)	The Healthy Holiday (hunger) scheme had provided activities and meals for children.	Noted	
j)	Working with Milefield Family Centre on providing various activities such as a nature trail, and slow cooking	Noted	
CD also offered thanks to Exodus, Gaz, Gt Houghton Youth Group and Ad Astra for their help and continued support in providing and running various activities during the lockdown period.			
Members thanked CD , CM and former officer David Gill in coordinating and managing the projects /scheme during these difficult times,			

5) Principle Towns Update

CD informed members that a full update can be forwarded if required, however.

- a) The planters on Brierley Road had been repaired and a site visit had taken place with the Residents to determine how they should be planted as there was a small amount of funding remaining.
- b) The High Street (Grimethorpe) Deep Clean scheme was under way and the pavement would be cleaned once things had been completed. However, the Shop Front scheme had been suspended due to a lack of funding. Three shops had registered an interest and agreement reached with another.
- c) The sculpture and paving design for the Brassed Off Trail had been agreed

6) Ward Alliance Funding Applications

The following applications have been received for consideration

- a) Love Life UK, Grimethorpe Sports Ground -Maintenance = £1046
- b) Grimethorpe Residents Group (TARA) Bio Diversity Investigation = £714
- c) Grimetorpe Residents Group (TARA) Projects & Events = £460

7) Ward Alliance Action Plan Update

No Change

8) Any Other Business.

DPC made members aware that there was a lack of information and specific guidance available for community/youth groups regarding complying with the governments Covid guidelines

CM informed members that she had received a letter from the Christmas Tree supplier asking for confirmation of our needs Noted

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Noted. **CM** stated that templates were available for some activities but others could be produced.

Following discussion, it was agreed when proposed by CIIr JE, that as each village received the same amount of funding that they should be responsible for how it was allocated a Christmas Tree or lights, Gt Houghton preferred Christmas lights, Shafton and

Grimethorpe trees and Brierley had yet to confirm their option; It was agreed that each of the four villages would be allocated £1,139 towards Christmas tree/decorations **CD** reported that Grimethorpe Community Farm had CIIr DH offered the use of the suffered extensive vandalism when broken into on five Community Allotment(s) in Gt occasions. As a result of the vandalism there is reed to Houghton subject to the landowner's permission find temporary homes for the livestock. The farm was also (Fitzwilliam's Estate) looking for an alternative site due to receiving a Notice to Quit, Security guards were now present on site MF is to contact the Estate once it is known what animals need to be accommodated. Noted **CM** informed members that David Gills former post was to be advertised in the next two weeks and that a blanket recruitment policy for new Alliance Members was in the process of being drafted Noted RA raised the concerns over the following issues which were in the process of being addressed. IT, Hanging Baskets, Activity Packs and Principle Towns AC agreed to contact RA after the meeting to discuss. 9) Date and Time of Future Meetings Thursday 8th October The meeting may be by Video link again but members will

be informed nearer the time of any change.