

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 2nd February 2016

Agenda Item: 7

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 to 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 notes 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 between 11th November 2015 and 15th January 2016. Appendices:

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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'
10th December 2015
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall – 6.00pm

Present:	Councillor Roy Miller Councillor Harry Spence Sandra De-Donno	Darton East Ward Councillor Darton East Ward Councillor Mapplewell & Staincross Village
Hall	Jonathan Senior Julian Senior David Oates Pauline Brooks Rebecca Battye	Greenworks Barnsley Greenworks Barnsley Mapplewell Business Man Methodist Church North Area Team

The meeting commenced with Councillor Miller announcing his resignation as Chairperson from this Committee as a point of principle with regard to procedures executed against decisions agreed at Committee level and later quashed by people at higher levels. Councillor Miller then went on to nominate Councillor Spence to take over the Chair which was seconded by Jonathan Senior and agreed by all members.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Lesley Duerden Darton East Ward Councillor

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

These were declared a true record by Cllr Spence and David Oates

2. **Matters Arising** - Pauline Brook wanted it noted that in the minutes of 3rd September that she 'Declared an Interest' before submitting the funding application for the Methodist Youth Club outing which was granted at that meeting.

3. **Declaration of Interest** – None

4. **Area Ward Plan**

- A wall on Darton Lane has been knocked down by Utility Services and it is therefore up to them to repair it.
- Carr Green Lane has been moved into priority Zone 1 for salting in bad weather.
- No Green Waste will be collected during the winter months.
- Xmas Lights Switch on took place on Friday 4th December. 2 Schools got involved Wellgate and Mapplewell Primary, it was a real success. Thank you goes to Rebecca, Lee, and Christine and John Foster plus of course Father Christmas who put in an appearance.
- Greenworks have carried out some planting at schools. The children are enjoying engaging with staff and finding it a good experience. Funding for this project came from the North Area and is aimed at engaging with 3 schools.
- Greenworks and Greenspace each provided a 5 minute presentation at the North Area Celebration Evening held at Metrodome on Thursday 26 November.
- The Police Station in Mapplewell had been highlighted as a meeting place for the PACT meetings but Councillor Spence is unsure as to whether they are actually happening anywhere in this Ward.

6. **Applications for Funding**

Project Title Senior Citizens Winter Warmer Outing
 Summary Social integration of 2 groups. Extended form of 'Check on your Neighbour' making sure older people are watched over by the Community during the Winter months. Encourages people living alone to join in a group situation.

Local Priority To be the ears and voice of the Community we serve
 Project Priority Raise awareness of elderly people in the area, Community groups integration, health, nutrition, social inclusion, confidence building.

Funding Required £561.00
 Outcome Moved Councillor Miller Seconded David Oates

Project Title Community Benches
 Summary To purchase throughout Darton East Ward 12 new benches to replace the aged, unsafe and unsightly benches presently in situ.

Project Priority Environmental and Social Improvements – These benches will give elderly residents a place to rest whilst tackling the many hills within the Darton East Ward Area thus enabling them to leave the confines of their homes to venture out in fine weather. They will provide respite to people with breathing difficulties who also find it hard to trek the hills homeward after shopping etc.

The benches will provide a social aspect to the Community allowing people time to people watch and talk to each other

Funding Required Not expected to exceed £13,000
 Outcome Moved Councillor Spence Seconded Pauline Brooks

Project Title Remembering the Battle of Somme: Schools Project and Remembrance
 Event Summary This would be a partnership scheme with Barnsley MBC Cultural Services Experience Barnsley Team.

To mark the centenary of the First World War and explore the impact of the battle of the Somme in Barnsley we would like to work with Schools to help them to explore and understand the war better, uncover its stories and explore what it means to us today. The schools involved would discover the stories behind the Barnsley soldiers who took part in the battle and create an installation to remember those who fell for a Remembrance event at the Town Hall on 1st July 2016.

The school children would work with an artist to create finished pieces which would be placed into the gardens at the front of the memorial. The schools taking part would complete their Discover Arts Awards and gain a certificate of achievement for their involvement.

Project Priority Increased opportunities for achievement for local residents
 Youth Provision

Funding Required £7,050
 Outcome This project was discussed in detail by the Committee and after a vote was taken it was unanimously agreed not to support this project with funding from the Darton East Ward Area budget.

7. Finances

- Rebecca tabled a finance sheet (attached).
- All members were asked to encourage groups/organisations to complete funding forms for submission to the next meeting in January.
- Councillor Miller discussed the issue of the money raised at the joint Celebration Gala held at the Village Hall in September.

A grant was awarded from the devolved budget of £1,301.07 and on the Gala day £564.50 was raised from various activities which were kept in the Village Hall Safe. Sandra said that she had concerns that Rebecca came into the Village Hall office and requested £171.69 of the gala money to purchase Selection Boxes for the Christmas tree light up and no-one seemed accountable for the funds. Councillor

Miller asked if it was possible for the remaining funds to be allocated as a Community Fund which himself, Councillor Spence and Sandra could agree to award to a project. Rebecca said that it was OK to do this so the money will remain in the Village Hall safe and a report will be given to this meeting once the money has been allocated.

8. Any Other Business

- PACT Meeting – Cllr Spence had concerns about the PACT meetings and the fact that none appeared to be happening in the Mapplewell and Staincross area even though venues were being made available for these. It was therefore decided to invite Cath Fairweather to inform the members about PACT and it's development and action plan in Mapplewell and Staincross.
- Enforcement Officers – Cllr Spence asked the members if anyone had seen the Enforcement Officers recently. The response was no and for quite a considerable time therefore Cllr Spence requested that the Supervisor to the Enforcement Project also be invited to the next meeting to give an update on their work-plan.

9. Time & Date of Next Meeting

- 6.00pm – Thursday 14th January 2016

Appendix Two

Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting.

Notes of Meeting 16th November 2015 5.00 pm Darton College.

Attendees: Cllr L Burgess (Chair), Cllr A Cave, C Gamwell, L Warden, J Gardner, R Haigh.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye, Community Support Officer.

Darton College Learners: Connor Swift, Jack Leach.

Apologies: Mary Elliott. Dominic McCall. Cllr S Howard.

N.B. All Ward Members undertook I.T. Training at Darton College prior to the Ward Meeting, Cllr Burgess thanked on behalf of Members the I.T. staff for their support.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Cllr Burgess welcomed all to the Meeting in particular the College Learners.

Apologies were given as above.

2. Notes of the meeting 12th October 2015.

These were agreed as a true record.

Action Points

- a. Jason Gardner to commence work with Darton Bowling Club, Summer 2016.
- b. Rebecca Battye, Cllr A Cave, Cllr S Howard to follow up siting and costs of defibrillator with relevant parties and report at next meeting.
- c. Rebecca Battye to supply contact person in Youth Services to R Haigh to look at services available to assist with graffiti removal and painting at Darton Park Shelter.
- d. Cllr L Burgess and D McCall to finalise Ward Alliance Community Safety Leaflet.
- e. R Haigh to contact Gawber Primary School to see if they would like to be incorporated into the Ward Network List and send a representative to the Gawber History Group.

3 North Area Council Advice Project

David Andy gave an introduction to Citizens Advice Barnsley and DIAL Barnsley.

David circulated booklet of information, regarding the North Area Outreach Project for Members attention and discussion.

He gave a comprehensive insight into the workings and aims of the Project

4 Green and Clean Project Update.

Cllr Burgess updated group of Green and Clean Programme and the introductory meeting held 3 November Members thanked Neil Spencer, (Green and Clean Manager) for his attendance and the introduction to the new project.

Action Points

- a Rebecca Battye to find out protocols to engage with the Green and Clean Team and supply to Members for involvement. All members, to consult Rebecca if wishing to move forward with a project and bring to Ward Alliance Group for approval.

5 WAF Update

5.1 An update was provided on the meeting with Charlie Wilkins from Barugh Scouts to agree their footpath mapping and litter picking payback project

5.2 Rebecca Battye supplied WA and DWB funding and spending accounts to group members. Cllr L Burgess highlighted current spend and balance available and the need to identify any further spend from the 2015/16 budget as soon as possible.

The following were areas identified as potential funding requirements:

-Darton College Environmental Project, Darton Park, Gawber History Group, Community Safety Projects Initiatives and the Ward Safety Card.

5.3 A funding application from Barnsley Arts, Museums and Archives re the Somme Project 2016 was approved.

5.4 Rebecca to check possibility of defibrillator site at Liberal Club

Action Points

Jason Gardner to investigate, with relevant College Departments and SMT as to any future College involvement with the Somme Project.

6 Action Plan 2015/16 updates and budget proposals

Updates were given on the 5 priority action plans including:

Park and Recreational Inspection. Lesley and Richard were thanked for their completed Autumn Inspection. Copies were sent to all members of the findings for any future discussion and projects. Dog fouling Dual Use stickers have been attached to all litter bins across the Ward.

Horizon College Meeting 10th November 2015. Cllr L Burgess, Cllr A Cave D McCall Jayne Manley held discussions to look at ways Horizon Students can become in Ward Initiatives. Ward Members to explore options for Gawber area which young people could get involved in for example,

Hospice, Harry Road Rec. Local History Group, BBIC

Neighbourhood Network:. Cllr L Burgess presented Group with a list of Business and Companies across the Ward.

It was agreed to look at this in more detail and develop a future Strategy regarding protocols an future involvement with the Business Community.

Planters: R Haigh to contact Russ Bowland to look at ownership of 2 Planters on Darton High Street adjacent frontage of the Pharmacy. R Haigh to inform Jason Gardner of outcome of above for involvement in tidying planters by Darton College Learners.

Action Points

a All members to consider future projects for funding and discuss next time.

b R Haigh to forward copy of the positive parks inspection to Parks Officers

c Cllr L Burgess, Cllr A Cave, Jo Birch (Parks Officer) to look at the siting of Football Shooting Station. Funding provisionally approved of £2500 for either Kexbrough Rec or Darton Park.

C Cllr L Burgess will supply Group Members with updated copies of action plans for the next meeting.

7 North Area Council Celebration.

Richard and Mary will be speaking on Environment activities and Ward Celebration Evening on **Thurs 26th November 6.00pm for 6.30pm Rigby Suite, Metrodome.**

Action Point.

Rebecca Battye to fix date for run through of speeches with Cllrs, before event and supply date to Richard and Mary once agreed.

8 North Area Council Magazine.

Currently being finalised and hopefully out before Christmas.

9 Darton West Community Stars 2016.

Cllr A Cave to convene the Celebration Awards Event Group, to meet before Christmas and commence organisation arrangements for the Event on Friday 4th March 2016, 6.30 at the Town Hall

Group members involved as last year, Cllr A Cave, Cllr S Howard, Mary Elliott. Rebecca Battye. Dominic McCall Richard Haigh

10 Communications.

Nothing to report.

11 AOB.

a. I T Training all WA Members 7th Dec 4.00pm Darton College.

b. Next Meeting. Monday 11th January 2016, 5.00 pm. Darton Centre.

Darton West Ward Alliance
11th January 2016 5 pm
The Darton Centre

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Linda Burgess, Mary Elliott, Lesley Warden, Carol Gamwell, Dominic McCall

Apologies: Richard Haigh, Jason Gardner

North Area Team: Rebecca Batty

1 Cllr Cave welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

2 Notes of meeting on 16th November

The action points were reviewed.

Action: *Rebecca to follow upon the siting of the defibrillator at Thompson's Garage*

3 Follow up to IT training at Darton College

Linda has asked BMBC IT to check out the possibility of linking with docs on Google

4 WAF update

a) Applications – Darton Afternoon Club

The application was approved

b) Budget for 2015-16

The budget update was noted

c) Budget for 2016-17

There was discussion about the loss of the Devolved Ward Budget next year and the possibility of devolved funding from the North area Council

Action: *The need to clarify numbers of volunteer hours in relation to WAF to be an agenda item at the February meeting*

5 North Area Council Green and Clean Project

Potential ward projects with the Forge Partnership were identified as Longfield and Darton Park projects linked to Voice for Darton

6 Area Council Stronger Community Grants

The new round of Stronger Community Grants was discussed and it was agreed to promote the opportunity to local groups and organisations

7 Action Plan 2015/16 updates and budget proposals

Updates were given to the priorities of community networking, young and elderly people, recreation, sports and arts, community safety and the environment. Particular discussion took place relating to the successful launch of the Darton Afternoon club and the preparation of the Community Safety Information Card.

Action: *Carol to work with Barugh Green community to prepare for next Christmas events and funding possibilities*

8 Feedback on North Area Council Celebration event and magazine

The Celebration Event was agreed to have been successful and enabled sharing and learning between attendees.

Concerns were raised that the North Area Magazine had not been delivered in all parts of the ward and in some cases outside the ward.

9 Darton West Community Stars 2016

Cllr Howard updated on the preparation for the 2016 Community Awards. It was agreed that all members would encourage appropriate nominations.

10 Ward Priorities for 2016-17

There was some discussion of possible priorities for 2016-17 and it was agreed to spend time at the next meeting identifying outcomes to be achieved and the priorities to be addressed.

11 Communications

It was agreed that the community grants and the community star awards would be circulated on the Neighbourhood Network. A letter of thanks would be sent to the Chronicle for Millie Johnson's support for the Afternoon Club launch.

12 AOB

There was no other business

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 1st February, 5 pm at the Darton Centre

Appendix Three

Old Town Ward Alliance Minutes Wednesday 2nd December 2015 Edith Perry Room – BDGH

Present

Cllr Anita Cherryholme

BMBC Rep. Lee Swift

Community Members – John Love – Bill Gaunt – Malcolm Wood – Sheila Lowe – Michelle Cooper

The group is quorate for members but not elected officials so any decisions will need ratification

Apologies

Cllr Phil Davies – Cllr Liz Grundy – Dorothy Hayes – Jane Barry – Kirsty Summerfield – Garry Swift – Zbigniew Zaremba

Presentation

Aimee Phillips from RVS gave a short presentation of the work they are doing in the ward and in the North Area Council Area.

We will send all contact details for referral and volunteering opportunities as soon as they arrive from Aimee.

Aimee to let Anita have some leaflets and she will distribute them in parts of the ward.

ACTION ANITA

Michelle read a letter of resignation from Cllr Phil Davies

The members accepted this letter and the group offered their thanks for all the work and support that Phil had given during his time on the ward Alliance and although not everyone had always seen 'eye to eye' on certain topics he was always a positive and active working member within our community. They expressed sadness to see him go and once this became public knowledge we would address if he still wanted to be involved with the Ward Alliance.

Sub Group Feedback – Local Pride

Cllr Cherryholme and Lee Swift met – they discussed the targets on the plan and confirmed we are on target with the majority of the plan.

Leaflets were discussed for fly tipping and dog fouling. It was said that local residents do complain about dog fouling in the area but do not report this officially.

We discussed talking to Kingdom to see if we could find a way forward and work on a reporting procedure. **ACTION MICHELLE**

Local Business Awards were discussed at length, as one of our aims is – Good Quality Shops and Business. It was agreed that John would do some research and come up with some ideas of how we could deliver this event. **ACTION JOHN LOVE**

Bill did speak to Phyllis about how the town centre runs this and she has offered to come and talk to the group if we so wish.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

These were accepted as a true copy although Malcolm Wood asked of the October minutes if his name could be removed from the discussion about Rolling Chair, as he didn't request this.

Matters Arising

Snow Patrol – Lee did discuss this with the relevant workers within the council

Certificates The Community Champions Award Certificates have been given out.

Forge Partnership – Lee did give all contact details to the Forge Partnership

Insurance – Bill discussed the amount that is left within the Willowbank Partnership account and it was agreed that we support the purchase of Insurance for the WARD. We will require an application form for the next meeting. We also discussed at length the cover available from BMBC if a councilor was onsite during the event. It was stated that if a Cllr was involved with plan and prep etc and the actual event - Insurance cover should be sorted through BMBC

ACTION BILL for application form

Dog Fouling Signs - We discussed at length Dog Fouling Signs for our area. WA Form needs completing – **ACTION MICHELLE**

Old Town Plan Review

This is discussed at each Sub Group meeting then followed up at the full meeting.

The plan will need a full review in the Spring Term

Love Where You Live Update

The Celebration Event was well attended and everyone found it was a good networking Address.

More Spring Clean ups are planned for next year....

WAF Applications

Barnsley Arts – Remembering The Battle of the Somme – A project to be run by Barnsley Arts Museums and Archives. There was a selection of questions about this application including the numbers of young people participation from our area. The number of YP to be involved – the match-funding element – the costings for the artist etc and who will actually be delivering these workshops and whether they are actually already employed the local council.

The group's recommendation was to reject the application.

The group took a vote and 4 were against the application.

Sugdens Bowling Club - A project requesting funds for a water heater lap top and cleaner.

The group discussed the monies requested and talked about the fact that Sugdens Bowling Club is a membership organisation and the members are showing no financial contribution to this application

The group's recommendation was to award funds for the laptop only.

We need to discuss both applications with the remaining members of the group not in attendance tonight to make recommendations and a way forward.

The Ad Astra Team who were awarded a grant to deliver a sporting fun fitness and health programme advised they had a small under spend on the rent they were allocated and asked if they could use this for a different sports activity for the young people.

The group thanked Ad Astra for being upfront and honest and said yes to the request and asked them to inform Theresa from BMBC of the alteration to the original grant.

ACTION MICHELLE

Any Other Business

Bill discussed the Web Page he has developed for the group and asked if he could have some information about each member of the group as to why they became involved in the Ward Alliance – He also asked for a photo of all the members – He also requested information about WA Grant Applications

ACTION ALL MEMBERS – LEE SWIFT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Appendix Four

St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 07th January 2016 at 5:30pm

Present:

- Cllr. Dave Leech; Cllr. Jenny Platts; Cllr. Sarah Tattersall (Chair);
Madge Busby; Ruth Gammon; David Gammon; John Hallows; Lee Swift

Apologies:

- Clyde Black

[There has been no contact from David Mott and as this is his third consecutive absence the secretary is to write to ascertain whether he wishes to remain a member]

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- The minutes were adopted

Matters arising:

- The areas on Laithes Lane which have been cleared of accumulated rubbish and greenery are to be grassed in.
- The Memory Tree event was much appreciated by those who attended. The secretary is to send a letter of thanks to Deacon Debbie Marsh for their support. Madge B expressed her thanks for the support given by our Ward Alliance.

Funding Applications:

- No applications were presented at this meeting

Ward Plan:

- Lee S provided an updated Plan. It was agreed this should be on the agenda for our next meeting when more members are hoped to attend

Forthcoming Events:

- Stars of St. Helen's arrangements were well in hand. The mayor will be attending but unfortunately Dan Jarvis MP has a prior commitment in the House.

- A working party is to be set up for the 2016 Gala. Lee S will check dates of other similar local events.
- The secretary is to email our WA members: Start time 5:30pm for 5:40;
After the Awards Ceremony there will be a (free) buffet. Unless exempt it will be necessary to pay 70p car parking up to 6:00pm.
- Ruth G is to speak to her contact in a local ladies' choir for vocal entertainment.

Treasurer's Report:

- Clyde B was unable to attend and his customary report will be carried forward

Secretary's Report:

- There had been no responses from local residents who had attended the summer Gala.
- Those organisations who have benefitted from WA Funding are to be reminded to include our logo on their publicity material.
- The quarterly secretarial bursary of £125 was approved by Cllr. Platts and passed to Lee S to process

Any Other Business:

- For the coming season 31 hanging baskets can be supplied by a local firm for around £1600. This represents a substantial saving over previous years.

It was agreed we should go ahead because of the "feel good" factor.

- Lee S was authorised to purchase five 5' by 2' banners at a cost of £65

Next Meeting:

- 18th February at 5:30pm at TARA, Mansfield Road

Our meeting closed at 6:06pm.