

# BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Agenda Item: 9**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

## **North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates**

### **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 January and February 2021.

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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'**

Tuesday 12th January 2021 – 6 PM Teams Meeting

#### **Present:**

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
David Oates - Local Business Man  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

#### **Apologies:**

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
Janine Williams – Local Resident  
David Hilton – Green space  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt proposed as chair.

- 2. Declarations of Interest** – Steve Hunt
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting** - Approved
- 4. Matters Arising** – None
- 5. Financial Update** – Balance is £6411.
- 6. Applications for Funding** – hanging baskets £1500 working budget- approved.  
The group decided to advertise for sponsored hanging baskets again this year.

Sign: the group discussed an A3 one sided sign to warn traffic about children playing in the park. A member suggested whether two signs would be better, a group member agreed to make further enquiries and send an email with costings.

- 7. Ward Action Plan**  
Cold calling project- a member of the group explained they would come up with ideas for a leaflet and any costs could potentially come out of this budget.
- 8. Darton East website-**

The funding for the website will be available this week. Some work has been started on the website looking at companies and design. The website needs a sub-group. Four members were happy to form a sub-group.

**9. Healthy holidays and food parcels**

The group was asked if they would like to do food parcels for the February half term holidays. It would be linked in with schools to find families struggling at this time and families who receive free school meals. It was completed in another area previously and the response was good. 154 food parcels were delivered to families in need. A member explained they could also offer pet food because they have links to it. Members of the village hall explained they could link them up with Royston animal welfare.

**10. AOB**

The books left in the bus stop at the top of green side will be passed on to a COVID officer to be looked in to. The council have received complaints and the bus stop now looks like a dumping ground.

The Wentworth and Talbot Inn have launched a competition for a 2022 calendar promoting Mapplewell and Staincross. All profits raised will be split between Barnsley hospice and Louis George.

2021 census- two companies will be available to support people who do not have access to the internet. This will be COVID secure. The census will begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March until mid-April.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb 21- 1<sup>st</sup> May 21- the village hall may be a COVID vaccination centre.

The school Christmas colouring competition went well, photos have been sent out via email.

Grit bins- all bins are being or have been filled in Darton East. The village hall requested their bin filling

Fly tipping and litter- there is lots of flytipping and litter in the area at the moment. The green space group can not currently meet up but some of the public are doing some litter picking, if the public need any litter bags, they can ask the green space group. Twiggs have been asked if they can do some litter picking.

The landowner agreed for concrete bollards to be up at Woolley Colliery where there has been a fly tipping hotspot. This should hopefully stop the fly tipping in that area.

Crime- there was a mugging on Christmas Day outside the Wentworth. An arrest was made the next day. There was also another incident at Woolley edge just before Christmas and an arrest has been made. The neighbourhood police team will be doing more patrols. They are not a big team but cover a big area and their resources are stretched. However, they do react to incidents that happen.

Speeding- a vehicle went out of control on Spark Lane and ended up on its back at the side of the road. Operation slowdown will be carried out in that area.

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 9/02/21 at 6 pm.**

## Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 5.00 pm.

(Virtual discussions).

Attendees: Cllr Sharon Howard (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Tom West, Jason Gardner, John Ryan, Annabelle Watson, Christina Carroll. Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Ann Plant, Nicole Whitford.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The minutes of the meeting, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Richard to supply all members with Ward Seating Survey for the next meeting. (Agenda item).

Rebecca and Richard to complete WAF for Trees at Kexbrough Rec.

Rebecca and Sharon to look into possible planter provision at Barnsley Business Village.

Rebecca and John to update Ward Notice Boards.

Rebecca to investigate organisations that can assist with food parcels and email Tom with any findings.

Rebecca and Tom to complete WAF for £500 for food parcels and allocate to School Bank Account.

Sharon to forward to Tom contact name for Henry Boot, possible financial assistance re: funding provision.

Jason to investigate any financial needs for Food parcels at Darton Academy students and supply WAF to Rebecca.

Trevor to contact Jo Birch to investigate Barnsley in Bloom Initiatives.

3 Ward Action Plan.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented and updated the Ward Plan. This was discussed and amendments made. (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

2020/21 Budget was discussed.

4b WAF Applications.

None.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of the progress being made. Excellent public response. Group to look with Cllrs at future long term development, future agenda item.

6 North Area Council.

Nothing to report, next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

7 Active Travel.

Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard and Cllr Alice Cave will update after any future briefings. (Agenda item).

8 Social Media Initiatives.

Tom, Jason and Bobby to meet when possible and report their findings. (Agenda item).

9 A.O.B.

Cllr Trevor Cave thanked, Tom, Jason, Rebecca and all supporting colleagues for their School and Community involvement with local families and children during the Christmas period.

All members promote the 2021 hanging basket scheme across the Ward. Cost £55 per basket. Keep Rebecca informed.

**Date and time of next meetings.**

**Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 5.00 pm. All welcome. (Virtual Meeting).**

**Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00 pm. (Virtual meeting).**

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, at 5.00 pm

Teams Virtual Meeting.

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Christina Carroll, Annabelle Watson, John Ryan, Jason Gardner, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Sharon Howard, Tom West, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Rebecca and Sharon to look into possible planter provision at the Barnsley Village (Ongoing).

Rebecca to supply for next meeting comparison costing for purchase of seat benches.

Richard to complete WAF for bench at Wilthorpe/ Redbrook Community Centre once costings established.

John to contact Parks re issues with ice forming on public footpaths in Darton Park.

Rebecca to contact Jane Helliwell, re Government Grant to assist with Deprivation and Poverty Issues and update Ward Members.

Tom to submit WAF to Rebecca for allocation of £500 for Horizon food parcels.

### 3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan. This was discussed and amendments made. (Agenda item).

The group agreed the Priorities for the Ward Action Plan 2020/2021.

These are as follows:

Community Health and Well-being.

Community Safety.

Environment.

Recreation and the Arts.

Poverty and Needs Related Issues.

### 4a Ward Alliance Budget



2020/2021 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £2,854.22 February 2021.

(does not include £500 granted to Horizon School).

#### 4b WAF Applications

Darton Welfare Bowling Club Purchase of Irrigation System.

£1000,00 Grant, this was Approved.

**NB. John Ryan declared his interest in this matter and left the meeting until a decision was made by Ward Members.**

#### 5 Darton Project Update and Progress

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of progress being made.

Future tree planting will take place to try to assist with excess water in some areas.

Cllrs and Group members to look at future long term development of the Darton Park.

#### 6 North Area Council

Nothing to report.

#### 7 Plan for Deprivation, Poverty and Allocation for Family Need.

All members regarded this as an important initiative, further planning needs to be undertaken at Authority level, the role and contribution Ward Alliances could play and future funding. (Agenda item).

#### 8 Ward Seating Benches Survey.

This was discussed by Members. It was agreed for costing to be undertaken and a plan for renewal starting with the bench outside Wilthorpe/ Redbrook Community Centre.

#### 9 Active Travel

This was discussed.

#### 10 Social Media Update.

Ongoing.

#### 11 A.O.B.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) on behalf of all members, thanked Cllr Sharon Howard for her work in securing £1000 from Henry Boot Construction, for the purchase of food parcels for families in need at the Horizon School. This was very well received by the School.

Cllr Trevor Cave on behalf of all members, thanked all who assisted with the organisation of food parcels across the North Area.

In particular, to personally thank, Rebecca Battye, Rosie Adams, Lee Swift, Layla Brook, Katie Ashworth, Twiggs, and volunteers. This was a massive undertaking and due to the North Area Team's outstanding organisation went with precision. Well done all.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) updated group members of a Safer Neighbourhood Scheme re Brew with a Bobby.

Go to Safer Neighbourhood Police Website for information.

Rebecca updated group members re North Area Team Children's Activities for Half Term, Safari Trail.

**Date and time of next meetings.**

**Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 5.00 pm. All welcome. (Virtual Meeting).**

**Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 5.00 pm. (Virtual meeting).**

## **Appendix Three:**

Old Town Ward Alliance  
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe,  
Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor

Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Held Via MS Teams

1. In Attendance.  
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift.
2. Apologies.  
Sheila Lowe, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk
3. Unfortunately, due to low attendance and apologies the meeting was not quorate. There was a discussion regarding the funding applications and all present agreed that any decisions made will be via an 'agreement in principle' by email. Lee to send out an email with the applications.

Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

## Appendix Four:



### **St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 7th January 2021, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Present :** Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Leech, Cllr Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Michelle Cooper.

**Apologies :** Tony Lowe, Madge Busby, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Pooja Ramchandani, Neil Wright

Due to the current circumstances and the Ward Alliance having to carry out meetings online some members had issues joining the meeting.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions were given and everyone was thanked for their attendance.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes were passed as a true record.

Bench at Poundstretcher - Cllr Leech is still awaiting updates and will look into it.

It was reported that there is no notice board either so Cllr Platts will make enquiries to find out why.

Cllr Leech reported that even though Christmas Events had been cancelled he had still been asked to be Father Christmas at various schools/ events.

Following all Covid-19 guidelines and social distancing he was Santa at Athersley North Primary on the 15th December, Laithes Primary on the 17th December and the Community shop on the 22nd and 23rd December.

John Hallows said he had a Christmas dinner delivered and Thanks were given to all that were involved in this.

Cllr Platts reported that following on from the Care Leavers funding application, food and parcels were delivered to the relevant people. The one Cllr Platts delivered the client was very grateful and they were very well received.

Cllr Platts has contacted both Laithes day unit and Lindhurst Lodge regarding funding but as of yet has had no reply. She will send a reminder.

Christmas - Cllr Tattersall said the tree lighting at the Community shop went very well.

Michelle Cooper also said the event at New Lodge Community centre also went very well and that it was a shame to take the tree down after Christmas.

She also said that they had delivered 140+ xmas bags/packs to the relevant families. She said the gratitude for these was amazing. Michelle also received photos from grateful families over Christmas.

Food packs will be looked at for February half term.

Cllr Platts thanks everyone for their work over Christmas.

**Funding Applications:** Hanging baskets for the community. Lee explained that the bid was for £1,993.60 and is for 28 baskets around the ward. It will also cover installation, watering and the removal. The bid was discussed between the members and they all agreed to pay the full amount.

**Events:** It was agreed that all events would be tabled until the current situation improves.

**Any other business:** It was discussed that Michelle Cooper would put in a funding application from Ad Astra to be able to make up food parcels to distribute in the community to families that needed them.

Community shop are providing free children's lunches to members of the community.

Members discussed online events that could take place during February half term.

Michelle and Lee to discuss what Ad Astra could do.

Any suggestions would be passed on to the relevant people.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Meeting closed at 5.30pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

Lee Swift to send out invites to the meeting closer to the time.