

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 24th May 2021**

Agenda Item: 10

**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 March and April 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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22nd April 2021**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
‘CAN DO-WILL DO’
Tuesday 9th February 2021 – 6 PM
Teams Meeting

Present:

Clr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Clr 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

Apologies:

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

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

- 2. Declarations of Interest – None**
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved**
- 4. Matters Arising – None**
- 5. Financial Update –** Balance is £4786. Next month is the last month of the financial year. We should be able to roll it over. Compared to other wards, we have done well with our spending.
- 6. Applications for Funding –none.**
A question was raised in the last meeting regarding the sign for Woolley park. The question was if we should get two signs rather than one, depending on if it was good value for money. One sign was £295 and two signs was £525. One sign has been approved for £295.

Members were in favour of the cold calling leaflet number 1. A member asked if we still wanted to use the ‘love where you live’ logo, we can still use the logo or we can look at having another logo. If we used a logo we could use it both on the website and the leaflets. It will be sent around for approval as the logo has to be approved by all Ward members. It is £60 per 1000 leaflets including VAT. Formal quotes can be obtained. Working budget agreed of £200. We need to know how the leaflets will be distributed and we will need costings for that. More information will be sent out via email to everyone.

There has been a huge interest in the hanging basket signs this year.

7. Ward Action Plan

The ward action plan will be looked at in more detail in March's meeting. The action plan will be circulated. We will need to look at priorities and projects you are wanting to support.

8. Darton East website-

There are 58 pages on the website at the moment, this is one page per business. The page connects to links to other things eg Facebook. Please have a look at the website and give feedback. If anyone has any further information on any businesses, please let the group know. The website is currently finding businesses on google maps. A member said we could use the arrow to ask local businesses to get in touch to tell us more about their business. This could be done through Facebook or via the arrow. A sub-group will have a meeting to go through the website in more detail. The website is only using public domain information. All photos used will be taken by the Ward Alliance. A member stated it may be better to call the businesses to ask if they want to be on the website and ask them for more information about their business. A member explained to be cautious with copyright laws. A member asked if it would be a good idea to design a map for the website. It was agreed that a map would be very useful. Photos of the Mapplewell stones will also be taken and featured on the website.

9. AOB

Census- the census needs to be completed in March, hopefully 75% of people will complete it online. It was sent out to the councillor handbook and postcards and letters will be sent out through the post with a special code to go online to fill out the census. Some groups will not be able to go online to fill it in. Hopefully, we will be able to help people in the library or community centres to fill the census in online. There is a £1000 fine if it is not completed by 4th May. Karen Buttery is the census coordinator. More information could be added to the website.

A thank you was given to Harry.

Vaccination sites- there are designated places at the moment but from the 1st of March, vaccinations may occur at smaller sites.

The footpath has now been completed after a consultation from Spey close to Hill End road. It is a public right of way.

Barnsley are doing very well with the vaccinations.

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The northern orbital link road is approved. This is a link road from Barugh green to Higham. In a future council plan, there is a link road from Bar Lane to Claycliffe roundabout. £45 million has been earmarked for this and a developer was looking at putting some money into this.

Food parcels- across the north area, 370 food parcels were given out. Each parcel had 4-5 bags of shopping.

Darton primary had 40 parcels dropped off and Mapplewell primary had 20 dropped off. Well gate are doing their own thing.

During half term, activities will be posted on the north area team Facebook page. There is a safari trail in the area's parks and if you submit the answer to the north area team, the children will get a prize.

There is a problem in our area with litter, we are working with Twiggs and Greenspace and volunteers are doing a great job. Twiggs have recently been cleaning on New street, Church street and Kingsway. They have also been asked to look at Spark Lane and Wakefield road. Twiggs have spoken to businesses who are generating litter. Some litter is coming from wheelie bins that blow over on to the streets.

Last Friday, the neighbourhood police team did a virtual team meeting called 'brew with a bobby' as there are no PACT meetings at the moment. There has been issues with off-road bikes on Barnsley golf course. Reports of speeding have been received for Spark Lane and Woolley colliery. A speed indicator device went up on Spark Lane then Paddock road. We are hoping it will go up again around the North area.

Drug dealing- if you see any drug dealing in the area report it via 101 on the phone or on their website.

Bollards in the village centre are being replaced by the council. The council is aware of the problem and looking at solutions.

The area outside the premier convenience store needs to be looked at. The floor is bad and all of the flags are broken. It is not safe to walk on.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 9/03/21 at 6 pm.

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Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Clr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Katy Ashworth- project officer

Apologies:

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Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
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Steve Hunt proposed as chair.

10. Declarations of Interest – None

11. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved

12. Matters Arising – None

13. Katy Ashworth, project officer-

Katy Ashworth introduced herself and explained she had been in the post of project officer for three months. One of the projects she is leading on is the Twigg’s contract. She wants to introduce more structure by helping them to create a calendar, all projects would be in the calendar ten days prior to the event. People can then look at the project calendar and join in with Twigg’s if they would like to. This contract is more on education and the environment. Twigg’s have done a fantastic job during lockdown. All normal activities with Twigg’s and volunteers will commence again after lockdown. Katy agreed to call in and see the manager of the village hall. Members agreed sometimes the Twigg’s events can be too last minute so a more proactive approach would be good. The green space group would also be able to work with Twigg’s and this can be publicised. A Microsoft office calendar could have all events on and an email could be sent out to share it. Katy is supporting Twigg’s with their new contract and it will begin in April. Katy was interested to know if there was any employment support in the local area. A member explained a company based in Wilthorpe would be able to set up

a meeting with Katy which could be delivered to the local community. Katy explained that she would like local schools to get involved with Twigg's if possible. Katy also explained that Ad-Astra were going to be helping parents with children who struggle with maths. This will be called MathsBusters. An email will go out this week. Katy explained that if there were any projects the community would like to see, they should inform her.

14. Financial Update – Balance is £3531.

15. Applications for Funding –

Darton primary, eco council £450 approved.

Bedding plants £300, approved.

Members had a discussion regarding Ibberson gardens being a memorial garden but it not being well known. A member agreed to take an action point.

Litter bin 393 relocation, £125, not approved. Members agreed to fund £125 to put flags down to the bin instead.

16. Ward Action Plan

Members agreed to look at the priorities and the plan for April 2021 onwards. Members agreed 5 priorities.

- 1) Ears and voice of the community- this includes Darton east website, the notice board and the Facebook page.
- 2) Environmental- this includes hanging baskets, litter picking, dog fouling, fly tipping, Twigg's contract.
- 3) Young people – it would be nice to do discos and activities during the school holidays. A youth project could also be considered
- 4) Health and well-being- winter warmer event, family event for health, fitness group in Mapplewell park on a Saturday morning, sign posting through the website and Facebook regarding physical and mental health. Also to organise an event which includes police, fire, council and the NHS for the local community.
- 5) Older people- the over 55 club is moving from Tuesday night to Friday afternoon. The village hall is liaising with Yorkshire rose holidays to maybe put a day trip on. Young people to perform and put on a show for the older people.

Community events- a summer gala would be nice for the local area but may not be possible this year. Christmas 2021 will hopefully go ahead as normal. A local history and heritage trail to be set up.

17. Darton East website-

There are 80 businesses on the website at the moment. People have been very positive towards the website. The website address is Mapplewell.info. Businesses are being added to the website and an email is being sent to them to ensure that their information is correct. More pictures will be taken in the village when the shops are open. Members were asked to have a look at the website and provide advice and feedback. The website is waiting for the local map to be completed so that can be added. A separate meeting will be organised to discuss the website.

18. AOB

An application for funding needs to be submitted for the cold calling leaflets. The quote received for 2500 leaflets was £137.50. For 5000 leaflets it was £210. For 7500 leaflets, it was £302. These prices all include delivery and the delivery can be targeted to Darton east.

Drug dealing- please don't turn a blind eye to any drug dealing you see in the area. An operation is ongoing to tackle this issue by the neighbourhood police team. Action point taken by a member regarding this issue.

Well done to everyone for the food preparation and food parcels for the local area. The food parcels were very well received with 370 food parcels in total, which included 5 bags per parcel. 74 were given out in Darton east.

23 hanging baskets have currently been sponsored, please keep promoting this project.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 13/04/21 at 6 pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 17th March 2021, at 5.00 pm

Teams Virtual Meeting.

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

Apologies: Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye. Katy Ashworh.

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

2 Environmental Education Project Officer.

Katy Ashworth gave an update of her role and future project information for all members.

3 The Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, 10th February 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Katy to inform Cllrs of work being undertaken at Harry Road Recreation Ground.

Dominic to supply Katy with a contact name for future projects with Horizon School.

Katy to update Ward members of future projects and developments next meeting. (Agenda item).

Rebecca to arrange meeting with Cllrs, Twiggs, Jason and Katy to look at future planning at Darton College Community Garden.

Rebecca to forward WAF Form and costings to Richard for him to complete re: Bench Seating at Redbrook/Withorpe Community Centre.

Jon to contact Jason to look at developing programmes for Students from Darton Academy at Darton Bowling Club.

Cllrs, Twiggs, Katy and Rebecca to arrange a joint meeting to discuss a plan for future Environmental projects across the Ward. (Agenda item).

All Ward Alliance members to bring suggestions for Environmental Plan discussions next meeting. (Agenda item).

4 Ward Action Plan.

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

5a Ward Alliance Budget.

2020/2021 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £1,336.24 March 2021.

5b WAF Applications.

Twiggs Volunteer Tool Bank Equipment. **Approved.**

6 Darton Project Update and Progress

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the group of progress being made.

7 North Area Council.

Cllr Sharon Howard updated all members of recent discussions and current projects.

8 Plan for Deprivation, Poverty and Allocation for Family Need

This will feature as an Agenda Item.

9 Active Travel.

This will feature as an Agenda item.

A.O.B.

John thanked, on behalf of Darton Bowling Club Members, Darton West Ward Alliance Members for the recent awarded grant.

John offered to any Ward Alliance Member an invite to visit Darton Bowling Club to observe current developments.

Cllrs asked Ward Members to consider possible development of a Bandstand in any future planning discussions in Darton Park.

Cllrs alerted that a calendar of dates for future meetings will need to be set in advance.

Agenda item.

Time and date of the next meetings.

Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday, 20th April 2021 at 5.00 pm. All welcome. (Virtual Meeting).

Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting, Wednesday, 21st April 2021 at 5.00 pm. (Virtual Meeting).

Appendix Three:

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

Notes of 9th February 2021

1. In Attendance.
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, John Love.
2. Apologies.
Sheila Lowe, Cameron Stirk.
3. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

Agenda

4. Funding Applications.
 - 4.1 L. S. Change of use form for Food parcels, as quite a few left over from Christmas. Cost £2,000. (including change of use) - **Agreed**
 - 4.2 Event Insurance, for Willowbank community partnership, to renew insurance. Cost £585.62.- **Agreed**
 - 4.3 Sugdens Rec Bowling Club, for repair of shelter. Cost - £844.39. - **Agreed.**
5. AOB
 - 5.1 B.G. to delay the Old Town newsletter until the end of May.
6. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 9th March 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

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

Notes of 9th March 2021

7. In Attendance.
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, John Love.
8. Apologies.
Sheila Lowe, Cameron Stirk.
9. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

Agenda

Funding Applications.

4.1 - Fresh Ground, application for funding for litter picking equipment, some discussion regarding whether 'Twiggs' could loan out this equipment, however after further discussion, agreed to fund.

Cost £815.00 - Approved.

4.2 – Pogmoor AFC, for purchase of a shipping container to store equipment.

Cost £778.00 – Approved

4.3 Friends of Wilthorpe Park, Funding for Trees and a commemorative plaque, trees had been stolen and some vandalised this will replace those, the plaque is to remember Sir Captain Tom.

Cost £532.00 - Approved

4.5 Emmanuel Church, Connections Project, Providing Easter treats for the vulnerable and elderly. Asked the group to come back with actual costings and any part that is covered by donations is to be refunded.

Cost £ 500.00 Approved with conditions.

5. AOB

5.1 C.P. advised that there are seven new groups which have been set up in the Old Town area, C.P. will report on these at the next meeting.

5.2 Honeywell Group, L.S. reported that quite a number of people in the area that want to get involved in their community, in respect of cleaning up the area, looking at installing a defibrillator and an Incredible Edible Planter. L.S. to convene a meeting once availability has been established.

5.3 A woman has been in touch with L.S. regarding joining the Ward Alliance, L.S. to liaise with her re times etc.

6. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 13th April 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 18th February 2021, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Apologies : Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Pooja Ramchandani, Neil Wright, Clyde Black.

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 has received permission to install the bench. There is just a form to fill in which he will do and return. Once Covid restrictions are lifted the bench will be made and placed.

The notice board outside Poundstretcher has been replaced by a new black one to compliment the new area with the mosaics.

Cllr Platts has contacted both Laithes day unit and Lindhurst Lodge again regarding funding but still has not had a reply.

Cllr Platts discussed finding sponsors for Hanging Baskets next year. It was discussed and will be looked at for next year's baskets (price, plaques, etc).

John Hallows asked whether benches would be placed on the memorial field for resting on during walks. It was discussed and there are benches around the pond but unfortunately these get vandalised and allow for anti social behaviour as groups of children/teenagers gather so there are not any plans for adding any more benches.

Funding Applications: Both of the funding applications that were discussed tonight were agreed upon prior to this meeting due to time restrictions but Lee gave the members an update on the applications.

February half term food packs - this bid was for £2,000 and was to provide food parcels for children in the local area.

Lee thanked everyone involved in helping to pack up the food parcels. All 351 packs were distributed over the North area.

There was also a Safari adventure activity put in each parcel so the children could participate in the adventure during the holiday.

Lee has had responses back expressing thanks and how helpful the parcels were.

Easter food parcels are being discussed but even though the half term parcels were a huge success they were time consuming (collecting food, making up the parcels and distributing them) and there was also an issue with finding space big enough to pack and also store the parcels until they were distributed.

Michelle said that Ad Astra also added an additional booklet in their parcels that was paid for by Good Food Barnsley. This booklet included a Road Safety competition in it, Word searches, Crafts, Mental Health / Wellbeing, Exercise routines and a very helpful kids guide to Covid. She said it was a huge success.

Athersley Cares - this bid was for £802 and was to support their existing services during lockdown. It would help towards supporting the elderly who are isolated during this pandemic.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported a total of £7,628.13 until the end of March 2021.

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

A decision about the Gala will be made at a later date once we see what Government guidelines say.

Once restrictions are lifted a big event will be organised for the unveiling of the bench at Poundstretcher.

Members asked about having a plaque attached to the Defib that the Ward Alliance funded. Cllr Platts will look into it.

Any other business:

Madge reported that there had been a leak in the TARA office from the flat upstairs causing the ceiling to fall in. Nobody is allowed into the office until it is fixed as it is unsafe to do so. Some of the equipment in the office has been contaminated. It was discussed that once we are allowed in to assess the damage to equipment a funding bid could be submitted to replace the equipment.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

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