

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
14th March, 2016**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of Central Council
Team.**

Ward Alliance Meetings

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the Central Council on the latest round of Ward Alliance meetings and the Ward Alliances' position at this time.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Central Council receives the Ward Alliance Notes from Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough Wards for information.**

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/Neighbourhood levels which are set out in the Cabinet Reports/Decisions as follows:- Cab21.11.2012/6; Cab16.1.2013/10.3; Cab13.2.2013/9; and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 The latest round of Ward Alliance meetings have been completed, with the five Ward Alliances progressing at a similar pace.

Central Ward Alliances are currently reassessing their priorities to focus on developing new action plans to focus spend and highlight projects for 2016/17.

- 4.2 Ward Alliance notes are attached to this report for information as follows:
Central Ward Alliance Notes 27.01.2016: Appendix 1
Dodworth Ward Alliance Notes 12.01.2016: Appendix 2
Kingstone Ward Alliance Notes 13.01.2016: Appendix 3
Stairfoot Ward Alliance Notes 11.01.2016: Appendix 4
Worsbrough Ward Alliance Notes 07.01.2016: Appendix 5

- 4.3 The reporting into the Central Council, for information, of the Ward Alliances' meeting notes is in line with the approved Council protocols.

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APPENDIX 1

Notes from Central Ward Alliance Meeting 27th January 2016

Church of the Nazarene

In Attendance:

Cllr Doug Birkinshaw (Chair), Cllr Margaret Bruff, Cllr Martin Dyson, Doreen Cureton, Ian Newton, Paul Bedford, Neil Morris, Kathleen Micklethwaite, Sara Headley, Jo Fellows, Marcia Cunningham

Apologies:

Eric Naylor, Andrew Bogg, Noel Cowdell

Guest:

Jo Thornton (NCS)

1 Cllr Birkinshaw Welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were conducted.

2 Jo Thornton from NCS introduced herself and did a presentation to the Ward Alliance of the National Citizen Service (NCS) , how the programme works including the opportunity for Community Groups to identify potential projects to be undertaken as part of the summer 2016 programme. Marcia said she would email the NCS form to Ward Alliance members for them to complete with any project proposals. Jo then left the meeting.

3 Minutes from the previous Ward Alliance meeting were agreed

4 1 declaration of pecuniary interest was made by Neil Morris with regard to a Ward Alliance application for Gateway Church to be discussed at the meeting.

5 Marcia referred the group to the updated Central Ward Alliance action plan highlighting the new entries which had been made to each section and drawing attention to the activities and events contained in each priority.

6 Cllr Birkinshaw and Cllr Bruff advised all members of the Ward Alliance to put in bids for funding to ensure that all allocated monies were spent within the ward and not clawed back and also to ensure that funding is spread across as many groups as possible to ensure fairness . Kathleen was advised to put in a bid for funding for her group to purchase wool , Marcia agreed to send out a paper application form through the post.

7 Ward Alliance application from Gateway Church to be discussed. Neil Morris left the room at this point. The application was considered by the group with much discussion regarding the amount of money requested (£895.50) The group were unanimous in the decision to support the application but limit the amount of funding awarded to £400 . Marcia would contact Neil with the decision. Neil Morris re-entered the room.

8 Marcia introduced the Springfest paper for which the group had all been given copies. Marcia explained the concept of the Springfest which would commence on the 21st May with

a Central Area event at the Town Hall for all 5 Central Area Wards. This would be followed by 2 weeks of activities and events to be held in each ward which would promote health and well-being and volunteering. Marcia asked the Ward Alliance if they were supportive of the Springfest concept, this received a positive response. Marcia then explained that each ward would be required to make a contribution to fund the Springfest, this would largely be used for publicity, and the exact amount was not yet determined. A Devolved Ward budget application would be submitted as soon as the costings were agreed. In addition, Marcia explained that there would be a planning group to firstly, plan the opening day (21st May) at the Town Hall. A volunteer from the Ward Alliance was requested to attend a planning meeting and to work together with volunteers from the other 4 wards. Doreen Cureton volunteered. Marcia then also said that an additional volunteer may be required to help work with all groups in the Central Ward to plan the activities for the 2 weeks following the 21st May within the ward. An update would be given at the next Ward Alliance on 24th February.

9 The forthcoming Winter Warmer (3rd February) was discussed by the group. The purpose of the event was reinforced as a social event aimed at local residents and groups to meet together, promote the Ward Alliance Fund and share food together.

10 Cllr Birkinshaw asked all members for an update on their activities, he then left early due to other commitments.. Doreen reported on the proposed gardening work at St Marys Church. An application for funding will be submitted to the Ward Alliance to assist with the establishment of a new gardening group and purchase of equipment and plants.

Kathleen reported on the joining together of 2 groups given that some of the younger members had left

Ian reported that Allsorts Youth Club would be holding a fish & Chip night for the children and that Dickie bird would be speaking to the group on the 14th March.

Sara reported that the café had served over 100 meals on Christmas Day, she also reported that they would be holding an event on 16th February at 6pm which would showcase the skills learnt by service users. There would also be musicians and poetry readings.

Paul reported that Hope House Church has now moved into the new building. There will be an official opening on 12th March.

Jo reported that a new Central Ward Womens Group was being set up, the first meeting would be held at Hope House Church on Thursday 4th February at 1pm. All women welcome.

Neil reported that Gateway was closed due to building work to create the new kitchen which will enable more community activity. In addition he mentioned The Footsteps Initiative which is a Community Facilitator Programme funded by the Wharfedale Foundation.

11 Doreen reported in Any Other Business that she had been invited to speak to give a talk at an NHS Social Prescribing Workshop.

12 Next Meeting 24th February Church of the Nazarene 5:30pm.

APPENDIX 2

Dodworth WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 12th January 2016 @ 6pm
Location:	Dodworth Miners' Welfare

Attendees	Apologies
Shane Abson – Gilroyd Community Group (SA) Robert Green – Dodworth Village Community Group (RG) Cllr Richard Riggs Cllr Jack Carr Fr Keith Freeman – St John the Baptist Church (KF) Marcia Cunningham – BMBC (MC) Cllr Phillip Birkinshaw Jane Ripley – Penny Pie Community Group (JR) Notes Lisa Kenny - Dodworth Village Community Group (LK) Malcolm Howarth – Crime and Safety Chair (MH) Darren Dickinson – Higham Resident (DD) Max Senior – Dodworth resident & Chair Dodworth MW Band (MS) Peter Mulrooney – Dodworth Christian Council (PM)	Steve Riley Young at Heart Group Gilroyd


1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Everyone introduced themselves around the table and gave a warm welcome to Fr Keith Freeman who had recently joined the Ward Alliance.		

2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
Steve Riley – Gilroyd Young at Heart Group#		


3. Declaration of Pecuniary and none Pecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
Max Senior - Chair of the Dodworth Miners Welfare Band.		


4. Minutes of Last Meeting and any matters arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Item 4 page 1</p> <p>Camera is still not working on High Street, Dodworth.</p> <p>Notice boards have been delivered and erected at Dodworth library and Higham.</p> <p>Keys will be made available to group members, keys are also held by Elected members. Members of groups have been identified to service the notice boards.</p> <p>Item 5 page 2</p> <p>Funding has been withdrawn to the organization that provided computers and training within the community. Berneslai Homes are still operating their training and anyone interested should contact them.</p> <p>Item 6 page 3</p> <p>Cllr Carr asked if monies had been received back into the WA fund. A-choired taste funds never left the fund and still awaiting the Kingstone Ward to return theirs.</p> <p>The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 17th November 2015.</p>	<p>MC to place an order and distribute on request</p>	<p>Marcia Cunningham</p> <p>All</p>

5. Ward Action Plan Delivering on Ward Priorities.	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Pride in Dodworth Ward – All groups were asked to supply details on how projects were going and time scales.</p> <p>Dodworth Memorial and History groups should be listed. MC requested that RG send wording via email then can be added to sheet.</p> <p>Strengthening the Community – Work in this action plan is still on going and MC will be engaging with the Gilroyd Group to determine local priorities.</p> <p>Quality of Life – Young at heart to become involved to assist with the production of a booklet detailing Older people’s activities in the ward.</p> <p>Health and wellbeing will be included.</p> <p>Information and Support – Notice Boards erected and leaflets printed.</p> <p>IT access is set to improve within the area.</p>	<p>Information to be supplied to MC ASAP</p> <p>Memorial Group</p> <p>Gilroyd Community Group to work with MC</p> <p>Gilroyd Young at Heart</p>	<p>Marcia Cunningham</p> <p>Robert Green</p> <p>Marcia Cunningham</p> <p>Marcia Cunningham</p> <p>Steve Riley</p>

6. Ward Alliance Fund, Devolved Ward Budget Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
 <p>2015-16 Dodworth DWBudget.xlsx</p>		

7. Ward Alliance Applications to Discuss	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Higham Cricket Club application to assist with Planning fees.</p> <p>Dodworth Colliery Band – Application for waterproof jackets with the band motif.</p> <p>This Band will perform free of charge within the community but will make a charge if required at any functions or social events.</p> <p>MC circulated an application following the meeting from The Miners Welfare to purchase LED Lights for football pitches. Electricity costs have escalated and it has been suggested by E-on that replacing with LED will reduce costs drastically. Members were asked for any comments.</p>	<p>Approved in full (£502.50)</p> <p>Approved in full (795.90)</p> <p>MC to circulate paperwork around Ward Alliance members for comment.</p> <p>Amount requested £2440</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Marcia Cunningham</p>

8. Spring Fest Proposals.	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>This will have implications on the WA budget and it was felt that all members should be on board with the suggestion. MC asked for a volunteer to join a cross ward working group to plan a programme for the 21st May.</p> <p>Another two volunteers will be required to plan activities for the Dodworth Ward.</p> <p>MS suggested Junior football at the Miners Welfare.</p>  <p>Spring Festival 2.docx</p>	<p>Max Senior and Malcolm Howarth volunteered.</p> <p>It was agreed that Dodworth Alliance should participate.</p>	

9. National Citizens Service, Invitation to Ward Alliance	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>This scheme is aimed at 16/17 years olds to encourage voluntary work.</p> <p>Last year the project was to renovate a carers garden.</p> <p>Can the group think about what they would like to see as a project for this team.</p> <p>MC will arrange for a representative from NCS to be present at the next meeting.</p>  <p>Electronic NCS Leaflet.pdf</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Invite to NCS</p>	<p>Marcia Cunningham</p> <p>Marcia Cunningham</p>

10. Drugs Awareness Session 1 st Feb 2016	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Shaun Rose from Ad-Action will be running a session on the 1st February at Worsbrough Common Community Centre on Drug Awareness for anyone who would like to attend.</p> <p>Let MC know if interested via email.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Marcia Cunningham</p>

11. Any Other Business		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Cllr Birkinshaw has arranged the printing of 5,500 leaflets to publicise the work of the Ward Alliance.</p> <p>He asked for volunteers to deliver the leaflets, please see across confirmation of arrangements for the areas and who agreed to deliver.</p> <p>Junior Wardens have another litter pick as part of their ongoing programme.</p>	<p>JR – Dodworth Rd, cross rd to junction with Shaw Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Carr – Gilroyd</p> <p>RG – Dodworth</p> <p>Cllr Birkinshaw – Broadway and Pogmoor Road.</p> <p>DD, Cllr Riggs & MH – Higham</p> <p>PM – Dodworth High Street to Stainborough Road.</p> <p>MS – Strafford Estate.</p>	<p>Malcolm Howarth</p>
12. Date and time of next Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>23rd February 2016 at 6pm – Pollyfox Centre, Dodworth</p>		

APPENDIX 3

Kingstone Ward Alliance
Notes of Meeting: Worsbrough Common Community Centre
13th January 2016 @ 4.00pm

Present:

Councillor Williams (Chair), Councillor Green, Councillor Mitchell, V Mawby, J Stephenson, P Roberts, S Shaw, K Quinney, Fiona O'Brien.

Apologies:

F Shahi, M Sawdon

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

S Shaw (Worsbrough Common Football Club)

Notes from Previous Meetings

The notes from the 25th November 2015 were circulated.

AGREED THAT

The notes from the 25th November 2015 were agreed as accurate.

Matters Arising

It was agreed that due to the nature of the Bainton Drive project it would be deferred to next financial year to benefit from improved weather and seasonal planting.

Councillor Williams gave an update on the Central Area Council Youth Programme collaboration. A summary of the three successful organisations is given in Appendix A.

These organisations will be visiting the Ward Alliances therefore need to think which areas would need concentrating on in the Ward.

Action Planning for Priorities

Any Other Urgent Business

Ward Alliance Fund

Facebook

Spring Fest

Date & Time of next Meeting

24th February 2016 5pm

APPENDIX 4

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

**Monday 11th January 2016 10am @ St. Andrews Church Hall Gerald Road, Kendray
WA/Stairfoot - 01/2016 WORKING SUB GROUP**

1. Present: Ann Hart from 10.30am, Roy Marsden, Robert Stendall, Andrew Gillis, Sam Crossley, Brett Hague, Cllr. Wayne Johnson (Chair) until 11.30am, Cynthia Cunningham, Fiona O'Brien (Area Team) Donna Green (Central Area Council)

Apologies: John Ramsden, Fioan Kouble, Cllr. Brian Mathers

Following introductions Donna Green thanked members for their involvement in the Alliance and for their volunteering and answered members' questions –

Cllr. Johnson felt that there may be a weak spot between Central Area Council and Alliances and asked if circulating information from Central Area Council to Ward Alliances might address that. Donna said that their Minutes were accessible on the internet but Cllr. Johnson queried the possibility of a shortened version for the Ward Alliances.

Following compliments on magazines being produced by other Alliances highlighting their in-put in those areas, Donna said that Ward Alliances govern their own work and if we should want to do a publication of our own to be aware they can prove to be expensive and time consuming.

Donna confirmed the parameters of a Ward Alliance as setting their local priorities and addressing them from a set budget through their Action Plan.

Donna was thanked for attending and she said she could be contacted by us at any time.

Given that most people are possibly only interested in their own ward/area our Group felt that to continue working on a leaflet highlighting the work of our Alliance on an A5 card would be preferable to a magazine. The suggestion of adding a question e.g. "are you satisfied with the street where you live" on the cards was felt to be a good idea. The cards to be distributed at events held during the year to gain interest and feedback.

2, Notes from Previous Meeting: Monday 9th November 2015

Matters Arising:

2. Ward Alliance funded the bin including emptying on Northumberland Way but the elected members need to be approached re repairing the bin on Roehampton Rise.

Request that the bin on the TPT be replaced too.

Fiona to action both

3. Graffiti on the bridge on the TPT – would it be better being painted over and then left for young people to paint on?

Agenda item next meeting

4. Japanese Knotweed on private property – Sarah Ford has no jurisdiction over this and suggests contacting Environment.

Fiona to make enquiries

6. Russ Boland has advised that to open up the area of water will bring "other issues" into play.

Fiona to speak with elected members

7. Can Glyn be approached to tidy this area of the Welfare Plantation through the money we placed in Community Payback.

Agenda item next meeting

8. Shredder – it was suggested at the meeting on 2nd February 2015 that W.A. purchase a shredder and information was given to Fiona about one for sale – no trace of this being purchased can be found.

ALSO Fiona has been made aware that Community Payback are only allowed to use their own shredder and that TWIGGS or any other contractor would only be able to use one purchased by the Ward Alliance in the Central Ward Alliance area.

Fiona to look into this and report back

9. Stairfoot Environmental Priorities.

Ardley Bridge Stanchions

Agenda item next meeting

3. Youth Provision:

Sam had attended the December meeting where 5 groups had presented from which only 3 were selected -YMCA EXODUS ADACTION - as providers to 13 – 19 year olds across all wards within the Central Area Council to do Outreach work.

Next steps - To invite local groups active in youth provision in our area to a net-working event in order to gain interest for establishing a Youth Provision Sub Group.
This will create awareness of the Ward Alliance Youth Provision and demonstrate the support that can be given in order to make a case for what our area needs. **Agenda item next meeting**

Any Other Business:

1. **Cllr. Johnson** was asked to re-contact Barnsley College re the query about the change to the protocol of students now having to do Key Skills for a year prior to GCSE courses now.
2. **Fiona** was asked to re- contact TWIGGS re the TPT across from Deputies Row that still hasn't had the bushes/trees cut back as it needs doing ASAP before the birds start nesting.
3. **Fiona** was asked to contact COMMUNITY PAYBACK re the Privet around the Pavilion in Ardsley Park re cutting this down –
4. Roy Marsden asked the group to note that the Council wouldn't sell them the small amount of tarmac needed to complete the path at the Bowling Green.
Also following contact with Jo Birch he informed us that the Willow trees within Ardsley Park will be taken out over the next 2 years as they only have a certain lifespan. But they will be asking for them to be replaced.

Suggestions for funding new trees please.

5. Andrew Gillis asked for it to be noted that when Kier's contractors have completed their building work at Aldham for Berneslai Homes and the fencing at their site is taken down the question of who would re-place it was asked at a TARA meeting – it's Park's land but as it had been taken down by Berneslai Homes' contractors it was felt that Berneslai Homes should re-place it.. Mel Asquith present at the meeting agreed to this.
6. Members wished to note that there is a feeling of "things requested and agreed to at meetings aren't getting done"
There are times when we aren't quorate but it is felt that our elected members should be involved in ensuring that requests agreed to are carried out as soon as possible.
We are all involved because we want what's best for our community and the residents. We give our time to observe and listen to issues raised bringing them to our Alliance meetings and it's frustrating when things aren't getting done.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 8th February 2016 10am at St. Andrews Church Hall, Gerald Road, Kendray

APPENDIX 5

WORSBROUGH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE 7th JANUARY 2016

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Cllr Clarke welcomed people to the meeting

Attendance

Cllrs Roya Pourali & John Clarke (Chair), Gill Carr

Steve Taylor

Sylvia Speight

Alison Andrews

Kevin Williams (Secretary)

Zofio Hrebenda

Andrea Geaves

Doreen Gwilliam

Jackie Crawford – (observer)

Ethan Hepworth – (observer)

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Hanna Taylor

3. **Declarations**

None received – Alison Andrews – WAF Application

4. **Notes of Last Meeting**

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate

5. **Matters arising**

None

6. **Ward Action plans update.**

Older People.

Steve had not yet produced the brochure.

Health and Wellbeing.

A Family health course will start this Wednesday at the Mill school

Doreen updated members on an up and coming event being organised by the Central Area to be held in May. We agreed to get involved.

Pride in Worsbrough

Suggested clean up dates are:- 16th Jan, 20th Feb at the Mill and the 19th March.

Bin it draw it, win it, posters have now been printed.

A sub group including Zofia and Roya was set up to look at a campaign to tackle private bonfires and the dangers.

Young People

Three organisations have been given contracts to deliver work with the 13 to 19 year olds in the Central Area, the YMCA, Addaction and Exodus.

The possibility of holding a poetry completion was deferred to the next meeting. National Citizen Service have requested ideas for volunteers to be involved in local projects during the summer. Worsbrough Mill is interested in them getting involved. Sylvia said that she would like to see them get involved in projects for the elderly. Doreen is to follow this up with Sylvia.

Creating Opportunities

Dale Park Pavillion. A tender has gone out for refurbishing the pavilion which will then be available for use by community groups as well as the Bowls group.

Communication Strategy

Doreen has sent out a questionnaire to gather information for the asset mapping. Doreen and Roya will be working together to complete the demographic profile of the area

Roya will take the lead on looking at engagement events and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Ward Alliance Fund

We still have about £12,232.04 to spend

Applications.

Developing Young Volunteers, After schools club. Several questions were asked and members requested more information to consider this at the next meeting.

There is a possible further 5 applications to be considered at the next meeting

Worsbrough Dale Bowling Club application was not received in time to consider at this meeting.

8. Any Other Business

It was agreed to have a social event for members and partners at the Boatmans Rest on the 30th Jan. John Clarke to organise this.

Dates of the next meetings are the 18th Feb, 31st March, 12th May, 23rd June and the 4th August.