

Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday, 15 April @ 5 pm
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

1. Attendees/ Welcome and Introductions			
Chair Person:		Cllr John Clarke	
CDO:		Michelle Toone	
Secretary:		Andrea Greaves	
Committee Members:		Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr Jake Lodge, Allison Johnson, Alan Littlewood, Alison Sidebottom, Rev'd Adrian Bateman	
Guest:			
2. Apologies for absence			
Ian Langworthy, Alison Sidebottom, Tracy Hamby			
3. Declarations of pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None declared.		N/A
4. Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accurate record	All	AG
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Principal Towns We have nine businesses within the Worsbrough area who expressed an interest to participate in the project: one application completed, three awaiting quotes from suppliers/contractors, and five applications in the pipeline. Fiona and Tracy will be doing all the administrative work.</p> <p>Michelle met with Charlie Parker to discuss and develop points of interests/ Heritage walk in partnership with Principal Towns.</p>	MT to continue to liaise with Charlie to develop the heritage walk.	Cllr Lodge/ MT /Fiona O'Brien Teresa Williams
6. Ward Alliance Budget 2021/2022		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Total allocation for 2021/2022 = £17,186.75 £7,186.75 carried forward from 20/21 budget No applications received prior this meeting.</p>		MT
b.	<p>Engagement Fund = £1,376.84 MT informed the meeting that the spare Defib pads had been used at Maltas Court and another spare set would be ordered at a cost of £36.99. This will be taken from the engagement budget leaving a balance of 1,339.85</p>		MT

c.	Environmental Fund = £100		MT
7. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Loneliness and Social Isolation A Challenge Fund was set up to commission services to address the Social Isolation and Loneliness priority. Three organisations have been successful and awarded grants to deliver services specifically in the Central Area. These are Age UK, MIND and Reds in the Community.</p> <p>TWIGGS TWIGGS have continued to support volunteers across the area despite the challenges they have faced with the Covid restrictions. They have set up a community tool bank to provide individuals and families with litter picking equipment and guidance so they can litter pick independently. They have also worked with Neighbourhood Services to support the core offer.</p> <p>CAB and DIAL Both organisations continue to support residents via telephone and virtual appointments</p>	Cllr Clarke will provide further updates about what each of the organisations will be doing at the next meeting.	Cllr Clarke
8. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Worsbrough Community Pantry</u> Membership for Fair Share has now been granted. This will enable the Community Pantry to expand their current offering and increase membership. The scheme can now be promoted more widely with a targeted leaflet drop. Volunteers / Trustees Colin, Linda and Tracy have planned to offer coffee mornings and cooking sessions once we have moved out of current covid restrictions. Fare Share asked whether there is a requirement to offer frozen and fresh food. In order for people to be able to receive frozen & fresh food there would be requirement for cool bags, which would be handed out to members free of charge initially. Question raised and if volunteers are still needed. Michelle confirmed that going forward more volunteers would be needed. Currently the pantry only opens for one day, but there will be the opportunity to extend the service. Michelle will create application form.</p> <p>Michelle asked Fiona if Pantry could apply for funding for signage outside the church. Michelle to get quotes. Andrea volunteered to draft design for logo.</p>	WA agreed to fund the purchase of the cool bags.	MT/ Worsbrough Community Church
b.	<p><u>Healthy Holidays</u> Cllr Lodge gave a brief update in terms of take up. Distribution of food boxes done during Easter school holidays. The boxes were packed at Elsecarr Heritage center and distributed to the Family Centres across the Borough ready for collection by families or delivery to those that could not collect. The scheme was coordinated by council staff and delivered with the help of volunteers.</p>	Michelle to check eligibility criteria.	MT

	<p>Eligible families could apply for a good food box for the school holidays if their child /children receives free school meals as they receive a qualifying benefit. .</p> <p>The boxes contained good quality and branded food; mainly tinned food with long shelf live with some fresh ingredients. The Area Team hosted another LIVE cooking demonstration cooking two main meals and 2 desserts using the ingredients in the boxes. This was supported by Chris Clyburn from Full Crumb Kitchen at FareShare.</p> <p>Questions were asked about the funding for the Good Food Boxes and how long delivering in this way would last. The funding provided by the Department of Education is for this year 2021 and must include at least 6 weeks of activities. Healthy Communities have drawn down the funding and are the lead on planning and distribution.</p> <p>Michelle is looking at ways in which the Ward Alliance still can deliver Healthy Holidays provision for those families not on free school meals but in danger of food poverty. This would be for next half term in May. One option could be to issue Market Vouchers, which would in turn support local traders. In addition to the provision in place/ funded through the Department of Education funding Ward Alliances/ the area team will look at way in which they can bring added value to the core offer.</p>		
<p>c.</p>	<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>All brackets allocated to sponsors and signs have been going up. There will 70 spread out across the area.</p> <p>Stairfoot/Kingstone WA have also launched their own scheme and been receiving enquires and interest.</p> <p>Moving forward discussion to be held and how the entire service could be provided in the future.</p>		<p>Working group/ WA Group</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>d.</p>	<p><u>Earth Day</u></p> <p>We will hold an environmental workday on 22nd April to coincide with Earth day. Michelle will sent the invite out via email and copy of the risk assessment. Social distancing rules will apply throughout. Twiggs and District Enforcement will be attending as well as Safer Neighbourhoods team, Bernslei Homes and Neighbourhood Services.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge asked whether we could purchase pull along cart to make it easier to transfer full bags. Michelle proposed to fund it out of the Environmental pot.</p> <p>Michelle will continue to liaising with Twiggs and Neighbourhood Serives to discuss what measures could be put in place on a strategic level to discourage littering. Another volunteer within the Central Area Council Area is acting as volunteer coordiantor for a bringing a number of groups and individuals together to look at a joint approach to tackle the issue of fly tipping and littering on footpaths and on the Trans Pennine Trail.</p>	<p>All members agreed.</p>	<p>MT</p>

	The group also agreed to utilise the notice boards more to post information relating to forthcoming activities and how people can get involved.		
e.	Agreed to put WA profile out on social media. We currently have gap in age group, ethnic minority, disability, representatives from local businesses. Cllr Clarke proposed for Bernslei Homes to promote the Ward Alliance to new tenants.	MT information to anyone who expresses an interest in joining the Ward Alliance.	MT
9. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<u>Active Communities</u> Public Health in partnership with CVS have secured funding to help encourage residents to be more active. Central Team have been encouraging residents and groups to take part in consultation.	Michelle to send out invite. Please register your interest to confirm your place	MT
b.	<u>Cycle Project</u> Michelle in discussion with Primary Sports Coaching to deliver cycle proficiency, bikability and cycle lessons over four week period at Bankend Park, Dale Park and Ward Green during the summer break. Michelle is also in discussion with other cycling organisations for option of bike hire services. Also contacting Cycle Penistone and Sally at Worsbrough to house bikes for people to hire.	Michelle to keep the group informed as funding will be required.	MT
c.	<u>Pavillion Craft & Coffee Group</u> The group will start meeting again as of next Wednesday outdoors only to begin with. Men in Sheds will also start meeting again from next week.		MT
d.	<u>Intergenerational Project</u> Ward Alliance to look at ways they can work with Elise the centenary worker at St James, Thomas and Marys Church to develop an intergenerational project within the ward. Rev'd Bateman asked whether parents just drop their children off at the healthy holidays events and leave again. Michelle confirmed that all provisions offered are family based and that parents stay and are responsible for their children throughout the event/ activity.	Michelle to make contact with Elise and look at project ideas.	MT/ Rev'd Bateman/ Elise
9. Dates and times of future meetings		Action/Decision	Action lead
	The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings via Microsoft Teams. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. Dates agreed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, 27th May @ 17:30 hr. Depending on the weather the meeting might be held outdoors at a suitable location (Mill café?). 	Invites sent out for all dates; members to check their outlook calendars. Please send your apologies to Andrea, cc Michelle.	AG