

# BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Dearne Area Council Meeting

### Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

#### Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

#### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

#### 4.0 Ward Alliance

The Dearne South Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the group welcomed new Councillor Dorothy Coates to the Ward. The Principal Towns officer gave a full detail regarding progress, including the shop front scheme and how many businesses had responded and taken the offer up. There were three applications submitted to the Ward Alliance, Prospect Road Bowling Green, hanging baskets in the main shopping areas of Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne and the extension of the Bulky Rubbish referral scheme. All of the applications to the Alliance were fully supported and approved.

Updates on forthcoming projects were given by the area team with the main focus on the transition day which will be taking place on the embankment. This project is for the year 6 school children joining the Dearne Astrea Academy, each child will be receiving AQA awards for activity's they complete on site.

The flood resilience plans were discussed, and the Ward Alliance would like to ensure these are updated before Autumn/winter months.

The community noticeboards were also discussed with regards ensuring all keys are available and they are kept up to date with relevant information. The Tiny forest in Bolton on Dearne was also discussed by Jenny Yates. Group updates were given by individuals on the Ward Alliance about their particular groups, ensuring the sharing of information and networking together.

The second Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting during this quarter was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 no applications were submitted. The group discussed projects through summer highlighting the issues and COVID19 recovery. The Transition day for all year 6 pupils who are attending Dearne Astrea Academy was discussed by Jenny Yates on the plans for each station activity. Group updates were held with many hoping the lifting of restrictions will be taking place in June/July to help organise events and keep the momentum of the groups going. It was requested for some further information from section 106 to be invited to help the Ward Alliance understand the process and if any monies are available for the area. Updates from the Tiny Forest were given again from Jenny Yates. A request from the group was to advertise for some new members, this will be a focus through the summer. The community notice boards also were a pinnacle part of conversation to ensure all people in the community have access to what's going on in the area.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Ward Alliance welcomed the new Councillor Wendy Cain to the Ward. Also new member Gillian Totty from Berneslai Homes was welcomed to the Alliance, Gillian will give updates from Berneslai Homes, the community and any initiatives that the team have in the future. Claire Barnes from BMBC was also present to give an introduction and update from 'Beat the Street' programme which sees the schools, groups, individuals and organisations all challenging each other to walk more whilst claiming points for prizes. Charlotte Williams has now agreed to be the treasurer with Jackie Kenning and Cllr Cain as extra signatures on the account. There were three applications submitted, Hickleton Main Bowling Green, hanging baskets in the main shopping areas of Goldthorpe and the extension of the Bulky Rubbish referral scheme, all applications were fully supported and approved. Group updates were given by individuals on the Ward Alliance, ensuring the sharing of information and networking together. Jenny Yates gave a brief COVID19 update. Updates on forthcoming projects were given by the area team with the main focus on mental health & covid recovery. Marie is currently setting up plans to have 'things to do' in the summer months starting with Bowling for all, boot camps/fitness and hopefully picnic in the parks, obviously these plans will all be dependant by the recovery road map. There is also a transition event on the embankment in Goldthorpe for the year six school children moving up to Dearne Astrea Academy. A reminder was also given at the Ward Alliance with regards the dates for the Great British Clean Up and volunteer week.

The second Dearne North meeting during this quarter was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 June with one application being submitted and accepted from Hickleton Main Bowling Green to increase the membership capacity to younger people by refurbishment and ground improvement. The community development officer in Dearne North is working with the group to apply to several funding streams to help the group over the forthcoming months. Progress is on with planning of the mental health & wellbeing sessions with Tai Chi for older people, boxercise and Pilates are also been considered in different venues. More Ward Alliance members have been sought the community development officer is working with several members of the community to get the paperwork submitted and approved. Group updates were being held with many hoping the lifting of restrictions will be taking place in June/July to help organise events and keep the momentum of the groups going. It was requested for some further information from section 106 and for them to be invited to help

the Ward Alliance understand the process and if any monies are available for the area. Cllr Gardner thanked everyone on the Ward Alliance for their input– a big well done was given to all on Alliance from the Chair

- 4.1** The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

**Appendix One: Dearne South ward alliance meeting notes**

**Appendix two: Dearne North ward alliance meeting notes**

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