

BARNSELY 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 Alliances

The Dearne South Ward Alliance took place virtually on 8th July 2021. Darryl Hand, new Neighbourhood Engagement Officer in the Dearne Area Team, introduced himself and provided an update on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Drop-in clinic and pop-up stalls will be running for anyone wanting to pick up lateral flow testing, advise on PPE and mask wearing. Information regarding vaccination drop-ins and dates for first and second jabs were provided. Darryl also provided the statistics on demographics around poor uptake of the vaccination in certain geographical areas and certain age groups, and language barriers faced by some businesses due not being able to read the English language correctly, which Darryl worked with Public Health to overcome.

Guest speaker Laura Sharman from BMBC Section 106 gave an update on what section 106 monies are currently available in each area of the Dearne, and how community groups can work with area teams to apply for funding. In Dearne South there is currently £6,073 available to spend. Guest speaker Lorna Lewis from SYFAB gave a brief introduction of her new role, and how she can assist smaller local groups in Dearne South, or new start-ups, who are seeking funding support. She advised the WA to seek help from Barnsley CVS and make sure all our groups have access to localised funding from SYFAB – one to one meeting will be starting up late summer with the help of the area team CDO (Community Development Officer).

No funding applications were submitted for this meeting.

Update on the summer mental health & wellbeing sessions from the Better Barnsley Bonds funding spent on boxing boot camp for 3 sessions and room hire, and plans were discussed for a bowling green open day, Pilate's sessions at Heather Court and Willow Croft, and the "travelling teapot" event for older people. Group updates were given to ensure all the Ward alliance members know what's been happening in the area and what may be used against the new priorities later in the year. Ward Alliance members who supported the Transition Day event on 1st July were thanked for their hard work.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 3rd August 2021. The Ward Alliance welcomed the new members Glennis Lingard & Sue Miller both members gave a brief statement on who they are and what they do in the community. Guest speaker Lorna Lewis from SYFAB gave a brief introduction of her role and how supporting smaller local groups in Dearne North or newly start-ups who are wanting help with getting them off the ground after COVID19. She advised the WA to seek help from CVS and make sure all our groups have access to localised funding from SYFAB – one to one meeting will be starting up late summer with the help of the area team CDO (Community Development Officer) One application was submitted and approved from Shaw Alliance for litter picking equipment to help with their reduction of litter campaign in the Dearne North. Update on the summer mental health & wellbeing sessions from the Better Barnsley Bonds funding spent on bowling for families, boxing boot camp, room hire and the travelling teapot 'fun in the sun' for older people. Group updates were given to ensure all the Ward alliance members know what's been happening in the area and what may be used against the new priorities later in the year. Darryl Hand introduced himself as the new Neighbourhood engagement officer and gave an update on COVID19. Drop-in clinics for anyone wanting to pick up lateral flow testing, advice on PPE and mask wearing and upcoming vaccination dates for the 1st/2nd jabs were given out. Darryl also gave the statistics on demographics around poor uptake in certain areas for certain age groups.

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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