

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 4th April 2016**

Agenda Item: 10

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appries 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 the 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 between 6th January 2016 and the 18th February 2016. Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
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Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

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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March 2016.**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance

'CAN DO-WILL DO'

14th January 2016

Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall – 6.00pm

Present:	Councillor Roy Miller	Darton East Ward Councillor
	Councillor Lesley Duerden	Darton East Ward Councillor
	Sandra De-Donno	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall
	Jonathan Senior	Greenworks Barnsley
	Julian Senior	Greenworks Barnsley
	David Oates	Mapplewell Business Man
	Pauline Brooks	Methodist Church
	Lee Swift	North Area Team

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Harry Spence Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye North Area Team

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were declared a true record by Cllr Roy Miller and Pauline Brooks

2. Matters Arising –

Sandra informed the meeting that Cath Fairweather would be attending the meeting in February instead of this one when Cllr Spence would be present since he raised the matter of the PACT meetings.

Sandra also informed the meeting that Cath would represent the Enforcement Officers at the next meeting as it was felt unproductive to pull the Officers away from their jobs to attend meetings. Cllr Miller was not satisfied with this exclamation and will speak with Paul Brannon to request an enforcement officer to attend and report on the project for themselves.

3. Declaration of Interest – None

4. Area Ward Plan

- Streets that have organised gritting parties for bad weather conditions have now received their grit bags.
- The traffic lights that are causing much disruption through the centre of Mapplewell are a result of electric cabling being laid through the village.
- Cllr Miller will be placing an advert in the Arrow magazine inviting new membership applications to Darton East Ward Alliance from Community Groups/Organisations or Local Businesses who would like to join the Alliance Committee.
- Although local Councillors first opposed the housing development that is taking place in Mapplewell and Staincross now this has been passed it is better to work with the developers to the benefit of the Community then keep opposing work that has been granted. Cllr Miller has been liaising with the developer and has achieved a good package of benefits for the Villages. A presentation from the Developer to the Committee at this meeting will be given at a forthcoming meeting.

5. Applications for Funding

Project Title	Mapplewell Bowling Club
Summary	Replacement of 3 old benches.
Funding Required	£2,984.00

Outcome This application will be added to the existing application submitted for
Community Benches
Approved: All members of the Darton East Ward Alliance Committee

7. Finances

- Lee tabled a finance sheet (attached).

8. Any Other Business

- PACT Meeting – Cllr Spence had concerns about the PACT meetings and the fact that none appeared to be happening in the Mapplewell and Staincross area even though venues were being made available for these. It was therefore decided to invite Cath Fairweather to inform the members about PACT and it's development and action plan in Mapplewell and Staincross.
- Enforcement Officers – Cllr Spence asked the members if anyone had seen the Enforcement Officers recently. The response was no and for quite a considerable time therefore Cllr Spence requested that the Supervisor to the Enforcement Project also be invited to the next meeting to give an update on their work-plan.
- Pauline Brooks tabled a 'Thank You' letter and card from the Staincross Methodist Youth Club following their enjoyable day out to the Foundry Climbing Wall in Sheffield on the 5th July 2015 which was made possible through funding from the Darton East Ward Alliance Funding Scheme.

9. Time & Date of Next Meeting

- 6.00pm – Thursday 11th February 2016

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
18th February 2016 – 6.00pm
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

Present:	Councillor Harry Spence Sandra De-Donno David Oates Pauline Brooks Rebecca Batty David Alton Julian Senior Jonathan Senior	Darton East Ward Councillor Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall Mapplewell Business Man Methodist Church North Area Team Greenspace Greenworks Greenworks
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1. Apologies:	Councillor Roy Miller Councillor Lesley Duerden	Darton East Ward Councillor Darton East Ward Councillor
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Everyone did a quick introduction and welcome to David Alton from Greenspace.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were declared a true record by Pauline Brooks and David Oates

7. Matters Arising –

- North Area Council has also requested an Enforcement Officer to attend one of their meetings.
- The next PACT meeting will be held at Alder Close on the 7th March. This can be advertised in the Village Hall.

8. Welcome/Information/Presentation/Question/Answer Session

- Cath Fairweather – Re PACT Meetings - Did not turn up
- Enforcement Officers - Did not turn up

9. Declaration of Interest – None

10. Area Ward Plan

No reports on the Area Ward Plan were given
A3 copies of the Darton East Ward Area Plan would be circulated at the next meeting to be reviewed.

11. Applications for Funding

Project Name	Staincross Methodist Church
Project Title	Staincross Little Stars Toddler Group
Summary	They are a parent/carer, toddler/baby group meeting weekly at least 70 people attend. We have become very popular and need 2 new foldup tables and some storage furniture.
Funding Required	£1,100.00
Outcome	Councillor Miller had prior sight of this application and had voiced his support for the project when he personally delivered it to the North Area Office for wider circulation. Unfortunately on the night of the Ward Alliance Cllr Miller was required to attend to

unforeseen Council duties. This prevented him from attending the Ward Alliance meeting which meant the meeting was not quorate. The group members approved the application in principle on the evening. The Area Team recognised that this was a unique situation and agreed that although it is not best practise, an exception to the rule should be made as a one off and the form could be signed retrospectively. So the following morning Councillor Miller met with Councillor Spence and Sandra De-Donno to sign the application off.

12. Finances

- February 2016 Finance sheet (attached).
- Cost of Community benches - £12,348

13. Any Other Business

- Staincross Ranges play football in Staincross Park. It has recently been brought to the Groups attention that horses are being ridden through the park causing deep indentations in the pitch which become a risk to the players on match days. Councillor Miller to be advised along with Cath Fairweather and Parks (Rebecca to action)

14. Time & Date of Next Meeting

- 6.00pm – Thursday 10th March 2016

Appendix Two

Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting. 1st February 2016 at the Darton Centre.

Attendees: Cllr L Burgess (Chair), Cllr S Howard, Carol Gamwell, Richard Haigh, Jason Gardner, Lesley Warden, Dominic McCall.

Apologies: Cllr A Cave, Mary Elliott.

1. Cllr Burgess welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

2. Notes of the Meeting on 11th January 2016.

These were agreed as a true record and action points discussed.

Action: Rebecca Battye to follow up sitting and final costs of defibrillator with respective parties and report next meeting.

3. WAF

3.1 Debbie Angel attended to discuss an opportunity to develop a Singing for Health Choir for the ward. The WA was in favour of a proposal being developed.

Action: Linda and Richard to meet with DA to clarify a project proposal.

3.2 Gawber History Group Application Funding : Agreed.

3.3 The Yorkshire Military Band Application : It was agreed that further detail was needed relating to the application.

Action: Cllr S Howard, Carol Gamwell and Jason Gardner to look into matter and report next meeting.

3.4 Budget 2015/16, Funding Sheet was presented and noted.

3.5 Cllr Burgess gave an update on the 2016/17 Budget, the devolved budget from the Area Council and the need to match 50% of the WAF with volunteer hours. A total WAF budget of £20,000 could be available for future projects including Devolved Budget from the North Area Council of £10,000.

Action: Cllr Burgess and Carol Gamwell to meet with Eddie Riby Feb 15th 2016, re: Christmas Lights at Barugh Green and future funding arrangements.

4. North Area Council Project Update.

The need for Green and Clean project proposals in the ward was discussed.

Action: Linda and Richard to meet with Anvil representative and Chair of Voice for Darton during the week to identify possible Darton Park or Longfield projects

5. Area Council Stronger Community grants

A reminder was given about the deadline of 12 February for the latest round of grants.

6.Action Plan 2015/16.

Updates were given on actions relating to the Ward Priorities action plan and budget implications.

7. Ward Priorities 2016/17.

Project proposals for the communities of the Darton West Ward were identified and recorded on flip chart.

Action: Rebecca and Linda to provide WA members with copies of the project proposals so that at the March meeting they could be allocated to priorities for 2016/17

8.Darton West Community Stars 2016.

Cllr S Howard reported the Working Group had met and everything is in place for event.

Action: Rebecca Battye to send out invitations to all respective parties.

9. Ward Alliance Membership.

There was discussion about the possibility of recruiting 2 more members.

Action: All members to make recommendations to Cllrs who will then follow up.

Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday March 14th 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm .

Venue, The Darton Centre.

Appendix Three

Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting – 6th January 2016 7pm Start – Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital

Present

Cllr Liz Grundy (Chair) Cllr Anita Cherryholme

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Members – Bill Gaunt – Malcolm Wood – Garry Swift – Sheila Lowe
– Michelle Cooper

Apologies

Dorothy Hayes – John Love – Kirsty Summerfield

Sub Group Report

Community Involvement –

- We discussed the make up our Ward Alliance membership.
- Increasing membership to include members from all areas in the ward
- Members will approach specific members of the community to discuss our group.

Minutes from previous meeting Approved as a true copy.

Matters Arising

- **RVS Leaflets** –The leaflets had not been passed onto Anita –Lee to contact RVS **ACTION LEE**
- **Business Awards** –deferred until the next meeting
- **Dog Fouling** – Michelle to contact Kingdom to discuss procedures for our areas and put an application together for signs to be made for our ward **ACTION MICHELLE**
- **Web Site** – All members are required to put a brief paragraph together about themselves, explaining their community involvement and their role on the Ward Alliance. We will also collate a list of local services in our ward, and borough wide BMBC services that are relevant tour area. **Anita** to collate the official numbers – **Liz** to collate useful contact list. **ACTION ALL**
- **PR/Survey for Web Site** – to be discussed at our next meeting
- **The Bot** – we discussed The Bot and said it was doubtful that this publicity would be produced again due to costings, there is however a North Area Council magazine going to be produced and Old Town Ward would have some space in this magazine
- **Group Insurance** – Bill has completed an application form for WA funding for the insurance.

Love Where You Live Up Date

- **June 2016** – This will again be the main PR month for the campaign and if any local groups are organising any events around this period the LWYL Team will help support and promote the event. Please let Lee know.
- **Old Town Events** – Can we coordinate a reciprocal approach to our events this year? Where as if one organisation is organising an event in their own area lets support each other and have a ‘group’, which will move, around the area supporting each district in the ward. We could have a two month window where we can organise a selection of activities and support them all and encourage other local groups to get involved including VAB – schools etc.,
- **SUB GROUP** – we would need a sub group to coordinate these activities – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Canal Clean Up** –After the clean up around the canal area several people got in touch and volunteered for future events – Liz and Lee to contact them as we decide on the next clean up.

Reports from the districts.

- **Honeywell** – gangs of young people are still congregating around the Canal Street Area. There was a lengthy discussion about the number of phone calls and contact made with the police about this issue and nothing seems to be improving.
- **Pogmoor** – The Hollingworth Memorial Service was well attended.
- **Old Town** – The Carol Service at St Pauls was well attended and involved local young people from Ad Astra and St Marys School. There are still issues with noise coming from The Grey Horse.
- **Willowbank** – There has been some issues with ownership of land around the footpaths on Willowbank although they group are working with the owners to resolve issues.
- **Reported Incidents** – In the last period there have been 3 break- ins reported - 1 vehicle broke into and 38 Anti Social Behaviour issues

Ward Alliance Applications

- **Barnsley Arts Museums and Archives.** – Although the group thought this could be an excellent project after lengthy discussions this application was rejected due to issues the group had about the match funding element – the costings of the artists and the already employed local staff – the number of children the group said they were going to work with and where they were coming from and where the workshops were going to be delivered.
- **Sugdens Bowling Club** – This application was discussed at length and the group decided it would give 50% of the requested amount. The reasons were – as this is a membership only club there was very limited

contribution to the application from the members the WA could see how the group wanted to try and encourage new membership so they awarded 50% to the application bid. Amount requested £849.93 –
Amount awarded £ ?

- **Willowbank Community Partnership** – This project for group insurance was passed. Ammount awarded £270.00

Any Other Business

- Ad Astra Christmas Fund raising event for a wheelchair for a local young woman raised £250.
- Honeywell TARA Meeting is now on 3rd Thursday of each month and they now have a new Email address – honeywelltara@hotmail.com

**Date of the next meeting will be:
Wednesday 3rd February 2016
7pm in The Edith Perry Room – Barnsley Hospital**

Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting
Wednesday 3rd February 2016
Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital

Present

Cllr Liz Grundy Cllr Anita Cherryholme

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Reps – Bill Gaunt - Dorothy Hayes – Malcolm Wood –Garry Swift –
Kirsty Summerfield – Zbigniew Zaremba – Sheila Lowe –John Love – Estelle
Robertson – Barbara Sharpe – Michelle Cooper (Secretary)

Cllr Grundy welcomed two new members to the group

Lee gave a very succinct appraisal of the role of the Ward Alliance in our
community and our Ward Alliance Grant Application process

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted as a true copy

Matters Arising

- **RVS Leaflets**

- Lee has spoke to Aimee from RVS and we still are waiting for the
information leaflets to be delivered – Liz will contact RVS.

ACTION LEE / LIZ

- **Kingdom**

- Michelle has contacted Kingdom and we are still awaiting a
response

- **Business Awards**

- John Love has looked into how Chamber of Commerce have
awarded in previous years and we need to work out a process of
how we can work on a process to suit the businesses we have in
our area. John will do more work on this and will address this at
the next Skills and Economy Group.

ACTION JOHN

LOVE

- **Information for Web Site**

- Bill has done the initial set up of the Old Town Web Site and put a
basic survey on to ensure the recording processes are set up.
Members were asked to go online and complete the mock survey
before we go live. www.barnsleyoldtown.uk
- This site could be extended to include news stories etc for our
ward.
- All members need to send Bill a brief synopsis of their community
interests and why they are involved with the Old Town Ward
Alliance prior to the next meeting.

○ **ACTION EVERYONE**

Old Town Plan Review / Forward Planning

- **Celebration event**

- We are planning a Celebration event of all the great work that has taken place in the Old Town Ward from the recipients of the WAF Grants.
- This will take place at Barnsley Town Hall on Monday 21st March 2016
- A sub group to oversee coordination of this project has been set up to meet on Wednesday 17th February 2016 at The Chestnut Tree at 7.30pm
- **Reviewing the plan**
 - We decided that the plan requires updating all members were asked to look at the current plan and look at areas that require updating prior to the next meeting
 - **ACTION EVERYONE**

Love Where You Live Up Date

- The group are organising to go along to areas within the ward where dog fouling is an issue –to address the issue with dog walkers and to raise awareness of the issues that dog fouling are having in the area. To try and make this an educative process – to promote the WA.
- We were also going to try and encourage community groups to support each other in their bids to clean up the area

Community Champion

- We are going to make this a monthly process where we give stalwarts in the community our thanks

WAF Applications

- **Funds Available**
 - £11316.58
- **Declaration of Interest**
 - Michelle Cooper and Barbara Sharpe declared an interest in the Coffee Stop Application and removed themselves from the discussions that took place on this bid
- **Dog Fouling Signs**
 - This application was accepted with a unanimous vote
 - The application was given £1320.00
- **Community Coffee Stop at St Pauls**
 - This application was accepted with a unanimous vote
 - The application was given £300.00

Forth-Coming Events

- Clean for the Queen –this project will take place 4 – 6th March 2016

Any Other Business

- Membership Application forms were discussed
- New member Induction paperwork was discussed and the group agreed that we would look at this and update, and take back to the next meeting if completed in time.

ACTION LEE LIZ ANITA MICHELLE

- Anita informed the group that Old Town was the only WA that had dismissed the Barnsley Library bid. There was a frank discussion about this topic and the group confirmed its original decision would stand.
- Liz informed the group that The Coffee Café Choir is become a very successful project which has just received funding for 12 months from The Bishops Fund

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE

WEDNESDAY 2nd March 2016

The sub group will be Skills and Economy and this group will discuss

Appendix Four

St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 18 February 2016 at 5:30pm

Present:

- Cllr. Dave Leech; Cllr. Jenny Platts (Chair); Cllr. Sarah Tattersall ; Clyde Black; Kath Bostwick; Ruth Gammon; David Gammon; Lee Swift

Apologies:

- John Hallows

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- The minutes were adopted

Matters arising:

- Despite having again written to David Mott there has been no response. The secretary is therefore to write thanking him for his earlier interest but assuming he no longer wishes to be involved.
- The Stars of St. Helen's evening was a most successful event and our special thanks go to the Mayor and Wendy Lowther for presenting the Awards.
- Removal of the earth mounds on Laithes Lane is in hand.

Funding Applications:

- Pat Padgett gave a brief presentation supporting the application by St. Helen's Guides. Following her departure it was agreed that to fund three laptops was worthy of our approval and the application was passed for the full sum of £1200. However we felt the amount should be sufficient also to purchase a modest inkjet colour printer. Supplies of inks and paper should be self-funded.
- We were satisfied with the level of safeguards both for the equipment itself and to prevent any children accessing possibly ill-advised sites. The equipment will be covered by the Guides' national insurance policy.
- The customary email approving the funding application will be sent, with a copy to Lee S to implement payment.
- We are to emphasize the need to submit a brief report outlining disbursement of the monies, accompanied where appropriate by copy invoices/receipts.
- Guide meetings are every Thursday from 7:15pm to 9:15pm and the unit would be happy for any Alliance member to "show their face".

Ward Plan:

- Lee S has prepared an updated Plan. It was agreed in general terms that we were fulfilling targets but we will examine these in greater detail at our next WA meeting.

Forthcoming Events:

- Small working parties of perhaps three members are to be established on an ad hoc basis to consider future events and report back to the WA.
- David G will be the "lead" on each occasion for the purpose of taking notes.
- The secretary is to ask members if they would be willing to attend. Meetings can be at the secretary's home.

Treasurer's Report:

- Clyde Black submitted his standard report indicating a Ward Alliance Funds balance of £7,335.13

Secretary's Report:

- Those organisations that have benefitted from WA Funding are to be reminded to include our logo on their publicity material.
- The quarterly secretarial bursary of £125 has been submitted for payment.

Any Other Business:

- Clean for the Queen - A litter pick is to take place on the Village Green starting at around 11:30 on 4th March behind the Medical Centre.
- Lee S showed us the five St. H's WA banners which he has now obtained. These were most impressive and will be available on loan when required, particularly to those organisations that have previously benefitted from our funding.
- It has been agreed to bring forward the start time of our meetings to 5pm. Also our next meeting has to be postponed to 7th April to avoid a clash of dates. An email will be sent to all members.
- We manned a table at the Round House targeting information and guidance for young people. Although there were a good number of tables covering a wide number of issues this all-day event was not well attended.
- A decision regarding North Area Council Community Grants is expected by the end of March.

Next Meeting:

- 7th April at 5pm at TARA, Mansfield Road.
- Our meeting closed at 6:40pm.