

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 29th November 2021**

Agenda Item: 10

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises 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 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 (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 during September and October 2021.

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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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11th November 2021**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
Tuesday 14th September 2021 – 6 PM
Village Hall and Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Batty - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Janine Williams – Local resident
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Apologies:

Cllr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space

1. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved.
3. **Matters Arising** – The village hall have not taken over from the over 55's club they have started a pop in club which is suitable for all ages on a Friday between 2pm and 4pm. There is a Macmillan event on the 24/09/21. A variation to the village hall license as also been approved.
4. **Financial Update** – Balance is £14610.41 available until March 2022. This is a healthy budget. Please encourage groups to apply for the funding.
5. **Applications for Funding** –

Darton East working budget - £300 Approved.

Autumn Planting - £685.00 Approved. Bulbs are not to be planted in the centre of grass. Correct areas to be identified.
6. **Ward Action Plan**
 - 1) Ears and voice of the community:

- Facebook page is up and running and getting more likes. Keep posting on it and keep promoting it.
- The Darton East website is running ok. A new logo can be added to the website.

2) Environmental:

- Sponsored hanging baskets – were delayed going up so free spring baskets will be provided next year from 01/03/21 – 31/05/21. Some of the signs with sponsored names on are wonky so this will be passed on to the relevant people.
- Bulb planting – will go ahead.
- Litter picks ongoing. Volunteers are now reducing. Any hotspots to be sent to Rebecca Battye or Twiggs/Greenspace. The Darton Arrow will show upcoming litter pick dates and it will be advertised on Facebook. Twiggs are still working in the area.

3) Young people:

- The school holiday activities in the park went extremely well and were well received. A lock up is needed to store the equipment bought.
- A container is available near Mapplewell Meadows the lock and key just needs to be checked.
- The next disco will take place on Friday 29/10/21 at The Village Hall. An application for funding will be put in at the next meeting for the discos for Halloween, Christmas and Easter.
- The village hall is going to check if they have any decorations in good condition from the last disco and Rebecca said she had some balloons.

4) Health and well-being:

- No further update at the minute but lots of fitness classes are currently being held at the Village hall.

5) Older people:

- Luncheon club at the Village hall – not starting yet.
- The pop in club is going well.
- No cold calling stickers have been distributed in the area in conjunction with The North area team and Age UK.
- A walking group is starting from the 30/09/21 meeting at Darton long fields.
- There is also a wellbeing group and a celebration of later life event being held at The Darton Derby and Joan club.
- The North Gawber Male voice choir may be coming back to the village hall.
- Cyber scam leaflets are to be handed out.

Community events:

- History and heritage trail – A member explained they had met with some members of the Darton history group and identified 5 or 6 different locations that would be suitable. Once locations are confirmed the group will come up with the information for the boards.

7. Darton East Website.

The website is ongoing.

8. Christmas

On Friday the 26th November the co-op will turn on the Christmas tree at 5pm.

9. Christmas Tree Locations.

Three locations normally. All lights will need to be tested and checked to make sure none are broken.

Trees and events could be held at different locations. They do not need to be at the same locations.

10. Christmas switch on events.

It was felt by the group that the co-op was not a safe place for an event and a member asked if the CO-OP should be funding their own Christmas Tree as other local businesses do.

The Windhill area is also not a great location for a Christmas Tree switch on event so a new location on Keswick Road was suggested.

It was also suggested that a Christmas Tree would be nice in Mapplewell Park and a member agreed to ask if a sleeve could be installed in the park.

It was also suggested to request a road closure on Blacker Road for the switch on at the police station/Mapplewell park if required.

It was also suggested that a tree could go up at The village hall and this would tie in nicely with the local beer festival and craft stalls.

12 And 13. Winter project and winter warmer packs.

It was asked if the group wanted to do the winter warmer packs.

It would be £19.00 per bag x 50 bags with The Darton East logo on or £16.35 per bag with the company logo on who supplies them.

A member asked how would we identify the individuals and would we want to give them the same as what they had previously.

We would need to speak to DIAL and Age UK and an application would need to be submitted at the next meeting for funding.

14. Health Events

A health event would be a good idea for older and younger people. The Ward alliance would support it. A member of the group volunteered to lead on it and a sub group could be set up.

15. AOB

A member said it would be a good idea to get schools involved in the pop in club and come to sing at one of the events.

A few complaints have been received about the charity shop in the village centre regarding the appearance of the shop outside. A member agreed to approach the landlord to look into what is happening at the shop.

Next meeting 12/10/21 at 6 pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
Tuesday 12th October 2021 – 6 PM
Village Hall and Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
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Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Janine Williams – Local resident
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space

1. Apologies:

Cllr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
David Oates - Local Business Man
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church – A letter had been received by The ward alliance from Pauline Brooke resigning from the group. The group wanted to thank her for all her dedication and work in the group and a letter will be sent to her.

2. Declarations of Interest – David Hilton.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved. The bulbs have not to be put in the centre of the grass because the grass will not get cut if the bulbs are in the centre. Note taken. An email has been sent to the regulatory services about the charity shop on Town Gate and we are waiting for a response.

4. Matters Arising – None.

5. Financial Update – Balance is £13,442.25 available until March 2022. This is a healthy budget. Please encourage groups to apply for the funding.

6. Applications for Funding –

Christmas Lights installation and removal - £2250.00 - Approved.

Les Cadeux Christmas Event - £320.00 – Approved

Young People Group – Approved £1441.50. Further questions asked about the other £999.00 requested for a teddy mascot.

7. Ward Action Plan

- 6) Ears and voice of the community:
- Facebook page is up and running and getting more likes. Keep posting on it and keep promoting it.
 - The Darton East website is ongoing. A new logo can be added to the website.
- 7) Environmental:
- Spring baskets will be provided next year from 01/03/21 – 31/05/21.
 - Bulb planting – will go ahead with 18,000 daffodil bulbs and crocus bulbs being delivered.
 - Litter picks ongoing every 2 weeks. Around 10 -20 volunteers are attending. Litter pickers and purple bags have been handed out to volunteers. There is an online form on the Barnsley council website for the purple bags to be reported so they will be collected.
- 8) Young people:
- The next disco will take place on Friday 29/10/21 at The Village Hall.
- 9) Health and well-being:
- Health event deferred to November meeting.
 - Winter warmer event deferred to the next meeting.
- 10) Older people:
- Luncheon club at the Village hall – not starting yet.
 - The pop in club is going well.
 - Café at the village hall is open on limited hours.

Community events:

- History and heritage trail – We are waiting for an update from Highways regarding the Heritage trail.

8. Darton East Website.

The website is ongoing and a more detailed update can be provided at the November meeting.

9. Christmas

There is a £700 carry forward from last year for Christmas.

The beer festival which starts at 4pm is to tie in with the light switch on starting on Friday 26th November. Local shops will be encouraged to stay open and trim up.

Highways are happy with a road closure for 60-90 minutes on Friday 26th November. Starting from around the church on Blacker Road up to the village hall which will be in place from around 5.30pm – 7pm. The North Gawber Male voice choir and a brass band will be playing at The Village Hall.

The Christmas event is being run by Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross not The Ward Alliance.

Councillor Harry Spence sent along with his apologies that he would like to congratulate all who raised funds for the Christmas lights as they looked fantastic. He also wanted to suggest to compliment the village he would propose the ward alliance consider a Christmas tree with battery operated lights in the locations of the ward alliance funded boundary markers. These are the roads in and out of the village.

10. Christmas Tree Locations.

It was decided by the group that the Christmas tree's this year funded by The Darton East ward alliance would be at The Village Hall, Woolley Colliery and Windhill. A sleeve will be put in at The Village Hall.

The suggestion from Councillor Harry Spence was discussed and the Windhill tree is currently on the boundary and that it could be looked into next year about putting other trees at the boundary stones which include Shaw Lane, Oaks Wood Drive, Spark Lane and The Eastfield Arms.

Another member suggested instead of a tree maybe something else relating to Christmas could be put at the boundary stones next year.

The owner of the old police station and the Talbot will put their own trees outside these venues.

The trees would in total cost £679.96 and £200 agreed for sweets.

11. Christmas switch on events.

The Christmas switch on event will be held on Friday 26th November in Mapplewell Village.

13 And 13. Winter project and winter warmer packs.

Rebecca and G Morrall to set up a meeting to discuss.

14. Health Events

To be discussed at the next meeting.

15. AOB

A member asked if there was a park run in Mapplewell. There isn't one. A member is going to look at doing something around the Mapplewell and Darton area. The problem's will be getting road closures and stewards. It is difficult to get a route together that doesn't involve crossing roads.

Mapplewell Meadows do an annual event one in summer and one in winter.

The Wellgate road closure was received well with children being encouraged to walk or cycle to school. The road closure happened between 7-9.15am.

Stewards were employed for the event and it was a great success. It was however explained that lots of cars were still parked on New Street and New Road and in the New Road club car park which was not good for the residents of the area. This information will be fed back to Dominic, the school streets officer.

A member asked if the ward alliance gets a breakdown of the number of hours Twiggs completes work in the local area.

A meeting is trying to be arranged with Twiggs and Green space.

A spreadsheet of work and events is to be sent to all Ward Alliance members, and all councillors will be invited to the next meeting.

A member raised concerns for speeding on Spark Lane and asked if something could be done. It may be possible to use a speed indicator device and conduct speed operations with South Yorkshire camera partnership. A member will request stats for Spark Lane and compare it to the rest of the borough and ask for more enforcement on speeding. The road needs to be monitored at busy times not early morning when no one is on the road.

A member also explained some of the bollards had been ripped out in the village centre. This is ongoing since 2019 and a solution is being looked at. A temporary measure to take out all six bollards is being completed while a permanent solution is found. Taking the bollards out is not without risk, but it is not sustainable to keep them in and to keep replacing them.

16 Next meeting 09/11/21 at 6 pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, John Ryan, Dominic McCall, Christina Carroll, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Tom West, Annabelle Watson, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

Visitors: Elaine Briggs, Shelly Oates.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, 14th July, 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

Rebecca to circulate a Calendar of Twiggs events to members when available.

Rebecca to update of any progress made with removal of graffiti from Kexbrough Notice Board.

Rebecca to liaise with Shelly Oates and invite Darton Academy Students to any future events in Darton Memorial Garden.

Rebecca and Cllrs to investigate events for Darton Park Launch and Celebration with possible Halloween Theme.

Rebecca to invite Principals Towns Officer to October 2021 meeting to discuss their role and involvement within the Ward.

Rebecca to invite Fiona O' Brian to the October 2021 meeting to discuss Principal Towns (Capital Projects) update.

Rebecca to invite 106 Officer to November 2021 meeting to discuss their role and involvement within the Ward.

Richard to complete Local Parks Survey and send copy of findings to all members.

Richard to inform Tom West of date of next meeting.

Shelly to investigate projects for Barnsley in Bloom and Memorial Garden at Darton Academy and update.

Shelly to liaise with Rebecca re: items of interest and general information about events taking place at Darton Academy, for Ward Notice Boards.

Christina and John to assist Rebecca in placing information about events across all Ward Notice Boards.

Tom to look at future Horizon Christmas involvement and update.

3 Ward Action Plan Update

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action Plan.

4a Ward Alliance Budget

2021/ 2022 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £15,052.04

4b WAF Applications

AFC Pogmoor (Video Equipment). **Agreed.**

N.B. John Ryan declared an interest regarding this matter and left the voting discussions as per protocol requirements.

Grass Roots Sports Academy Girls football. **Agreed.**

Replacement Defibrillator Pads. **Agreed.**

Autumn and Spring Bulb Planting. **Agreed.**

5 Darton Project Update

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of progress and current events.

6 North Area Council

It was agreed this item would become a future item for A.O.B. as required.

7 Rebecca updated events which took place during the Summer School holidays.

8 Active Travel

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of current progress being made and future developments.

9 Summer Activities

Rebecca updated the Group of Summer Activities across the Ward. These were well attended and successful.

10 Autumn Bulb Planting across the Ward.

Rebecca updated Group of progress and local planting across the Ward.

11 Ward Stars Event

Sub Group to meet **Thursday, 14th October at 4.00 pm** prior to the Ward Alliance Meeting to discuss ways forward.

12 Christmas Activities across the Ward

Update next meeting. (Agenda item).

13 A.O.B.

Christina highlighted Christmas Tree and discussed Christmas trees for lampposts in Kexbrough (Ballfield Lane).

Possible 6 Christmas Trees for lamppost on Ballfied Lane.

Richard to put Parks Survey on October Agenda.

Cllr Alice Cave updated the Group of external water tap situation at Darton Church.

Date and time of the next Meeting.

Thursday, 14th October 2021 at 5.00 pm venue to be announced.

Ward Stars Sub Group to meet at 4.00 pm prior to Ward Alliance Meeting 14th October pm same venue as above.

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 14th October 2021

Attendees: Cllr Sharon Howard (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Christina Carroll, Shelly Oates, John Ryan, Annabelle Watson, Tom West, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, 22nd September 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to send calendar of Twiggs events to Katy.

Rebecca to update of any progress made with removal of graffiti from Kexbrough Notice Board.

Rebecca to monitor bench installation at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre and report.

Rebecca to invite the 106 Officer to the Ward Alliance November meeting.

Rebecca to invite Principals Town Officer to the Ward Alliance December meeting.

Cllrs to contact Jo Birch re: Barnsley in Bloom Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave to organise meeting with Shelly Oates, Rebecca Battye and Parks department re: Barnsley in Bloom initiatives within the Ward.

Cllr Trevor Cave to speak with Paul Beaumont re: recent Voice for Darton Community and Environmental WAF Application.

Shelly to investigate ideas for projects at the Memorial Garden and discuss with Cllr Trevor Cave as part of a coordinated approach.

Tom to arrange a date available for Horizon to take part in a Christmas Event at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre and inform Rebecca.

Tom and Richard to look at possible date for Autumn Bulb Planting programme in Redbrook area.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action Plan.

4a WAF Budget

2021/2022 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £ 8,507.60

4b WAF Applications

Remembrance Project **Agreed**

Les Cadeaux CIC **Agreed**

Voice for Darton Community and Environmental Projects **Declined**

Pending the following:

Ward Alliance to support 2 Christmas Trees and Lamppost trees in Darton West.

Provision for Kexbrough and Baurgh Green included

5x Litter Picking Hoops Agreed.

5 Official Opening of Darton Park.

Cllr Sharon Howard updated Group members of Events.

Opening Wednesday 27th October 2021

2.00 pm until 4.00 pm Pupil Activities.

4.00 pm Official Opening of Darton Park.

Refreshments provided by Darton Bowling Club.

Meet at Darton Park Car Park at 4.00 pm. Halloween costume optional.

6 Darton Project

Ongoing.

7 Environmental Education Programme

Pupils at Darton Primary engaged in the official opening of Darton Park. Wednesday 27th October 2021.

8 Active Travel

Nothing to report.

9 Darton West Ward Stars Event.

Cllr Sharon Howard and Rebecca Battye updated group of future programme and will update.

10 Ward Parks Survey 2021.

Richard presented findings of local Park situations.

11 Christmas this was discussed and will feature as an Agenda item next meeting.

12 A.O.B.

Dates and Time of Future Meetings

Tuesday 16th November 2021, 5.00 pm Darton Centre.

Tuesday 7th December 2021, 5.00 pm Darton Centre.

Tuesday 18th January 2022, 5.00 pm Darton Centre.

Ward Stars Sub Group 18th Jan 2022 at 4.00 pm. Darton Centre.

Tuesday 15th February 2022, 5.00 pm Darton Centre.

Tuesday 15th March 2022, 5.00 pm Darton Centre.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 16th November 2021, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor Notes of 14th September 2021

In Attendance

Cllr Pickering (Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gill Nixon, Layla Brook

Apologies.

Bill Gaunt, Sheila Lowe, John Love, Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cameron Stirk, Luke Holmes.

This meeting was held both virtually, via MS Teams and physically at the Town Hall.

1) Previous Meeting Notes

The meeting was not quorate therefore no formal notes.

2) Layla Brook discussed the development of a poster to advertise the Ward Alliance, she has emailed the W.A members for some info and photos, however ha only had one reply so far. For Cllr Newing, Layla and Lee Swift to meet to discuss this further.

3) Lee has tried to get in touch with Coffee Café Choir regarding attending the meeting, however the contact person has been on holiday so lee will arrange to speak to them.

4) Christmas – Discussion regarding Christmas Trees, should we have some cut trees to cover the delay whilst the planted trees are growing?

Football club to fund a tree on the football field which means we now have six trees, Lee to obtain two quotes from Twiggs, a) For planting trees and then take away.

b) For planting trees, dressing, undressing and take

away.

If we don't use option b, we will need volunteers to dress the trees. For further discussion at W.A once costings are obtained.

Also to discuss having carols around the trees as previously.

GN suggested we approach multi-faith groups to be inclusive.

5) To discuss 'winter warmer packs' at next Old Town Ward briefing.

6) Unable to discuss funding applications as group not quorate.

Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 12th October 2021 at 7pm, at the Town hall and via MStems.

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Notes of 12th October 2021

In Attendance

CLlr Pickering (Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Luke Holmes,
Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair),

Apologies.

Sheila Lowe, Cameron Stirk, Gill Nixon,

This meeting was held both virtually, via MS Teams

Previous Meeting Notes

Accepted.

Matters Arising.

- i. Choir Bid. No feedback from the Choir, L.S. to contact them again for further feedback. B.G. to try to speak to a previous Choir member, to enable a contact for the Choir to get in touch with L.S.

Funding Bids

- 1) Winter Warmer Packs.

This will consist of a bag with warm things, socks, blanket, etc. Plus, advice on keeping warm, packs are approx. £19.00 each. To defer decision for the time being. L.S. to contact local groups to discuss distribution. Cost £2,000 - Deferred.

- 2) Christmas Trees.

L.S. is proposing that we have some trees to cover until the planted trees have grown sufficiently. Cost is for buying trees, putting it in the ground and batteries for the lights. Volunteers to help with dressing. L.S. to organise Carols etc. Cost £3,000. – Agreed

- 3) Barnsley Retirement Fellowship Group, application for funds for running their group and for cost of a trip at Christmas. Cost £1254.60 – Agreed.

- 4) Youth Council 4Trees Project. Application for a disabled park bench.

Discussion took place regarding the cost of benches. Also discussed that the base should not be concrete, rather the spongy material which has been used in other areas. All agreed that we ask for a further two quotes, which may be a more reasonable price.

Cost £4,200 -Deferred

5) Uplift Café Choir. Deferred for another meeting.

A.O.B.

1) Defibrillator for the shop on Rockingham St. The money is to be passed directly to Yorkshire Ambulance Service, awaiting installation.

2) L.S. has visited the hairdresser on Pogmoor, further visit to be made as Owner was not available to discuss.

Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 9th November 2021 at 7pm, at the Town Hall.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 9th September 2021, 4pm at New Lodge Community Centre

Present : Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Leech, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, John Hallows, Tony Lowe, Neil Wright

Apologies : Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Cllr Tattersall, Michelle Cooper

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given and everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were passed as a true record by the members.

Cllr Leech is still awaiting quotes for the fencing for Smithies Rec, he will update members as soon as he has any information.

Cllr Leech has had a set back with the bench at Poundstretcher as the original supplier now won't make the bench so Cllr Leech has had to go to another supplier. The funding for the bench will be coming from Principal Towns not the Ward Alliance. Once the bench is made an event will be organised to unveil the bench. Father Peter from St Helens Church will be there to bless the bench and The Yorkshire Regiment will be in full attendance. Date to be confirmed.

Spring bulbs were discussed and it was agreed that we would have the machine planting and a working budget of £1,500 would be used. Members discussed areas to plant the bulbs and would email Lee with any suggestions. Councillors to have a ward walk to try and identify areas that needed planting.

Cllr Leech attended the Well Mans Group and spoke to its members about what happens and what we do as a Ward Alliance. He has also attended a further 2 meetings and attended the walking group. The group are also having a theatre trip on the 28th October and on the 15th December the members will be having a Christmas Dinner, which Cllr Leech will attend.

Funding Applications:

Ad Astra - Replacing resources. This bid is for £1,866.72 and is to allow Ad Astra to replace the tables in New Lodge Community Centre. They will be to replace the ones they already have which are becoming unsafe to use. The bid was discussed between the members.

* Cllr Leech to ask Michelle where the old tables will be going.

The full amount was agreed.

Twiggs Educational sessions - This bid was to provide educational sessions for the children in the ward during the summer holiday. It was for £456. The members discussed the bid but were unsure if the events had actually taken place.

* Lee to check if the events have taken place before the bid will be accepted.

Events:

Jubilee Event - This event was discussed and a few questions were raised on where it would be held, whether it would be a themed event, if we would provide food or whether people would bring their own. It was agreed that this event would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting so it can be discussed in more detail. A working budget will need to be done for this event around January time.

Christmas events - The members discussed the Christmas events and due to the current Covid situation decided it would be best to hold outside events this year, Christmas Carols outside and a selection box for each child.

CLRs to speak to schools about having the school choirs attend the events.

Trees needed at the Community centre, Community shop and the Church.

Twiggs will collect, plant and dispose of the trees.

The memorial tree will also need to be checked before the events.

The members of the Well Mans group are happy to decorate the tree at the church.

* Lee to get quotes for the trees. Cards for the memorial tree event will also need to be purchased.

St Helens Gala 2022 - Rebecca happy to plan the Gala for next year with the help of Madge and Tony. A date of Thursday 28th July 2022 was suggested. This was discussed and all members agreed.

Ward Plan: It was agreed that the date to discuss the Ward Plan would be Wednesday 6th October at 4pm.

Tony to check with Michelle that the Community Centre is available and to let Secretary know. Secretary to then email members to let them know.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported a total of £14,823.21 as of 9/9/21 if all projects confirmed.

Forthcoming Projects and Bids:

There will be a project/bid to improve the notice boards around the community.

Any other business:

John was at the Community Shop with the Neighbourhood Watch which he said was well attended. There are 7 cameras out in the community but he has no information on the future of these cameras. He is looking for suggestions on what to do with them.

Hanging baskets - The hanging baskets in other wards are sponsored by members/businesses in the community. The Ward Alliance will look into this for the St Helens Ward for next year.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Thursday 21st October 2021, 4pm at New Lodge Community Centre

Meeting closed at 17.15