

Cudworth Ward Alliance**Meeting Notes**

Meeting Title:	Cudworth Ward Alliance
Date and time:	Monday 14th March 2022
Location:	Bow Street Offices

Attendees: Councillor J. Hayward (Chair) Pam Kershaw Joan Jones. Florence Whittlestone In Attendance. Caroline Donovan – North East Area Manager Judith Myers – North East Project Officer - Minutes	Apologies: Councillor S. Houghton. Lawrence Dodd - CDO Councillor C. Wraith Tina Heaton Andrew Scattergood Jenni Baker
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1&2.	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed those who were in attendance and also stated apologies from Councillor Houghton, Councillor Wraith, Tina Heaton, Andrew Scattergood, Jenni Baker and Lawrence Dodd. Caroline Donovan – Area Manager will provide information from the North East Area Council. -A minute's silence was held in respect of Janet Robinson.	
3.	Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest: None declared	
4.	Notes of the previous meeting – Monday 24th January 2022. The notes from the previous meeting in January 2022 were reviewed page by page. There were no comments made by the members.	
5.	Future Secretary Role: Judith Myers (Project Officer) in attendance this meeting and is able to stand in until there is a new secretary assigned. Pam Kershaw offered her services for this. At the next meeting, it was suggested that both Judith and Pam write the meeting notes as a handover. Members agreed Pam Kershaw to be the secretary ongoing from 2022.	
6.	Finance: Allocated projects remaining for 2021-22 £5761.41 to spend Spend is up to date and the North East Area Council and Ward Alliance have achieved spend for 2021-22. Agreed by members	
7.	Action Planning / Priority settings:	
8.	Projects Updates: a) Hanging Baskets Caroline shared the Hanging Basket Posters and Sponsorship forms prepared by the North East Area Team. The proposal is to look at a sponsorship scheme for the Cudworth hanging baskets much like the successful Christmas Lights sponsorship project.	

The costs to businesses would be £95 in first year and £60 in the second year onwards as the plaques that are fixed to the lampposts are a one-off charge. Caroline suggested that these are hung on two key roads in Cudworth to group them together and have the most impact. Ideal roads would be Pontefract Road and Darfield Road. Installation would be in July 2022 and they would continue to be hung in situ until Oct 2022. The cost would cover the installation, feeding and watering of hanging baskets.

As well as notifying local businesses there has also been enquiries from two people directly to Cllr Hayward and it is hoped that these two can be considered as the scheme will be offered on a 'first-come-first-served basis'. Other advertising of the sponsorship scheme would be on the Community Noticeboards and social media outlets. Louise Hunt will collaborate with the Lawrence to contact businesses.

There is a finite number of hanging baskets allowed due to certain limitations such as; whether the foliage would obscure essential road signs, the type of lamppost etc. Caroline has been given the exact number and locations of any lampposts that have been assessed as suitable.

-Agreed in Principle.

Ringfence the monies.

b) Queen's jubilee fund

The group were given information 'Platinum Jubilee project Fund for Cudworth Ward'. This outlines more information about the possible fund, it's aims, criteria, examples of likely projects, the decision-making process and how to apply. In brief:

Aim: To bring people back together and create community spirit & pride in the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

When: Weekend of Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022

Project funding: small grants from £50 to £200.

Available to: small groups, schools, nurseries, churches

For: Street parties, community tree planting, summer youth activities, garden bingo etc.

It was noted that the group applications would need to adhere to H&S and other regulations.

This would hopefully encourage other groups and new groups.

Caroline/Lawrence to send to all members of the Ward Alliance and ask them to review and reply within the week.

Query – unsure if the Nursery at the library in Cudworth is now open

- Agreed by the group.

c) Cudworth Methodist Church

A meeting was held with the person in charge of Methodist churches in the local area to update on the position of the Methodist Church in Cudworth as the building is now costing in the region of £40k for the running costs and although other avenues of funding have been sought it is regrettable, but the decision has been made to sell the building. Caroline stated that although the negotiations for the building have taken place for a while that there are no viable options except closure.

Concerns that closure could cause are:

1. Existing users of the building could need to find alternate spaces to operate. This would depend on any new owners who may allow existing users to continue. This is an unknown at present.
2. There is a concern that the 'main part' of Cudworth will not have a community building.
3. Other buildings in that area are also closing down such as Fultons and Rhythm and Booze and this may create an eyesore on the high street. There was a query from Joan that one of the buildings was

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<p>9.</p> <p>10.</p>	<p>still owned by the council as it was the previous library. Cllr Hayward will find out about its current ownership.</p> <p>4. The Area Council would like the building to be used as soon as possible as they do not want it to lye empty for a long period.</p> <p>Also mentioned was the bungalow in the park – there is a covenant on it and Councillor Hayward mentioned the difficulty with such regulations.</p> <p>Potential Projects:</p> <p><u>-Community Garden w/Churchfield Primary</u> Defer to next meeting until Lawrence Dodd, who has worked on this project, is in attendance</p> <p><u>-Darfield Road Community Centre</u> The North East Area Council team would seeks permission to develop the use of the Darfield Road Community Centre as this is not being used to its full potential and is in a prime situation to help support and encourage community activities in the area. It was proposed that a Community Listening focus would find out what residents ‘feel would benefit them’. This would mean a grassroots approach from community ideas that they think would work in their area and within that site. It was noted that the building is sound, secure and has good facilities such as: a kitchen, storage space, gardens, large room and an external storage container (currently used to store equipment along with the Christmas Light Motifs). Caroline and the North East Area Team would like to seek help off the Ward Alliance members and would like them to be actively involved in Community Listening and the plan for the building’s use such as encouraging existing and new groups like a Knit and Natter (who could use Dial a Ride for transport), nursery groups, young people’s groups, and possibly the Age UK – Dementia Café who may require new accommodation. It was acknowledged by Cllr J Hayward and the members that the building has been struggling to be used effectively and could have great potential. The North East Area Team seek permission from the members to start to engage with the community, and start to plan to use the building. Cllr J Hayward to check on the finances for the building, will look at possible car-parking in the future and the mentioned the potential users of the building could be the children’s nursery (due to be based at The Hub near Dorothy Hymans). The building is owned by BMBC and Berneslai Homes. -The members support the North East Area Team to start the process to bring the building back into use.</p> <p>WAF Funding Applications:</p> <p><u>-Probus – Speaker Costs (£500)</u> This would be to fund professional speakers who attend the meetings. This would encourage people to attend after Covid encouraging participation and wellbeing. -Agreement to fund £500.00</p> <p><u>-44th Barnsley Brownies & Guides (£1357.00)</u> Although Tina could not attend the meeting, Caroline read some notes provided from her in her absence. Tina would like confirmation and clarity of the bid as this seems a little ‘sketchy’. The members agreed this and Lawrence will be asked to seek more information with regards to the details of the bid. -Agreed in Principle subject to further information.</p>	<p>In next meeting – Lawrence Dodd</p> <p>Cllr Hayward</p> <p>Lawrence Dodd</p>
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-Dorothy Hyman Bowling Club (£2156.50)

This is for equipment and repairs – an extensive list was read out by Caroline from the funding form. It was noted that there has already been some previous investment for specifics which has meant the site is now ‘Yorkshire Standard’ which means that a higher level of competition can take place here. Bowling is an activity which includes all ages, and the health benefits are recognised it is good for the people both physically and mentally.

The group have already got match-funding which shows a level of determination and resourcefulness.

-Agreement to fund £2156.50

-Age UK Chatty Café – Cleethorpes Trip (£500)

This would be a trip to the seaside for those who attend the Age UK Chatty Café. Just as in the trips of old, the people who go on the trip will be given a tag with their name on, a bottle of pop and a bag of mix-up! They would visit not only the seaside but also a garden centre on the outskirts of the town.

-Agreement to fund £500.00

Correspondence:

11. There was no correspondence.

Compliments and complaints:

12. None

Any other business:

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1. Darfield Road Pumas: Cllr J Hayward mentioned that Darfield Road Pumas who run football training for children of all abilities in a diverse way. They have queried the possibility for under 10s funding from the Ward Alliance. Under 9’s funding is currently supported by Barnsley Community Build (BCB).
It was recognised that the group have acted proactively in the past by encouraging families to help clear the ground before and this has really benefitted the site. An application would be considered in the next financial year.
 2. Draft Survey – Document shared ‘Cudworth Ward Alliance – Priorities & Actions Survey (Draft) March 2022’. Caroline requested that as part of Community Listening, the Ward Priorities be reviewed with help from the members of the Ward Alliance. The surveys would act as a starting point for conversations with the community and could be sent directly to groups for their opinions. The Ward Alliance and Lawrence could get the surveys filled in by as many groups and individuals as possible to gather ideas of which priorities to move on in the upcoming year.
It was mentioned that these should be made as simple as possible so as not to disengage people. It was proposed that the Age UK shop and Church could be a good starting point for the surveys to be placed.
 3. Recruitment of new Ward Alliance members: With the sad loss of Janet Robinson from the Ward Alliance and other unfilled vacancies, there is the need to recruit and select others who can contribute effectively to the group.
 4. Query – Will there be a Tea in the Park? Caroline confirmed that there may not be an event of that size as the capacity of the event had created Health and Safety issues and concerns. The North East Area Team do not have the capacity to organise and man the event in a safe way. Planning for such a large-scale event would normally be

	<p>started much earlier in the year and should now involve event coordinators and other services within the Council. Pre-Covid there was some involvement with Matt Mitchell but this has not been able to be followed up.</p> <p>The North East Area team could however, support groups who wish to organise smaller, pop-up events such as Proms in the Park, which also helped some community groups who manned stalls in such a way that they ended up with funding that would sustain them. These could also be ticketed events which would control the numbers of attendees. EG: Teddy Bears Picnics, Brass Bands, Victoria Agnew youth events -Cllr Hayward to look into the booking of bands for Proms in the Park such as Grimethorpe & District band, Barnsley Band, Military Band.</p> <p>5. <u>Change of meeting day</u>: Cllr Hayward has had recent communication from one of the Ward Alliance members who has started a new role and cannot attend on Mondays for the meetings. There was a request to change the meeting day to Tuesdays at the same time of 10:30. This was accepted by the members and new dates for meetings will be arranged and sent out on Tuesdays to all Ward Alliance members.</p> <p>6. <u>Platinum Jubilee Plaque</u> – A tree has been planted by the British Legion in St John's. Churchfield, Walkway back of Magistrates Court Cllr Haywood would like to request a plaque for St John's to notify people about the reason for the tree. He will put in an application. Possibly from Working Fund. From this financial year £100.00</p> <p>Date and time of the next meeting:</p> <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th 2022 at 10:30am - TBC</p> <p>NB: change of day from Monday to Tuesday approved by the group.</p>	<p>Cllr Hayward</p> <p>Judith Myers/ Pam Kershaw to send WA meeting invite</p> <p>Judith Myers to process</p> <p>Lawrence to confirm</p>
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