NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	North East Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Thursday 28 th April 2022
Location:	Cudworth Council Offices - Bow Street

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr J Ennis (Chair), Cllr A Cherryholme	Cllr D Higginbottom
Ms A Skelton, L Knight	Paul Archer
L Dodd, A Hampson	Martin Fensome
R Archer, J Myers (Minutes)	P Mackinson

1.	Action/Decision	Action lead
1. Welcome and Introductions		~~
The Ward Alliance members and those in attendance introduced themselves. NB: Judith Myers in attendance to Minute the meeting		
2. Apologies		
As listed above		
3. Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests		
None were declared.		
4. Notes of Previous Meeting		
The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.		
AS - FT – awaiting WA forms. LD confirmed these have been sent to FT.		
AS – Shafton Planter Project – Who has the allocation gone from. Who to pay out for it?	Agreed to go to Great Houghton Village Hall	
AC – May need to look at the allocation of funds as a whole – discussed later in the meeting.	Commitee	
5. Ward Alliance Finance		

LD - Updated with the finance arrangements for the upcoming financial year 2022-23 and remaining allocations from 2021-22.	Noted
Remaining Area Allocations from 2021-22:	
£729.04 – Brierley	
£201.34 – Shafton	
£-25.86 - Grimethorpe	
£-607 – Great Houghton	
The allocation for 2022-23 is as follows:	
£10,000 – Area Council	
£10,000 - Ward Alliance	
£1100 – Working fund (allocation 21-22 remaining)	
TOTAL £21,100	Noted
Calculation for each area:	
(remaining allocation 21-22 PLUS 2202-23 new allocation £21,100 ÷ 4 = £5275)	
Great Houghton £4667	
Brierley £6004.04	
Shafton £5476.34	
Grimethorpe £5249.14	
LD also prompted members to circulate the Surveys for the North East Area with the aim to look at the next priorities for next year. Ward Alliance members encouraged to engage with others in the community to ask for ideas.	
Working Fund Discussions:	
Usually ringfence a Working Fund.	WF- Agreed - £2000.00
What is it used for: To draw on for quick access and emergency funds. The Chair to sign off and the Ward Alliance will be made aware at the next meeting.	Wi - Agreeu - 22000.00
If not deemed an 'Emergency' the Chair would encourage them to apply formally.	
£2000.00 agreed.	
6. Project updates:	
AS:	
Wind Farm – brackets for hanging baskets – AC not been able to schedule a meeting so far with Melvyn as yet. Hanging Baskets – Applications – these going to WA.	
VAT: query. – 20% paid by the group if purchases were made by them. See further notes in WA Funding Applications below.	

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LK – WA supported the Shafton Community Events group. Recent Activity:		
Easter activities:		
Funded by Shafton Parish Council x50 children have taken part and received an easter egg. There was £140 profit made on the event and it was promoted on social media platforms and reported on in the Chronicle.		
The group are also:		
Encouraging the public to post ideas on the Facebook page to get people involved and say what they would like in the village of Shafton.		
LK mentioned the need to do events for free or for very little money – aware of current climate with many families with limited funds.		
Church Project – Meeting with Church next week to chat about how to get volunteers more involved.		
-Links between Methodist Church and Singing Man		
Community allotment on Methodist Church grounds.		
LD – Mick Neal (Church Warden for the Methodist Churches in the area)– was wanting to allow the Boxing Club to settle in first and then move to work on the allotment another time.		
LD asked for WA to chat with Mick to encourage		
movement with the allotment too.	Chair agreed to contact Mick	
7. Potential Project proposals		
CAB-DIAL discussion.		
Currently, there is no renewal of the CAB and therefore no IAG service in the North East Area.		
Coverage x4 Areas-		
Have been based in Grimethorpe and then odd sessions in other villages. Due to transport GH etc felt they were not being given enough coverage so did not agree to renew contract. In the NE Area, it is historic that the North East Area Ward Alliances pay for the services		
Other Areas in the borough:		
LD explained how the Area Council in other areas engages with CAB/DIAL. This is as Commissioned services from the Area Council rather than covered by the Ward Alliance.		
Costs and provision:		
<u>CAB:</u> -Face-Face – 1 year contract - £155 per session – includes 3 hour drop-in , travel and associated case-work. Debt money, advice, consumer, housing, etc		

DIAL –4 n half hours per month. £98.95 per session. Weekly drop-in. General advice but specialism around disability	
LD - Option to invite the services to the next WA meeting.	Agreed to bring both
Agreed by members.	organisations to present to the members
AC has contacted DIAL directly if there was a concern from a resident. Gaining their permission.	the members
LK – can we get both of them to come along and explore if there is there an option to train community workers to help the residents. AS – two members of the WA had mentioned training for 'signposting'.	Pursue further training for sign-posting
Social Space – inclusive environment that has the information available at the same venue. Community Space needed.	Raise at Area Council –
AC – discussions around provision in other areas in the borough.	similar to other areas to link in with Priorities
AS – to mention to GRG meeting meeting that the intention is to discuss this at Area Council meeting.	
8. Ward Alliance Funding Applications	
Jubilee	
LD - Looking to fund, street parties, lunches, youth events, gardening planting trees.	
-Agreement on the amounts for funding for Jubilee projects. Between £50 and £150.	Notes & Agreed.
Confirmation has been received that it is possible to pay individuals with correct checks and balances for this purpose and although individuals can apply, they will need to show they are supported & have considered health and safety/	
Discussions around - Ringfencing the village amount – if not spent at the end of the project then it gets returned back to the village.	
Total pot to be £3200 (£800 per village)	Agreed
Decision process: will be with the Ward Alliance via weekly online meetings running up to the events.	
Great Houghton Hanging Baskets:	
AS- the group will need to be aware they will need to pay the VAT on the purchases they make as this is not allocated for on the current WAF form	
9 Any other business	
none	
10. Compliments/complaints	
Chair - Complaint – standard of grass-cutting – wet grass, cuttings left,	

Compliment – roundabout works at Shafton has	
improved the road and junction	
AS: Compliments - Received from Services about WA and CDO involvement and organization of the recent Cost of Living Fayre. 'Amazing Feat getting the services together in one place'. Services were grateful to be out and talking to other services.	
Lessons to take forward: timing did not allow for many to come together	
Chair – ended up staying longer as found it very informative	
Northern College were in attendance.	
LD:	
Agencies are keen to do more. Scope to do this in other areas and how to frame it better with an extra purpose. WA members: Link to an event. Advertise as something different.	Noted
WA project? – try out across x4 villages with WA support. Joint project.	
11. Any other business	
12. Date and Time of Future Meetings –	
Thursday 9 th June 2022 at 10 am at Bow Street Offices, Cudworth	