

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 11th January 2022 @ 6pm
Location:	Held Via Teams Meeting

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Peter Fielding (Chair) Councillor Neil Wright Councillor Chris Wray Michelle Toone – Community Development Officer (MT) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes) Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Tereesa Williams – Principal Towns Fiona O’Brien – Principal Towns Mark Knight – Groundworks Sarah Leeson – Groundworks	Michelle Robertson – Dodworth Resident (MR) Natalie Parkes – Dodworth Business Owner (NP) Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church (BS)

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting including Tereesa Williams and Fiona O'Brien who would be giving an update in respect of the Principal Towns Initiative.</p> <p>Mark Knight and Sarah Leeson were also welcomed to the meeting who would be giving a brief presentation on project at the Co-op.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>MH clarified that <i>Item 15</i> was Denby Dale Community Transport and not Huddersfield as minuted.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting held 9th November 2021 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.</p>		
5. Principal Towns Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Teresa and Fiona gave an update on the works outside the library frontage. Teresa confirmed the works had been completed and that the contractors had now moved off site. Costs were being finalised so that any underspend can be determined.</p> <p>MH asked whether the electrical supply was all working ok. Tereesa will check this matter to ensure everything is working as it should.</p> <p>Discussions about completing any landscaping and planting works will now be carried out with the relevant parties. Councillor Wright stated that the</p>	<p>TW</p>	

	<p>area directly in front of the Stars building should be a priority and needed to be addressed as it now lets the newly improved area down.</p> <p>Fiona and Teresa also gave an update on the Stronger Towns Funding Initiative (Principal Towns Phase 2) and asked if the Ward Alliance had identified any potential projects yet.</p> <p>As mentioned previously, Fiona reiterated that the scheme can now cover areas which are much wider than local high streets which was the previous criteria for the local centres phase 1. Phase 2 now includes investment projects in buildings or land. Teresa stated that funds would have to be bid for if a potential scheme was identified.</p> <p>MH suggested a plot of land at Higham which needed improvement. Fiona stated it could be looked at in terms of a seating and planted area or other features to improve the area. Councillor Fielding stated that ownership of the land would have to be identified firstly.</p> <p>Councillor Wray asked if any improvements could be looked with the shops at Gilroyd. Teresa confirmed that a further shop frontage scheme was being looked at and that any interested shops could be included in the scheme.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding asked what the current status was with the shop frontage for Dodworth Domestics. Teresa will chase up on this matter and find out where they are with progress on this.</p>	<p>TW</p>	
<p>6. Co-op Community Garden – Update from Sarah Leeson</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>Sarah Leeson gave a brief presentation about a new community garden project at the Co-op in Dodworth.</p> <p>The scheme is funded through Co-op using the 5p bag levy. This is the pilot scheme for the other sustainable places sites that have been identified across England.</p> <p>Following some community engagement, a design was drawn up and a bid for the scheme submitted.</p> <p>Following a successful bid Groundworks subsequently won and accepted a tender to implement the scheme</p>		

	<p>on behalf of the Co-op. Works start this week and should hopefully be completed by mid February, but this is dependent on weather and supply of materials issues so things may slip.</p> <p>Sarah gave a brief outline of the planned community garden which included seating and picnic area, raised planters, metal artwork on the railings/wall, a ramp facility, as well as improvements to existing steps and handrail. Sarah stated it was hoped that members of community could be involved in some of the planting in one of the proposed raised planters.</p>		
<p>7. Discuss Issues with Christmas Trees, Light and Motifs</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>A discussion was held concerning the Christmas tree lights. The lights should have been switched on the 1st December, but despite Twigg's' best efforts to help sort the issue, they remained unlit/off for around 2 weeks before the problems were rectified.</p> <p>Councillor Wright stated that transformers were missing and highlighted the importance of the Ward Alliance getting the storage container asap so that equipment such as this could be stored in it and therefore under our control.</p> <p>MH stated that once the lights were eventually switched on, they looked very poor with lots of bulbs unlit. MH suggested that 4 new sets should be purchased for next Christmas.</p> <p>The costs which BMBC Streetlighting charge for connecting the lights was also raised, particularly with the problems which were experienced this time.</p> <p>MT will speak with Street Lighting about future costs and the problems experienced this time.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance agreed to the proposal of purchasing 4 new sets of lights. MT will liaise with Twiggs to see if they can advise on the best lights to purchase.</p>		
<p>8. Healthy Holidays Update for 2022 Healthier Communities Core Offer</p>		<p><u>Action/Decision</u></p>	<p><u>Action lead</u></p>
	<p>MT reported no definite details had been sent through yet but confirmed there would be some form of</p>		

	<p>projects rolled out in the school holidays again. The projects will be rolled out and managed by Healthier Communities again.</p> <p>MT enquired whether the Ward Alliance wished to roll out/add anything in addition on a ward basis. Ward Alliance Members didn't wish to have anything in addition at this current time.</p>		
<p>9. Storage Container Castle View</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>As stated previously the Berneslai Homes vacant site was still available at Castle View and is the preferred option. The storage container company are now required to visit the site to ascertain what would be required in terms of a base. It is hoped they say that wooden sleepers can be used.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding also stated that a potential other site had been identified at Horsefield Close (off Woodland Drive). The container company will be asked to visit the site also so that an informed decision can then be hopefully made about the two sites and progress made.</p> <p>The container company will be asked if any container sited could be fitted out with shelving/racking. MT will clarify this matter with them.</p> <p>MT also suggested that whichever site is chosen, that appropriate community engagement is carried out with any residents who live in the immediate area of the container.</p>		
<p>10. Incredible Edible Gilroyd – Plans for Spring 2022</p>			
	<p>Councillor Fielding reported following work completed in the Autumn in readiness for Spring, further works were planned including signage/information for the notice board to identify what is planted in the beds, but also to inform residents that the herbs are for picking and for use by the community.</p> <p>Other works will include replacing any withered plants over the winter months.</p>		

	<p>Councillor Fielding stated they would look to engage with local schools with any planned planting sessions.</p> <p>MT suggested a pop-up event could be held to promote the project.</p>		
11. Small Sparks Fund Update – Encourage further Applicants			
	<p>MT reported no new applications had been received. MT suggested some promotion of the scheme through the local schools in form of leaflets.</p> <p>MT will look at what methods of promoting the initiative have been successful in the Worsbrough Ward.</p>	MT	
12. Ward Alliance Funding Applications Received			
	<p>Councillor Fielding detailed the latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation as outlined on the agenda. The current balance amount is in addition to the approved additional workings budgets listed below.</p> <p>MT suggested in the future to merge the pots, apart from the storage funding pot, and naming it community engagement pot. This was agreed.</p> <p>WAF Budget Current Balance: £7,066.52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement Pot = £364.46 • Environmental Pot = £0.00 • Incredible Edible = £0.00 • Small Sparks Fund = £570.00 • Ward Alliance Storage = £2,400 		
13. Ward Alliance Applications Received			
	No new applications have been received.		
14. Ward Applications in the Pipeline			
	<p><u>Human Library</u></p> <p>Councillor Wright stated that he and Charlotte had been previously progressing this project. Councillor Wright will now check where things currently are with the project and try and progress matters.</p>	Cllr Wright	
15. Upcoming Events			

	<p>There were no upcoming events to report.</p> <p>MT will check on any community ones being held across the board which may be applicable/appropriate.</p>		
<p>16. Any Other Business</p>			
	<p><u>Horizon Funding Packages</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported that the project had been very successful with 50 support packages distributed. Only 6 were within Dodworth.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding stated that more money/donations had been received than anticipated, therefore it was intended to repeat the project again supporting more families who haven't qualified for other schemes previously implemented.</p> <p><u>Cannon Hall Project</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding stated he was exploring the feasibility of the project including costs for such a service provided by a coach operator, identifying number of pick-up points required and how many weeks the service could operate. Initial thoughts were to run the scheme over 9 weeks through the school summer holiday period.</p> <p><u>Platinum Jubilee</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding raised the matter of the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee and whether the Ward Alliance should be looking at promoting projects to celebrate it.</p> <p>MT stated it would be a good small sparks project.</p> <p><u>Governance Document</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported that a new updated Governance Document was to be issued soon. This will include the procedures for when an elected member loses their seat and subsequently wishes to re-join the Ward Alliance. Once the document is available it will be circulated accordingly.</p>		

	<p>The Meeting closed.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 6.00 p.m. via Teams Meeting.</p>		
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