

Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday 3rd February @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke	
CDO:	Michelle Toone	
Secretary:	Andrea Greaves	
Committee Members:	Cllr Roy Bowser, Cllr Jake Lodge, Alan Littlewood, James Pickering	
Guest:	Sarah Davey - CDO	
2. Apologies for absence		
Allison Johnson, Alison Sidebottom, Tracy Hamby, Rev Alan Bateman		
3. Guest Speaker	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
<p>Cllr Clarke introduced Sarah Davey, CDO for the Central Area Council. Ward Alliance members introduced themselves and what they are currently doing in the communities within the Worsbrough Ward. Sarah gave an overview of her job role as CDO for Marginalised & Vulnerable Communities, working across all five wards within Central Area Council, addressing underlying issues and removing barriers to participation.</p> <p>She is currently running Stepping Stones a micro volunteering project running over a six week period. Working together with Barnsley Museums and other local community groups, the project activities will include organised litter pick sessions, gardening, card writing, making decorations for Easter, Christmas etc, creating and maintaining edible allotment etc. Sarah promotes events and information of what's happening in the area on Facebook and in the Job Centre Window.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge asked and whether there is something equivalent in the other Area Councils? Sarah confirmed that this is unique to Central Area Council.</p>	<p>W.A offered Sarah the use of the local notice boards to advertise Stepping Stones information. Sarah to send MT information.</p> <p>Sarah offered the use of the job centre window to advertise groups, events and projects happening in Worsbrough. MT to send Sarah information</p> <p>MT to share contact details for library staff.</p>	SD /MT
4. Notes of Last Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Agreed as a true and accurate record.	All	MT
5. Matters arising	Action/Decision	Action lead

	<p>Anti Social Behaviour Signage Draft signage with BMBC communications team waiting for the design to be signed off before being sent for printing.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge informed the group that Targeted Youth Services are running detached youth work sessions in Bankend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays together with SYP and neighbourhood wardens to address current anti social behaviour in issues in the area. Cllr Clarke met with Safer Neighbourhoods team, SYP and Bernslei Homes, following the meeting letters were sent to residents to inform them about the actions taken and planned future activities. Properties on Monkspring that back on to the park have had bins stolen and set on fire. Sophia Colton, Victim & witness support officer for BMBC and Kat Mcfardene, PCSO, have suggested that pad locks for the wheelie bins might alleviate this issue. This is something that potentially could be funded by Ward Alliance as our contribution towards tackling Crime and anti-social behaviour in this area. Further meetings arranged with all partner organisations have been arranged to look at other solutions to address the current issues. The Elected Members have been invited to the meeting.</p> <p>The lights in Bankend Park still haven't been turned on. Jo Birch in Parks confirmed the lights should still be on the timers.</p> <p>Park Road Toilets Toilets have not been cleaned in the past five years. Michelle has raised a closure request with relevant department. Works to be carried out in 2022. Further reminder sent and still awaiting feedback.</p> <p>Potential Funding Application for the purchase of a Defibrillator Cllr Clarke proposed the Ward Alliance could provide funding for a new defibrillator to be sited at the Mill. The area has seen an increase in footfall since the beginning of the pandemic. Some users of the area are older people. As parts of the country park are quite remote a defib in this area could be life saving. The Mill is a listed building and therefore requires listed building consent. This will be submitted by Lynn Dunning, Group Leader for Arts & Heritage once the location has been agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge proposed to install a Defibrillator in the Ward Green area; either at the Lew Whitehead Centre, Ward Green Lodge or pharmacy?</p> <p>The funding previously agreed for the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet at Worsbrough Sports and Development</p>	<p>MT to follow up</p> <p>Elected Members to keep MT and Ward Alliance informed of outcomes and bring forward any requests for actions/ funding.</p> <p>MT to follow up</p> <p>MT to ring fence funding for the defib and continue to liaise with Lynn Dunning to arrange installation</p> <p>Cllr Lodge to investigate proposed locations for suitability</p> <p>MT to liaise with football club to make</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>MT</p> <p>MT / LD</p> <p>Cllr Lodge</p> <p>MT</p>
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	<p>Association is no longer required by WBAFC as funds have been raised in memory of Les Pinder a long-time football supporter to purchase the cabinet. Les sadly died of a heart attack and the family wanted to do something to honour his memory and legacy. MT proposed the funds could be instead used to pay for the installation.</p> <p>Academy Mill for Primary Enterprise Challenge Cllr Clarke provided feedback. The project had a great response and participation by the children in years 2 & 5. Paul Robson, primary enterprise challenge, has teamed up with Kidz Stuff, Crazy Soap this year. Working in random teams of 4 the children had to budget, design and market a bubble bath or bath soap. Three teams from Mill Academy will attend awards ceremony on 22 June at Metrodome. The overall of winner of the Finals Day will get their design manufactured!</p> <p>MT and Paul have contacted Bankend School to extend the offer of funding from the WA if they would like to participate. Details have been sent but no response from the school.</p> <p>Christmas Event Activities – General Update</p> <p><u>Brass Band Mini Carol Concerts</u> The brass band mini carol concerts were well attended by the public and provided a good opportunity to promote the Ward Alliance and engage with the community. It was agreed that the concerts would be replicated again this year, allowing more time to plan and promote. Cllr Clarke encouraged WA reps to play an active role in attending and facilitating the events to relief pressure off MT</p> <p><u>Advent Calendar</u> MT supported four groups in Worsbrough to ‘adopt a window’ and access funding to delivery an event or activity. Men in Sheds, She Sheds, Worsbrough Tidy Group, and Ward Green Baptist Church all took part. The wreath making event particularly was a great success and is something that volunteer Esther is considering doing again this year. Many thanks to the groups and volunteers from the area that took part</p>	<p>arrangements to submit a change of use form.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke to continue to provide feedback.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge to follow up</p> <p>MT to liaise with Barnsley Brass and venues to identify potential dates. MT to set up a working group to plan.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Cllr Clarke</p> <p>Cllr Lodge</p> <p>MT</p>
6. Declarations of pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None declared.		N/A
7. Ward Alliance Budget 2021/2022		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Total allocation for 2021/2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Fund = £7,149.43 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement Fund = £-197.17 <p>Cllr Clarke suggested a £2,000 top up of the Engagement Fund. To support the delivery of further engagement activities in the Ward including small sparks applications, Platinum Jubilee events. ASB signage etc.</p> <p>Potential Small sparks funding application from Ward Green Baptist Church for community craft sessions.</p> <p>Potential application from Cllr Lodge for the purchase of plants and materials to restore the planters at Maltas Court. Permission has already been granted from BH.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. MT to send WAF Application to members for formal approval.</p> <p>MT to circulate via email for approval when they come in.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
8. Principle Towns		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>A project proposal was submitted by Fiona Obrien and Teresa Williams to secure capital funds to make improvements to Worsbrough Dale Park Pavilion. The funds have been approved and await signing off by a senior officer within Place Directorate.</p> <p>Cllrs have also asked if funds could be made available to support the refurbishment of the old caretakes buildings at Worsbrough Bankend Primary and The Mill Academy.</p> <p>Th caretaker bungalow at Mill Academy: Asbestos survey to be done w/c 7 February, and then to start building works. This will be become a community hub for children in all years to teach them general household chores, budgeting etc. A slow cooker will be purchased as well.</p> <p>MT has briefly discussed with the headteacher to link activities with existing groups to support some aspects they are trying to offer</p>		<p>MT</p>
8. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Cllr Clarke gave an update. Central Area Council Members agree to devolve £5k per ward (total budget of £25k) from the main commission budget into each respective Ward Alliance budge. There is also the option to devolve a further £5k.</p> <p>The contract with CAB is due to expire. Area Council Members agreed an extension for three months from 1st April until 30th June at a cost of £10k.</p> <p>The budget for the Youth Work priority was agreed at £65k per year for two years.</p> <p>The budget for a grant fund to support vulnerable people at a cost of £20k per year for 2-years.</p> <p>Members agree to release the ringfenced funding to progress the Youth Work Training partnership project between the Youth Association and YMCA at a total cost of £28k (£18k in the financial year 21-22 and £10k in the financial year 22-23).</p>		<p>Cllr Clarke</p>

	<p>Cllr Bowser said that there was some concern and opposition by Elected Members to devolve further fund to the Ward Alliances due to the amount of funding carried overreach financial year buy WA's .</p> <p>MT said that the last couple years are not reflective of the spending due to limited activities as the result of covid.</p> <p>To ensure increase spending, we need to engage with local groups more and encourage for them to come forward with funding applications.</p> <p>Twiggs Ground Maintenance contract is due to expire. Contracts out to tender; closing date end of February. A panel will look at the tenders and then agree new provider.</p>	<p>WAF to be discussed at the next meeting to explore potential WAFs and better promotion</p> <p>Cllr Bowser to provide update</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Cllr Bowser</p>
8. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Worsbrough Community Pantry – General Update</u></p> <p>2 new volunteers have been recruited and are volunteering on a regular basis.</p> <p>Tracey plans to invite different supporting agencies and groups to attend each week and provide support and signposting to pantry users</p>		MT / WCP
b.	<p><u>Environmental Working Group</u></p> <p>Kath Evans, WTG leader, is now the chair of the environmental meeting. Kath will attend the WA periodically to provide an update on the environmental action plan.</p> <p>Cllr's raised the issue with litter on the banking leading down to Mill Academy.</p>	<p>MT to liaise with Twiggs to establish if they can work on this area as part of their existing contract or if WA will need to pay for additional services.</p>	MT
c.	<p><u>Worsbrough History Day</u></p> <p>Worsbrough industrial Social History Society are continuing to work on the installation of the new memorial. Costings for groundworks to be provided by Barnsley Community Build. Fiona and Theresa have approved the funding. The WA group might have to fund costs towards insurance.</p> <p>The mark the unvieling MT is pulling together a working group to organise an event which will be held at Miners Welfare on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May. The event will be promoted as Worsbrough Local History Day. Schools, care homes and local residents will be invited to attend. Groups will be invited to have stalls and share their information on the history of the area.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge offered support for the human library.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle any shortfall for WA to fund.</p> <p>MT o create working group.</p>	MT
9. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus			
a.	<p><u>Queens Jubilee</u></p> <p>MT proposed to replicate the engagement plan for the TDY and host bunting design workshops again in communities. The sessions would provide a good opportunity to engage with the public and encourage applications to small sparks funding for small street parties etc. MT will liaise with coffee and craft group to sew all the designs together.</p>	<p>Michelle to check liability for street parties. MT to share dates of workshops when they have been agreed.</p>	MT

	<p>MT has been working with Bankend Friends who are planning a gala event on Friday, 3 June. MT and Alan will also encourage WSDA to put a WAF application in for funding towards events.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge said it will fit with the volunteer week happening at the same time.</p> <p>We will encourage existing groups to organise events in the Pavilion and to make funding available towards it.</p> <p>It was suggested that WSDA could replicate miners gala, however this will depend on accessibility to pitch with football and cricket.</p>		
9. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Community Renewal Fund</u> Michelle to give feedback at the next WA meeting in March.</p>		MT
b.	<p><u>Game Changer Funding</u> Funding drawn from football foundation about encouraging people not participating in sports aimed at young people 16 – 25, women & girls, older people and those with long term mental and physical ill health. Delivery area is all Worsbrough Ward and Kendray. The project will be managed by Reds in Community. Reds are recruiting for Community Activators to support the delivery of the project. MT has met with Game Changer manager, Gareth Cooke and will facilitate meetings groups and individuals in the area including WSDA, Bankend Friends and Frank Parnham . There will support for existing organisations and support to develop new groups / activities. MT to continue to share more information when finalised.</p>	Michelle to send document to group.	MT
9. Dates and times of future meetings		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings in person. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. The next meeting of the Ward Alliance is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.03. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 28.04. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 09.06. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 21.07. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 01.09. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 13.10. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC 		AG