

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance

- 4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held virtual on 22nd March 2022 with two new members welcomed to the meeting Michael Bunting & Denis Blade, both received a full introduction.

No funding applications were received both ward alliance and working fund finance were discussed, the committed spend and the balance to carry forward to 2023. The Community Development Officer highlighted potential projects to look at running in 2022, all agreed to start planning future events at the next meeting in May after the forthcoming elections. Cllr Coates proposed an idea to the Ward Alliance to consider projects like events, environmental projects and social get togethers. She also suggested having subgroups for these from the members within the Ward Alliance.

The treasurer gave a brief update on the working funds and the committed spend from projects that have already been approved.

Community Groups all gave their updates regarding their forthcoming plans and activities.

The date of governance framework and new members introduction training will be confirmed at the face to face May meeting.

4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting was held virtually on 22nd March 2022.

The main focus at the meeting was around potential projects to look at developing in 2022 and what funding would be needed, all agreed to start planning future events at the May 2022 meeting.

The treasurer gave an update on the finances – five applications were submitted for recommendation from Thurnscoe Reservoir Funds & Dearne Kids Outdoor Activity Group – all agreed to fund. The other three applications were from Mind Matters regarding a train the trainer course on Mental Health, Church Street and Chestnut Grove. The Ward Alliance felt that they were not clear about these applications and needed more information, all three were deferred until next meeting.

Community Groups all gave their updates regarding their forthcoming plans and activities.

4.3 The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes

Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

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