

# DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 @ 6pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Held Via Teams Meeting</b>

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>Councillor Chris Wray (Chair)</b> <b>Councillor Peter Fielding</b> <b>Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG)</b> <b>Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK)</b> <b>– (Notes)</b> <b>Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH)</b> <b>Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church (BS)</b>	<b>Councillor Neil Wright</b> <b>Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC)</b>

<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
<p>Councillor Wray welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all Ward Alliance Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of newly appointed Community Development Officer Dawn Grayton.</p> <p>Dawn Grayton (DG) introduced herself to the meeting and gave a brief summary of her background which includes 7 years community development work in the Hoyland Ward.</p>		

2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p> <p>A discussion was held concerning the procedure for sending apologies for absence to meetings. DG will contact Ward Alliance Members as appropriate and remind them of the protocols which should be adhered to.</p>		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Fielding clarified that <i>Page 3, Item 5</i>, was Dodworth Discounts and not Dodworth Domestic as minuted.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>BS declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the funding application submitted from the Dodworth Mother and Carer's Toddler Group.</p>		
5. Ward Alliance Funding Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Dodworth Mother and Carer's Toddler Group</u></p> <p>An application from the Dodworth Mother and Carer's Toddler Group was received asking for the sum of £1,278.53 so that broken toys and equipment could be replaced ensuring that the group could continue. A new fridge/freezer and hoover will also be purchased so that refreshments can be stored properly, and the room can be kept in a clean state ensuring that the environment is clean and hygienic.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance stated that this group had run for many years and was a vital service for mums and carer's and their young children. The Ward Alliance agreed to fund the full amount requested.</p>		

	<p><u>Gawber History Group</u></p> <p>An application from the Gawber History Group was received requesting an amount of £450. The application stated that monies required were to help towards rent payments for the Gawber Community Church Hall so that the group may reform following covid and begin development of their next Gawber History Board for the Gawber History Trail.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion was held by Ward Alliance Members regarding the application with concerns being expressed about funding rental of property/rooms. Previously rental payments are not something that the Ward Alliance has funded. It was agreed that DG would request more information from the applicants and seek assurances that any funding for/towards rental payments would be a one- off request. DG will circulate any further information gathered before either a decision to fund the application or to bring it back to the next meeting for further consideration.</p>	<p>DG</p>	
<b>6. Small Sparks Funding Applications</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	<p><u>Face Masks</u></p> <p>An application asking for the amount of £150 to purchase necessary materials in order to make face masks was received. The face masks would be sold to members of the community with all the monies made being donated to Barnsley Hospice.</p> <p>A general discussion was held regarding the application. It was felt that the application did not have any relevance to the Dodworth Ward and also that the project itself selling face masks was now somewhat too late with covid restrictions now being scaled back/halted.</p> <p>The application was rejected.</p> <p>No other new applications have been received.</p>		

7. Small Sparks Funding Applications in the Pipeline			
	<p><u>Community Footpath</u></p> <p>DG briefed Ward Alliance Members on an application to improve a footpath located between Kingstone, Greenacre School and Dodworth.</p> <p>The proposed project is to make a public footpath more usable with planting of shrubs and plants including sensory plants. It is also proposed to install a Happy to Chat Bench.</p> <p>Following a discussion Ward Alliance Members agreed that DG would liaise with the funding applicant to ascertain the exact location of the footpath and proposed bench location. Identification of land ownership would also be necessary.</p> <p>It was agreed this application would therefore be deferred to the next Ward Alliance Meeting once further information/clarification had been gathered.</p>	DG	
8. Ward Alliance Budget		<i>Action/Decision</i>	<i>Action lead</i>
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation is outlined as below.</p> <p><i>Current Balance: £11,041.52.</i></p>		
9. Ward Alliance Projects		<i>Action/Decision</i>	<i>Action lead</i>
	<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the suggestion of providing hanging baskets on the section of Pogmoor Road within the Dodworth Ward. Councillor Fielding suggested that the Old Town Ward who currently organised hanging baskets within their Ward, could arrange for some additional baskets to be hung by continuing further along Pogmoor Road into the Dodworth Ward.</p>		

	<p>DG briefed Ward Alliance Members of the cost implications of this proposal including prices for brackets, plaques, hanging baskets and maintenance costs, including watering and upkeep by the current employed contractor.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members considered the suggestion, but, agreed that such a project should be looked at separately with the intention of carrying out its own scheme across the whole Dodworth Ward. It was therefore agreed, this should be looked at later in the year with the intention of implementing a scheme in time for the Spring/Summer with suitable locations for the baskets being identified throughout the Dodworth Ward.</p>		
<p><b>9. Any Other Business</b></p>		<p><b>Action/Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Action lead</b></p>
	<p><u>Storage Container Site</u></p> <p>An update is still awaited from Berneslai Homes in respect of the vacant site at Castle View which is still the preferred location.</p> <p><u>Future Dodworth Ward Alliance Meetings</u></p> <p>A discussion about whether future meeting should still be held on Teams and what Ward Alliance Members preferences were. It was decided that the Polly Fox Community Centre should be looked at for in person future meetings, as this was a large room where people could still spread out/socially distance.</p> <p><u>Circulating Notes/Emails</u></p> <p>A discussion was held concerning the circulation of notes/emails to Ward Alliance Members and the use of the BCC function on emails (BLIND COPY).</p> <p>MH expressed concerns about this matter asking why Ward Alliance Members could not <i>'reply to all'</i> when giving comments or opinions on various Ward Alliance matters, projects or applications etc.</p> <p>DG stated she would seek clarification on this matter including the relevance of GDPR with the Council's</p>		

	<p>Governance Team. DG will report back to the Ward Alliance with an update when she is able to do so.</p> <p><u>Dog Fouling rear of Library</u></p> <p>LK stated she would forward an email that RC had sent raising a couple of issues including dog fouling problems at the rear of the library. Councill Fielding stated he had raised this matter already with the relevant BMBC departments asking for signage to be erected.</p> <p><u>Expression of Thanks</u></p> <p>An expression of thanks was requested to be formally recorded thanking Charlotte Mould for her contributions during her time as Community Development Officer for the Dodworth Ward. The Dodworth Ward Alliance wished Charlotte well in her new role.</p> <p><u>Central Area Council Funding</u></p> <p>It was confirmed by DG that an additional £5,000 had been allocated from Central Area Council.</p> <p><u>New Governance Procedures</u></p> <p>DG stated the new updated Governance Procedures Report would be circulated once it was available.</p>	<p>DG</p>	
<p><b>10. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>			
	<p>Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.00 p.m.</p>		