

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 24^h May 2022 @ 6pm
Location:	Held Via Teams Meeting

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Peter Fielding (Chair) Councillor Chris Wray Councillor Will Fielding Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG) 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)	Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all Ward Alliance Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of newly elected Councillor Will Fielding.</p> <p>Councillor Will Fielding introduced himself to the meeting stating he was looking forward to working with everyone on the Ward Alliance.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Fielding stated following the election of Councillor Will Fielding, all 3 Elected Members had discussed the position of Chair Person of the Ward Alliance. Councillor Peter Fielding reported that all 3 Councillors had agreed to having a dedicated Chair person rather than the current rotating Chair arrangement. Therefore, Councillor Peter Fielding will now act as Chair person of the Dodworth Ward Alliance.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Resignations	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>DG reported that Natalie Parkes had tendered her resignation as a Ward Alliance Member.</p> <p>It was reported that Neil Wright has now left the Ward Alliance following the results of the Local Government Elections.</p> <p>DG stated she would send an email to Michelle to check if she still wished to continue as a Ward Alliance Member.</p> <p>DG asked Ward Alliance Members to let her have details of anyone they knew who may be interested in joining the Ward Alliance.</p>	<p>DG</p>	

	<p>MH asked about the potential Horizon pupil who had shown an interest in joining. DG reported she had sent several messages and emails but had no response.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Fielding stated that the Secretary to the Barnsley Mosque had shown a potential interest in joining, but again had not responded to recent messages sent about the matter.</p>		
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>DG confirmed that the funding for the Dodworth Mother and Carer's Toddler Group which had been approved, had now been processed.</p> <p>DG stated that no comments/feedback had been received following rejection for funding for the Facemasks application.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting held 29th March 2022 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
5. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.</p>		
6. Ward Alliance Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation is outlined as below.</p> <p>Current Unallocated Balance: £19,356.52</p> <p>Engagement Budget: £912.91 (this is in addition to the Unallocated Balance).</p> <p>The total budget balance is inclusive of the £5,000 awarded by Central Area Panel and also small sparks budget allocation.</p>		

7.	Ward Alliance Applications		
	<p><u>Gawber History Group</u></p> <p>As discussed at the last Ward Alliance meeting, it was agreed that further information would be requested from the applicants. DG reported that the application still stated it was requesting funding to cover 10 months of rental costs at a total of £450, and had not been changed to ask for re-start costs as suggested. Following further discussion, Ward Alliance Members stated they would like to partially fund the application and agreed to pay the equivalent to 6 months rental costs at a total of £270.</p> <p><u>Miners Welfare Jubilee Celebrations</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from the Dodworth Miners Welfare asking for £1,500 to help towards holding a Jubilee Community Gala. The Miners Welfare has already raised funds of £3,250 towards the event and required this additional funding to be able to hold the event to covers costs such as entertainment, equipment and catering.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance Members agreed that this gala was an important event to mark the Platinum Jubilee and would be something the whole community could enjoy and celebrate this landmark occasion.</p> <p>It was agreed to fund the application in full.</p> <p><u>Land Near Assembly Way - (Small Sparks Application)</u></p> <p>DG reported she has clarified the footpath location 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.</p> <p>The application is asking for a total of £150 to purchase some established plants and herbs and also some tools to carry out the work.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		
<p>8. Ward Alliance Projects</p>	<p><u>Action/Decision</u></p>	<p><u>Action lead</u></p>
<p><u>Dodworth Park (Greenspace behind Dodworth Library)</u></p> <p>DG reported she had carried out a site visit with RC of the greenspace area to the rear of the library to ascertain what could be done to improve the area.</p> <p>DG stated that the containers that were sited there have now been removed. Top soil will be put down and the damaged grass reseeded.</p> <p>DG reported that together RC they were going to approach the village schools about running a competition for the pupils to design a poster about dog fouling which can be put up to encourage people to clean up after their dogs. There would be a prize for the winning poster.</p> <p><u>Defibs</u></p> <p>A discussion was held about the installation of Defibs across the ward. DG gave details of the organisations such equipment can be purchased from including Age Uk, British Heart Foundation, St Johns Ambulance and Defib Warehouse.</p> <p>DG stated that a bulk purchase of the equipment could be negotiated if there were enough locations requiring one. Currently Gilroyd Club and Gawber Church had expressed an interest in having the equipment fitted in their premises.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed to see what applications came in before deciding what monies the Ward Alliance could contribute towards the purchase of such equipment.</p>		

	<p><u>Storage Container Site</u></p> <p>An update regarding the storage container and finding a suitable site was given. Councillor Peter Fielding reported that there were currently 10 applicants on a waiting list for a vacant site to become available at Woodland Drive.</p> <p>DG will be having a site visit with the Berneslai Homes Housing Manager to look at what other vacant sites there are. DG will hopefully have an update at the next meeting following her site visit.</p> <p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the Ward introducing a hanging basket project across the Ward next year.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Fielding detailed the cost implications which included £50 plus VAT for the brackets fitted which would be paid for by the Ward Alliance. Also £33 plus VAT for the plaques and £57 plus VAT for the hanging baskets which are normally paid for by the sponsors.</p> <p>LK suggested the Ward Alliance could actually sponsor some baskets also across the ward stating it would be good publicity.</p> <p>It was agreed locations throughout the Ward would need to be identified first and work to ascertain how many brackets should be erected initially.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>DG/PF</p>	
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9. Any Other Business		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>In Person Meetings</u></p> <p>DG reported that the Pollyfox Community Centre was no longer available on Tuesday evenings and so had therefore investigated alternative venues.</p> <p>DG stated that the Methodist Church was an option, but there would be a charge for use of the room/facilities or alternatively Collins Close could be used for free. DG reported Collins Close is smaller, but would accommodate the current numbers on the Ward Alliance. A bigger venue could be agreed if and when Ward Alliance Member numbers increase.</p> <p>There was no other business and the meeting closed.</p>		
10. Date of Next Meeting			
	<p>Dates of future following meetings will be:-</p> <p>Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 6.00 p.m. (next meeting)</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 6.00 p.m.</p>		