

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 on 17th May 2022 at Goldthorpe library. The chair welcomed the new Elected member Cllr Janine Bowler who introduced herself as the local Dearne South Councillor. Presentations were given by Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver from Adults Skills & Community Learning with regards training they could provide locally for anyone wanting to improve their skills and training whilst gaining qualifications alongside.

Three funding applications were received and all approved starting with the Bulky rubbish extension for a further 12 months, a small contribution to the shortfall on the hanging baskets in Dearne South and £4000 was agreed to fund projects for the next 12 months around the local priorities.

The Community Development Officer asked the Ward Alliance what potential projects they would like to see in Dearne South. All agreed to fund and support the shake, battle and roll event in Autumn 2022. They would also like to see a Christmas Fayre on St Andrews Square in which Carol stated BODVAG would happily run this with the support of the Ward Alliance members and the community. All agreed to start planning future events at the next meeting in August.

The current action plan is being developed and will be brought to meeting in August to be signed off with project plans to be realised this year.

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

- 4.2** The Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting was held virtually on 17th May 2022. The chair welcomed the new Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy who introduced herself as the local Dearne North Councillor. Also present was Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver from Adults Skills & Community Learning who gave a presentation with regards the training they could provide locally for anyone wanting to improve their skills and training whilst gaining qualifications alongside.

The focus of the meeting was around forthcoming projects from the action plan and how the Ward Alliance members could support and run these. The Community Development Officer highlighted some potential projects for the summer with using the local green spaces and using some of the Community centres in Dearne North during the summer holidays.

There were four funding applications submitted all approved starting with the bulky rubbish extension for a further 12 months, a small contribution to the shortfall on hanging baskets in Dearne North, Thurnscoe flower Park to hold a 'Pictures in the Park' supported by the area team and finally St Helens church Hall for the jubilee celebrations.

The treasurer gave an update on the balances of the working funds from the budgets Mental Health & wellbeing, environmental, Healthy Holidays and the events in Thurnscoe. The working funds agreed to pay Busy Bees for start up costs from their mental health & wellbeing budget.

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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