

# **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

## **North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances 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 (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

### **4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings**

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during (June DE and) July 2022.

Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
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The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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**Date:**  
**26<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

## **Appendix One:**

### **Darton East Ward Alliance**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June– 6 PM

Meeting at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall.

#### **Present:**

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
David Hilton – Green space

#### **1. Apologies:**

Cllr Dickie Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor  
David Oates - Local Business Man  
Janine Williams – Local resident  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Teresa Wilcockson will be joining the Ward Alliance from July 2022.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest – None.**

#### **3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.** A member asked what the furty furlong is. It takes place at Mapplewell Meadows. It is 3.7 mile running race organised by the Kingstone Runners. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> time they have completed it.

#### **4. Matters Arising – None**

#### **5. Financial Update – £16,115.92 total budget available.**

WAF projects supported £7,611.96

WAF not requiring match funding £7,503.96

The summer hanging baskets will be going up the end of June to the beginning of July.

#### **6. Applications for Funding.**

Age UK Mapplewell Brunch Club - £150 Approved.

Community Awards for Darton East Ward Alliance £2000 Approved.

#### **7. Ward Action Plan**

**Children/Young People.**

Kids summertime disco will take place.

Activities in the park again during summer depending on volunteers and dates available.

A careers day for young people to be put together and held at the village hall if possible. Information about funding needs to be better communicated. We could also consider having a business forum.

Activity Club to run throughout the summer holidays at the Mapplewell Village Hall.

### **People with disabilities/isolated or in later life.**

The Village hall has lots of activities on during the week.

Pop in club is on every Friday 2pm-4pm at Mapplewell Village Hall.

### **Ears and voice of the community.**

The Facebook page and website are ongoing. Please keep posting as the website and Facebook pages are growing.

### **Health and wellbeing.**

Another winter warmer event organised for 18/10/22 10am – 3pm. Lots of businesses and the mayor is booked to come to the event.

### **Environment**

Summer baskets sponsorships are closed. They will be going up soon.

Regular litter picks are ongoing. There were a few problems with the council picking up the bags, but this seems to have been sorted now.

To reduce dog fouling – Reduction of dog fouling on Sackup Lane. A member had also spoken to Greenside vets as dog fouling was a particular problem outside of the vets.

Litter bin strategy – No update but action point taken for further information.

## **Other Events**

History Trail – A member is going to the next meeting of the Darton history group so an update will be given at the next ward alliance meeting.

The Queen's jubilee was a massive success at the Mapplewell village hall and was well attended. Thank you to the Darton East Ward Alliance and to the history group.

The Darton ward alliance celebration events next meeting will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Christmas to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **8. Twiggs – A Twiggs rep attended the Greenspace meeting and Greenspace provided them with a list of jobs for Twiggs to do throughout the ward.**

A quote from a third party was provided to the council to do extra jobs in the park. The council didn't want a third party involved so a list of jobs were forwarded by email and in writing.

It seems hard to coordinate work for volunteers with Twiggs. Volunteers are available more at the weekend, but Twiggs don't make us aware of what weekends they are available in our ward. This leads to frustration.

Twiggs should spend 25% of their contract in our ward with volunteers. It is not linked up very well and we are waiting for a breakdown from Rosie Adams of hours available in our area.

Steve and Mat agreed to arrange a meeting with Rosie Adams and then speak to Twiggs.

The noticeboard at Woolley Colliery got updated but the volunteers who wanted to help were not made aware of the date as it was not publicised.

More events need to be publicised in advance so volunteers can help.

Recently the path behind Kingsway was cleared and work was carried out on Sackup Lane and Braithwaite Street. The next event is on 28/06/22 on the path round the back of Foster's bakery.

A member asked if they could look at the grass verges on New Street. A member agreed to feed this back to Twiggs.

## **9. Principal Towns**

Some time ago two ladies attended the meeting to talk about Principal towns. The village hall and Ibberson memorial gardens were discussed.

Paul Clifford the head of economic development sent a document about principal towns to Steve to read through.

Mapplewell village hall was down for a potential £300,000.00 for refurbishments works. Low level detail needs to be decided. Nick the village hall manager will put specifications together for the works. Not all funds are secure but hopefully the work will go ahead.

## **10. AOB**

Some monitoring forms were requested for funding given from the ward alliance about how the money was spent and how it benefitted the community. The village hall agreed to fill some monitoring forms in.

A resident had spoken to a councillor regarding their concerns about the width of the pavements around Mapplewell. Pavements need to be looked at in the area as some are not suitable for mobility scooters/prams etc.

There was a tripping accident outside of Ricco's pizza shop due to the uneven paving in front of the shop. The incident is being investigated.

The container that sits on Paul Marsh's land is too big to move to Mapplewell Park. We need to look into buying a smaller container to put into the park and we need to decide where it will go and put in an application for funding.

A member explained that space is required to store equipment bought for children's events.

The pact meetings have now resumed, and leaflets were given out about getting to know your local policing team at the meeting.

Meeting closed.

**11. Time and date of the next meeting.**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12/07/2022.

## **Darton East Ward Alliance**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July– 6 PM  
Teams Meeting.

### **Present:**

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
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Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident

### **1. Apologies:**

Janine Williams – Local resident  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
David Hilton – Green space  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

### **2. Declarations of Interest – None.**

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.**

### **4. Matters Arising –**

- Hanging baskets were promised by the end of this week. It is an external provider not the council. Other areas in Barnsley have gone up already. A member explained they were constantly chasing the supplier to get them up as soon as possible.
- A member asked for an update on the litter bin strategy as we last had an update in May. A member explained they would ask for an update.
- Dog fouling – A breakdown as been requested of prosecutions and fixed penalty notices back to 2019 for the whole borough and Darton East.
- A member explained Darton Lane needed a bigger bin. A thank you went out to Teresa Wilcockson for all her help with litter picking in the area.
- A new container will be going into Mapplewell Park. A location as been agreed with the parks department and a quote has been received for £2150.00 plus VAT. The container would need to be funded by the ward alliance. An application will be submitted at the next meeting. The container will be used by Greenspace and to store the kid's activities. An old container which we have will need to be sold and maybe some money from the sale could be put towards the new container.

### **5. Financial Update – £12,382.92 total budget available.**

WAF projects supported £6,461.00

WAF not requiring match funding £5,921.92

## **6. Applications for Funding.**

### **Spring Bulbs - £841.50 Approved.**

Members explained that the bulb planting needs to be more co-ordinated in where they are planted, and they do not have to be daffodils each year. We should buy different bulbs and stagger them over the year.

**Grassroots sports academy - £754.86 – Not approved.** Questions were raised from members about this application, and it was agreed that Grassroots would be asked to answer further questions before funding could be considered by the group.

**Shop Happy - £5000 2 rejections 6 deferred.** This funding was looking into how to energise towns outside of the town centre. It was a marketing and social media campaign to improve footfall for the local area. The daytime footfall seems to be low, but evening footfall is far better. The Barnsley council marketing budget is very focused on the town centre and Cannon Hall and Elsecar.

Questions which were could both Darton ward alliances fund it?

A member explained the Darton West budget available was lower than our budget, so they may not be able to help. A member asked if it could be match funded by businesses in the area or the council?

From now on the group agreed to investigate applications in further detail before allowing funding. Applications need to be made in plenty of time of the meeting and need to be filled in better.

## **7. Ward Action Plan**

### **Children/Young People.**

- Kids summertime disco will take place.
- Activities in the park again during summer dates to be given and agreed to ask for volunteers.
- Activity Club to run throughout the summer holidays at the Mapplewell Village Hall.

### **History heritage trail –**

- A member met with the Darton history group last night. There are 6 history boards in Darton West and we would like to have 6 in Darton East.
- Funding from principal towns will be used to pay for the six Darton East history boards which is good news.
- A member suggested to have one up at Woolley Colliery.
- The notice board for Sackup Lane could potentially be put just passed Howden Close on the grassed area.

## **8. Twiggs**

- Members of the group have been working closely with Twiggs.
- The footpath at the back of Fosters bakery and the village hall has been cleared.
- Everything seems to be working better at the moment.

- Members explained events were being scheduled.
- A member explained some photos had been taken in Darton West but have not been advertised.
- A member will feedback to Twiggs to put more pictures out to the public and promote more events in the area.
- A member suggested Hill End road and the Spey close area needed to be looked at as the footpath was overgrown.
- The grass verge on New Street and Royd Avenue also needs to be looked at but should be maintained by neighbourhood services so this area will be submitted to them.
- A member asked if Twiggs could tidy up the back of the bus stop at Darton as it was full of overgrown brambles.

## **9. Principal Towns**

- No update.

## **10. Christmas**

- The tree lights will be tested in the next few weeks and feedback will be given if any need replacing.
- The Village hall is to ask Twiggs if they can remove the sleeve from the ground.
- FOMAS would like to hold the beer festival in conjunction with the Christmas lights switch on.
- The group agreed that the sound and acoustics need to be better for the switch on celebration.
- A member suggested an inflatable stage to be a focal point for outside.
- A member also suggested that maybe the family event could take place and then the beer festival start afterwards. Feedback to be given to FOMAS. Beer festival could potentially use the side entrance of the village hall as last year the main entrance was too crowded.
- A tree will go up at the village hall, Woolley colliery and Windhill.

## **11. AOB**

- A member raised concerns regarding the footpaths in the area. A resident who attends the pop in club at the village hall had explained that it was an horrendous journey to get to the village hall from where they lived. The problem is narrow and broken footpaths, road signs in the way and different curb levels. The mini roundabout was also a concern as there is no drop curb at the roundabout.
- Please report anything that you see to the council. A previous report was dealt with within a week.
- A member explained they may ask James Higginbottom to have a walk through the village with them.
- The community awards will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the village hall so please make any nominations by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Meeting closed.**

## **12. Time and date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13/09/2022 at 6pm.

## Appendix Two:

### Darton West Ward Alliance

#### Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, Tom West, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Carroll, Dominic McCall, John Ryan, Christina Carroll, Shelly Oates, Rebecca Battye.

North Area Team: Lee Swift.

Visitor: Amber Colton (Parks Department).

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 It was agreed due to the group not being quorate members would deal with

#### **Urgent Business Only**

3 The Minutes of the meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 **were deferred until the September Meeting.**  
**Date to be announced.**

#### Matters Arising

Rebecca to investigate current issues re: Hanging basket situation across the Ward, current costings and possible refund to sponsors for lateness of delivery. (Agenda Item next meeting)

Rebecca to collate Christmas events programme across the Ward. (Agenda item next meeting)

Rebecca to book Gawber Community Church Hall for Christmas light switch on. **3.00 pm until 5.00 pm.** ASAP due to demands at this time of year.

Rebecca to contact Gawber Headteacher and firm up arrangements for Christmas light switch on. **Times and Date.**

Cllr Trevor Cave and Richard to meet with Gawber Primary School staff and pupils to undertake History Trail walk on **(Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am).**

Tom to look at Horizon Academy providing School Choir for Gawber Christmas light switch on at Wood View, **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

Tom to look at Horizon Academy providing School Choir/ entertainment for Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre, **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 at 4.00 pm.**

Amber Colton to keep Cllr Trevor Cave and Rebecca updated with progress of future tree planting at Kexbrough Recreational Ground and projects at Uplands Park, Kexbrough.

Amber Colton to follow up future tree planting at Wood View, Gawber and inform Cllr Trevor Cave and Rebecca.

#### 4 Ward Action Plan

The July Ward Action Plan **was deferred** and will be an Agenda item next meeting.

#### 5a WAF Budget

This was supplied by Rebecca

Remaining Budget

£ 10,016.24

#### 5b WAF Applications

Spring Bulbs (this was agreed in principle).

#### 6 Kexbrough Park Project (Amber Colton).

Amber updated the group of the Project with any issues and progress being made.

#### 7 Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre Update

This was **deferred** until the next meeting.

#### 8 Christmas Events across the Ward

This was discussed and will feature as an Agenda item next meeting.

#### 9 A.O.B.

The Chair would like to thank Amber Colton for her presentation and work with members.

The Chair would like to thank Lee Swift for his attendance at the meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

**This will be sent to all members ASAP.**

As requested by the Chair the dates Richard **is** available in September 2022.

Available Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September **all week.**

Available Week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September **all week.**

Available Week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September **until Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Urgent Business**

**The following items were discussed this evening Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

#### **1 Summer Activities Plan across the Ward.**

**See attached Plan.**

**Any members who can lend support for activities please email Rebecca **and** Richard where you will be included at the venue(s) of your choice. **URGENT.****

#### **2 Active Travel**

**Cllr Trevor Cave updated all members of recent developments.**

**(This will be an Agenda item next meeting).**

#### **3 Christmas Events across the Ward.**

**Rebecca to collate plan of events across the Ward and update next meeting**

#### **4 Cllr Sharon Howard reported on Priorities for Twiggs**

**Priority 1 Uplands Park, Kexbrough.**

**Priority 2 Longfields/ Darton River Bank.**

## **Summer Activities Plan**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Members attending</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>10am - 1pm Kexbrough Rec.</b>	Alice / Trevor
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am -1pm Barugh Green Rec.</b>	Alice /Trevor
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>1pm -4 pm Harry Road Rec.</b>	Alice/Richard
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>1pm -4 pm Kexbrough Rec.</b>	Richard/Tom
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am -1 pm Barugh Green Rec.</b>	Tom/Alice
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10 am – 1 pm Kexbrough Rec.</b>	Covered
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>1pm – 4 pm B Green Rec.</b>	Trevor/Richard
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>1 pm - 4 pm Harry Road Rec.</b>	Alice/Richard
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am -1 pm Kexbrough Rec.</b>	Covered

## **Appendix Three:**

### **Old Town Ward Alliance Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor Notes of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

#### **Held Via MS Teams due to Covid 19 restrictions**

In Attendance

Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gill Nixon,

Apologies

John Love, Bill Gaunt, Cameron Stirk, Clive Pickering, Luke Holmes,

Meeting Notes for 14.06.2022, accepted.

Matters Arising.

1. Noticeboards for Brettas Park, two required, one relating to Wildlife and another as an Information board for the area. Lee is contacting 'Fresh Ground' group to discuss. Lee to chase up.
2. Broken notice board, Lee has asked for a quote for the repair.

#### Funding Bids

- 1) Hanging Baskets, the company that supplies the baskets have has major staffing issues, this has impacted the hanging baskets being put up. Cllr Lofts suggested we defer until next year, although the company have said that they expect to put up the baskets this week. Lee to contact the company, to make a decision by Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) Possibility of deferring the baskets until next year, lee to let us know.
- 2) Lee to send out an email to Voluntary groups in Old Town to encourage them to bid for funding, Lee to send copy to Gill Nixon to put on F/Book page.

#### Financial Position

Currently approx. £15,000. Noticeboards and spring bulbs to be accounted for.

#### Spring Bulbs

Bluebells are on offer this year, £120 for 1,000 bulbs.

#### Christmas

'Love Pogmoor Group' are planning on running an event this year.

There will be a number of Christmas Trees the current list is Huddersfield Road, Greenfoot Lane, Pogmoor, Hartington Drive, Brettas and Bingley Street. Lee to check the lights to see if we need new ones.

#### AOB

Due to the summer break, all agreed to miss the August meeting. Next meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> September &pm in the Town Hall.

## Appendix Four:



### **St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 30th June 2022, 4pm, TARA office**

**Present :** Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Kath Bostwick, Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Neil Wright, Ruth Gammon, John Hallows

**Apologies :** Cllr Leech, Michelle Cooper.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes were passed as a true record by the members.

All receipts have been handed in for the Jubilee Event.

#### **Funding Applications:**

Ad Astra - This bid is for £1,300 and is to provide training for Community Volunteers. New Lodge Community Centre will host several training events for volunteers from local organisations in the St Helens Ward. This will fund 20 places.

The funding bid was discussed between the members and the full amount was agreed.

Smithies Rec seating repaint - This bid is a top up bid of £210.35 to add to the £614.65 from the environment budget to get the seating panels repainted in Smithies Rec.

The members discussed the bid and the full amount was agreed.

Memorial Bench Unveiling working budget - This bid is for a £500 working budget to pay for the installation of the memorial bench and to pay for refreshments at an unveiling ceremony. The refreshments will be served in the Church hall.

The bid was discussed and agreed. Cllr Leech is awaiting a date from TWIGGS to install the bench.

#### **Events:**

St Helens Gala - All the planning is coming together. Lee is sorting out all payments to the vendors now that the funding bid has been accepted.

All advertising is done, flyers, banners and posters will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. The poster will also be added to the St Helens Facebook page and shared on member accounts. Madge will open the Gala and Cllr Tattersall will attend after her Mayoral duties are finished.

**Ward Plan:** The Ward Plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Treasurers Report:**

Lee reported a total of £8,099.14 as of 30th June if all bids are approved.

Resolute women's support group have submitted a funding bid but we are awaiting bank details before the bid can be agreed.

Notice board - Smithies Rec - Cllr Tattersall mentioned that the funding for a new notice board had been agreed but the notice board had not been placed. Lee to chase up the board to make sure that money hadn't been withdrawn for the board.

Spring bulbs - Lee said that if we were wanting to order spring bulbs then he needed numbers by the end of the month. It was discussed between the members and decided that we would leave the bulbs as a Ward Alliance for this year due to lack of funding.

**Forthcoming Projects and Bids:**

Christmas Events - Neil would like to add another event to the Christmas events that already take place. He asked the members if they would consider adding a Santa's sleigh that would travel around the streets for the children. The members discussed and agreed that this would need to be a separate event to our other 3 and would need to start planning ASAP as the Sleigh would need to be booked. A route would need to be planned as the Sleigh is difficult to manoeuvre. Christmas events to be added to next Agenda for further discussion.

**Any other business:**

There is a possibility that New Hope Church may be closing and the building may be sold. Members are concerned as we have the Memorial tree located at the church and if it's sold could the tree be moved. Cllrs to speak to TWIGGS and ask what we could do with the tree. Lee to find out more information regarding the sale of the building before any decisions are to be made.

The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 11th August but due to holidays it was agreed that the next meeting would be moved to Thursday 8th September.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Meeting closed at 17.10pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 4pm, TARA office.