

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 22nd Septmber 2020 @ 6pm
Location:	Held Via Teams Meeting

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair) Councillor Neil Wright Councillor Peter Fielding Charlotte Moulds – Community Development Officer (CM) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group (LK) Notes Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Darren Dickinson – Higham Resident (DD)	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) David Lock – Dodworth Business Owner (DL) Charlotte Hollingsworth – Dodworth Resident (CH) Michelle Robertson – Dodworth Resident (MR) Janet Turton – Gilroyd Business Owner and Gilroyd Community Group (JT) Ben Scrivens – Dodworth St Johns Church (BS)

1. Welcome and Introductions		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Councillor Birkinshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Darren Dickinson introduced himself to the meeting as a newly appointed ward alliance member. Darren has been a member of the ward alliance previously, but due a change in work circumstances was forced to resign. However, now a few years later, Darren is able to commit to being a member again. Darren stated he was looking forward to working with the ward alliance team again helping to make our ward and community a better place for everyone.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members welcomed Darren to the meeting.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence		Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM reported that no further updates or information had been received regarding the principal towns library project since the presentation at the last meeting given by Fiona O'Brien and Tereesa Williams.</p> <p>CM stated that if anyone does have any further questions concerning the details of the project/latest plan presented at the last ward alliance meeting, they can still be sent directly to Tereesa Williams. Also, as mentioned previously, individuals/volunteer groups can also arrange to meet Tereesa on site, to discuss the project in person if this is something they believe would be beneficial. This can be arranged by also emailing Tereesa. All site visits must conform with current Covid-19 Government Directives.</p> <p>Emails address for Tereesa Williams is:- teresawilliams@barnsley.gov.uk</p>		

	<p>With reference to the neighbourhood shopping schemes/services implemented across the ward in response to the Covid-19 emergency, CM confirmed that Dan Bamford had been involved in the provision of such a service in Higham. MH disagreed stating he was unaware of any such service in the Higham area. CM stated she would seek further clarification on this matter.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p>	CM	
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Councillor Neil Wright declared a pecuniary interest in the funding application received from the Dodworth Miners Welfare Club. Councillor Wright sits on the clubs Committee.</p>		
5. Library – Temporary Post Office Opening		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>It was confirmed that the new outreach Post Office based at Dodworth Library will be operational from Thursday 24th September. It will provide post office services to customers currently once a week on Thursdays between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. It is thought this new service will be much welcomed following the closure of the Post Office on Dodworth High Street last year.</p>		
6. Covid -19 Resilience Funding Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM stated that the Covid-19 Resilience Funding pot was still available and applications could still be submitted.</p> <p>The necessary application form has been included in the papers circulated for tonight's meeting. As stated previously, such applications could be in relation to missed fundraising opportunities that would have been held but due to covid-19 have had to be cancelled. Reasons for this could include the inability to trade, hold events or fundraise as a result of Covid 19 and social distancing constraints. The funding however is not for organisations that are financially viable, but for those who find themselves in a precarious financial position.</p>		

	CM stated that at present she had no data showing what applications and the funding amount had been successfully awarded to applications from the Dodworth Ward.		
7. Ward Alliance Funding Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM detailed the latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation as follows:-</p> <p>Current Balance: £19,661.69</p> <p>Engagement Pot: £666.91</p> <p>Environment Pot: £561.26</p> <p>Incredible Edible: £695.00</p>		
7.1 Ward Alliance Funding Applications Received		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>CAB Support Funding Application</u></p> <p>CM presented a funding application in respect of the provision of a Citizens Advice Barnsley weekly advice service.</p> <p>Central Area currently supports advice and information services provided by Age UK Barnsley and DIAL Barnsley, but at present there are no specific services provided to the Central Area by Citizens Advice Barnsley (CAB).</p> <p>CAB is the only agency in the borough that is able to offer advice on all areas of law, including debt, money management, benefit matters, employment/ redundancy issues, consumer, relationship and housing matters. Therefore, CAB will be able to complement the more limited scope of the advice services already on offer. This will ensure that regardless of age, background or area of concern, the residents of the Central Area will be able to access a full range of advice and information. Working closely with the other two organisations (whom we already work in partnership with on other borough wide projects) will strengthen our existing working relationship and ultimately provide a more streamlined experience for local residents if they need to be signposted or referred to the other agencies.</p>		

	<p>Between April and June 2020, CAB have assisted clients from the five central wards with a total of 714 different issues. Support was requested over a wide range of different issues, with the most common being Debt related (26%), closely followed by Benefits (16%) and Employment (12%). Over the next few weeks, Covid-19 government support packages, payment holidays, the suspension of court action for rent arrears/bailiff activity and the hold on evictions will come to an end. This will be combined with a growing number of people that are being made redundant or seeing reductions in their working hours.</p> <p>Offering this tailored advice service by CAB to local residents ensuring they can access help with any issue, and at an early stage before reaching crisis point, will be critical.</p> <p>The funding would provide 1 dedicated member of staff providing advice to residents of the Central Area, (equating to 1 day a week per ward) to be accessed via telephone and email, but also face to face virtual appointments will be made available as required.</p> <p>The funding contribution required from the Dodworth Ward to have this service in place for 6 months across the whole of the Central Area is £2002.00.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed this service would be invaluable to many residents of our community and agreed the application for the full amount.</p> <p>Due to time constraints this application has not been presented on the official funding application form format, and therefore will be completed retrospectively and signed off by Councillor Birkinshaw accordingly.</p> <p><u>Dodworth Ward Christmas Lights/Trees Installation Funding Application</u></p> <p>CM briefed Ward Alliance Members on the funding application for 14 Christmas light motifs to be put up and taken down from Dodworth High Street and Saville Road, Gilroyd; the collection, delivery, installation, dressing, dismantling and disposal of 4 Christmas Trees; and the connection of lights for all 4 Christmas trees.</p>		
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<p>The funding application was for £4,074 plus the fee for Facilities Management to connect the Christmas tree lights outside the library, which was estimated to be in the region of £200 based on last year's costs.</p> <p>It was felt the presence of the Christmas trees and decorations was more important than ever this year due to Covid-19 and Christmas events not being able to take place. Ward Alliance Members agreed the application for the full amount.</p> <p><u>Higham Christmas Lights Funding Application</u></p> <p>A funding application from the Higham Community Group has been submitted to purchase and erect 10 Christmas light motifs. These will be installed on street lighting columns in the village. The application submitted is asking for £4,000 towards funding the project.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed that other areas in the ward including Dodworth and Gilroyd had now got such motifs and that it would be good for Higham to also have them. Such a scheme would be beneficial to the areas residents promoting wellbeing and positive mental health as well as encouraging people to get out and shop local.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance agreed funding of upto £2,000 towards the purchase of the motifs.</p> <p><u>Dodworth Miners Welfare Funding Application</u></p> <p>CM reported that a funding application had been received from the Dodworth Miners Welfare in respect of essential repairs to the roof of the building where the Boxing was held.</p> <p>However, CM has advised the applicants to forward this as a Covid application submitting it in the first instance to the Covid Resilience Fund. An outcome of this submission is still yet to be determined. Following a discussion about the application, the Ward Alliance Members agreed they would await the decision by the Covid Resilience Funding Panel, and if it is not successful bring this application forward to the next Ward Alliance Meeting scheduled for 3rd November where it will be fully considered. The Application is seeking funding for the sum of £4,200.</p>		
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<u>7.2 Ward Alliance Funding Applications in the Pipeline</u>		<u>Action/Decision</u>	<u>Action lead</u>
	There are currently no other applications in the pipeline, however, CM reported that currently any new ward alliance funding applications received must now be covid-19 related projects. This means for example the projects should improve wellbeing issues, fitness, healthy living projects, keeping body and minds active.		
8. Upcoming Dates/Events		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Remembrance Sunday</u></p> <p>Councillor Birkinshaw reported that he had spoken with the Leader of the Council in respect of Remembrance Sunday to see what, if anything, will be taking place whilst complying to the current government directives on the Covid-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>It was reported that the public would not be invited to attend any gatherings and that discussions were being held regarding BMBCs Town Centre Events Team organizing live streaming of any limited gathering of officials at the Cenotaph outside the Town Hall. It has been suggested a poster maybe produced detailing an Order of Service including details of how the public can participate remotely on line.</p> <p>CM to circulate further information/details on what is being allowed to take place as and when it becomes available.</p> <p>Councillor Birkinshaw stated that clearly it would not be permitted for the usual service to take place at Dodworth War Memorial.</p>	CM	
9. Any Other Business		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Healthy Holidays</u></p> <p>CM gave an update on the Central Area Healthy Holidays initiative which has been held during the summer school holiday period. Ward Alliance members will recall the project has been providing families with 2 meals per week providing all the raw ingredients for 2 meals with accompanying recipe cards and full cooking instructions. A live streamed cooking demonstration for one of the recipes has been carried out on the central area teams facebook page every Wednesday.</p>		

	CM reported that after the summer holidays and the end of the initiative, there was still some remaining funding from the project. Therefore, the same scheme will run again for 1 week during half term at the end of October. Again, there will be 2 meals and possibly a Halloween themed pudding. CM stated she would be publicising this in the Dodworth ward and hoped for a good uptake to project. A collection point for the ingredients would also be identified this time in the Dodworth ward.		
10. Date and Time of Next Meeting			
	Tuesday 3 rd November 2020 at 6.00 pm		