Cudworth Ward Alliance				
Meeting Notes				
Meeting Title:	Cudworth Ward Alliance			
Date and time:	Monday 23 rd November 2020 10.30am			
Location:	Virtual Meeting			

Attendees:	Apologies:	
Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair)	Florence Whittlestone.	
Councillor Charlie Wraith		
Councillor Steve Houghton		
Janet Robinson		
Joan Jones		
Jenni Baker		
Tina Heaton		
Pam Kershaw		
In Attendance:		
Christie McFarlane – Community Development Officer.		
Caroline Donovan – North East Area Council Manager.		
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		Action/Decision	Action Lead
1.	Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests:		
	Councillor Hayward declared an intertest in a funding application from Friends of the North East Area Family Centre for 30 Toddler training packs for Cudworth. This will be an initiative covering the some of the Wards in the North East Area, with each area who are participating in the initiative, contributing to the cost of the Toddler packs for their own area.		
2.	New Ward Alliance members – update:		
	Christie informed members she will be working with the new Community Development Officer, Lawrence, on a recruitment drive across the North East Area. It will be based on skill set and location. Christie and Lawrence will be working with chairs and secretaries from the North East Area Ward Alliances, to create profiles.		
3.	Tina asked if the plans will also include a non-digital way for the recruitment drive. Christie stated it will be done locally with posters in shops, local groups and on social media.		
J.	New Community Development Officer – update:		
	Christie informed members the new Community Development Officer, Lawrence Dodd, will be starting on the 7 th December 2020.		
	Christie is to arrange a virtual meeting on the 14 th December 2020, for members to be introduced to Lawrence. Christie suggested a		

funny hat and jumper competition.

The new Performance Monitoring Officer, Judith Myers, will not be starting until January next year 2021.

Notes of the previous meeting: Monday 19th October 2020.

St. Johns Gardens. Councillor Wraith asked about the plants and grass needed for the area. Councillor Hayward is to speak to B.C.B.

5. Potential Projects:

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Christie will be working with Robert Street allotment, for a Ward Alliance funding application. Mick White will be standing down from the allotment. Christie will be working with Age UK, the Social Prescribing Team and Peter Haigh, to identify someone who will be interested in running the allotment.

Health and well-being:

Christie presented a copy of a Christmas card to members, with the suggestion that the card could be sent out from the Ward Alliance with the winter warmer packs for vulnerable elderly people.

6. Finance:

Christie gave members a finance update.

The total allocation remaining is £8,397.91.

The £400 for the flagpole is on hold.

Councillor Hayward asked Councillor Houghton about the Ward Alliance budget.

Councillor Houghton stated at this present time, any unspent money will carry over into next year 2021.

7. Funding Applications:

Chewin "t" Cud. – Members agreed to fund £500

Friends of North East Area Family Centre – Members agreed to fund £600

Correspondence:

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Compliments / Complaints.

None.

Any other business:

Councillor Hayward stated there will be a future opening of the St Johns Gardens, when all the work has been completed.

Councillor Houghton informed members they will be getting a consultant in to talk to Councillors about how we can make Cudworth more sustainable through the Principle Towns initiative.

And will be looking at outside funding for Principle Town areas across the borough.

Councillor Houghton stated Principle Town – phase 2, will identify the town centre for empty shops. Looking at getting more businesses in the town and looking at what the future possibilities may be with more people now ordering online.

Councillor Houghton informed members the roundabout near the old Cudworth bridge area and the roundabout at Shafton are to be cleaned up, and signage improved.

Councillor Wraith raised concern about the Hospice charity shop closing in Cudworth. Tina from Age UK said the Hospice has made the decision to close all their charity shops but will keep the warehouse they have at Dodworth for the sale of goods.

Christie informed members the Christmas tree will be delivered today 23rd November 2020.

The Christmas lights motifs and the Christmas tree lights will just be switched on at a certain date, as there will be no Christmas tree switch on event this year due to the covid virus and social distancing.

Jenni informed members she has been in touch with the schools about the hand washing project. The schools feel the project should be left until next year because of the covid virus.

Councillor Hayward informed members we cannot do anything about the Christmas toy donations until after the 2nd December because of the lockdown restrictions.

Members are to wrap their toy donation up and stick a piece of paper on the outside stating whether it is for a male or female and for what age group.

Members will be able to take their toy donation to Bow Street Offices or Councillor Hayward will pick them up from members. They are to go to Grimethorpe Children's Centre for distribution after 2nd December.

Caroline Donovan joined the meeting and informed members there is to be a meeting about help to get these toys out to vulnerable families. The Community Farm at Grimethorpe have offered to help and will also be looking at Priory Campus as a holding place for the toy donations.

Councillor Hayward reminded people about the virtual meeting on the 14th December 2020 to meet Lawrence Dodd the new Community Development Officer.

Councillor Hayward thanked everyone for their support and work with the Ward Alliance and wished everyone A Merry Christmas.

' '' Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 25th January 2021 10.30am - virtual meeting

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Future meeting dates.	
Monday 8 th March 2021	
Monday 26th April 2021	
Monday 14 th June 2021	
Monday 26 th July 2021	
Monday 20 th September 2021	
1 st November 2021	
13 th December 2021	
24 th January 2022	
14 th March 2022	
If anyone has any ideas about future potential projects, please bring your ideas to the next meeting.	