

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 27 th Jan 2021 @ 5:30pm
Location:	Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Margret Bruff (Chair) Councillor Martin Dyson Charlotte Moulds (Community Development Officer) Laura Dixon (Presenter) Sarah Davey (Observer) Paul Bedford Jennifer Hulme Linda Wheelhouse Dee Cureton	N/A

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Clr Bruff welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes From Previous Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Meeting notes from 25 th November meeting approved.		

4. Declarations of Precuniary and Non Precuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
N/A		

5. Short presentation from Laura Dixon (NEO)	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>LD introduced herself as the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer covering all the Central Area Council Wards. LD explained this was a new role within BMBC following the fall out of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Due to the challenging times in the Area Teams, Barnsley Council has been working hard to protect our communities. Due to COVID-19 it was identified the need to recruit some Neighbourhood Engagement Officers as support in having conversations with local communities helping to ensure their safety was paramount and help them to understand this ever-changing landscape.</p> <p>LD reported she had already made contact with local businesses in our Ward having conversations and making them aware of what finance and business support packages is available putting them in touch with the relevant people/organisations. Also giving advice and assistance on Covid compliance matters; LD stated she met regularly on a fortnightly basis with Regulatory Services Teams to ensure there was a consistent approach on this issue.</p> <p>LD explained her position wasn't an enforcement role, although she does liaise and work with the Covid Marshalls as necessary on issues.</p> <p>LD stated there would be a time when we would be looking at covid recovery and development and not just the economic side, but mental health and wellbeing also. LD reported that work had started on this and Public Health had been contacted about mental health and how this links with any future recovery. A social isolation and loneliness funding pot was also being created and the application process was currently being reviewed in respect of this.</p>		

6. Projects Updates	Action/Decision	Action lead
6.1 Healthy Holidays Update		
<p>Christmas Feedback</p> <p>Total families = 46 – All feedback was positive, some families commenting on the size of the hampers and amount of items included. They loved the nicities of Christmas crackers and chocolates etc. too. Overall very well received.</p> <p>February Forward Planning</p> <p>Reverting back to 2x family meals with additional goodies such as fruit packs, activity packs etc. Final plan TBC.</p> <p>Need to bare in mind money from Good Food Barnsley was cut short this time and this may be a reoccurring theme</p>		

	moving forward in 2021. Request to help additional families across the ward, not just the same families every time, with a small token such as family fruit box (roughly £5).	CM to speak to schools re: distribution and capacity	CM
6.2 Small Sparks Fund		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Now set up financially as a working budget. Group reviewed proposed application form, guidance and poster and agreed to all help with distribution and communication.	CM to create poster and contact re: distribution	CM
6.3 Ward Alliance Promotion		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Ward Alliance want to promote themselves better and create new poster to state how and what they do etc. Community notice board and local shops to be utilised for distribution. Ward alliance members will help distribute.	CM to create posters and contact group for distribution	CM

7. WAF Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	WAF Budget = £10,354.33 - Engagement Pot = £536.31 - Small Sparks Fund = £1,000.00		
6.1 Ward Alliance Applications Recieved		Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/A		
6.2 Ward Alliance Applications In The Pipeline		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>- Sensory equipment for SEND children/families at home</p> <p>Identified through Denise Green (SEND Child Social Care) for those who cannot currently attend school and missing out on sensory/learning experiences etc. also provides respite for parents/carers at home.</p> <p>-Care home technology equipment assistance</p> <p>Carehomes within central ward to receive 1-2 laptops/ipads so residents can connect with friends and families in current restrictions. Need to further look in to old council IT being redistributed, and in addition, what the carehomes currently have in place.</p> <p>- Sheltered Housing Accomodation Support</p> <p>Make contact with all sheltered housing complexes inc.</p>	<p>To continue to be progressed via Denise Green</p> <p>To continue research</p> <p>Make contact with Jospeh Court and others to research needs and create WAF for working budget.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>

	Joseph Court re: support packs/hampers and what would be best received to support their residents.		
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8. Upcoming Events / Dates		Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/A		

9. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Charlotte Moulds Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Butterflies Dementia Group wanted to give thanks for their prev. support and inform ward alliance that the Christmas packs were well received with great feedback and thanks from the recipients. - DVP Litter Pickers wanted to give thanks for prev. support and in addition, ask for some additional support of more litter picking equipment etc. to meet the needs of their growing number of volunteers. <p>Linda Wheelhouse Harborough Hills Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing work on community allotment and group staying on contact where possible. - New club owner on harborough hills and seems positive to work with the group and ward alliance moving forward with possibility of community events when possible. <p>Dee Cureton Churchfields Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing from group as cannot meet etc but Dee does speak to a members when possible via telephone. - House move confirmed and moving to lower Monk Bretton so staying within ward. <p>Paul Hope House Church Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All okay at the church, continuing best they can. Foodbank still happening but café closed at the moment. - Well St site looking for redevelopment in to a community base. <p>Jenny Hulme Fullhouse Estate Community Group Update</p>		

	- Group still speaking albeit over telephone or when they happen to bump in to eachother. Hoping to get back to things asap.		
10. Date and time of Next Meeting.		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Weds 24 th Feb 2021 @ 5:30pm – Microsoft Teams.		