

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 15th December 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) Janet Turton – Gilroyd Business Owner and Gilroyd Community Group (JT) Natalie Parkes – Dodworth Business Owner (NP) Lisa Phelan – Central Area Team Manager (LP)	Michelle Robertson – Dodworth Resident (MR) Ben Scrivens – Dodworth St Johns Church (BS) Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC)

1. Welcome and Introductions		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Councillor Birkinshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>NP introduced herself to the meeting as a newly appointed Ward Alliance Member.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members introduced themselves to NP welcoming her to her first meeting.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence		Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held 3rd November 2020 were perused. There were no matters arising from the minutes and were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Councillor Birkinshaw informed the Ward Alliance that he had received a phone call from a reporter from the Barnsley Chronicle. The reporter asked about a decision taken at the last ward alliance meeting not to support the funding of an advent calendar project. Councillor Birkinshaw stated that he informed the reporter that this decision was reached as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was felt by some Ward Alliance Members it was too short notice to implement and roll out such a project and it be fully successful. • Some Ward Alliance Members did not want to only roll it out to certain schools within the Ward as proposed, and felt they would rather wait until next Christmas when we would be in a better position to include all the schools in the Ward. • All Members at the meeting were asked to vote and the decision reached was both democratic and independent. <p>Councillor Birkinshaw reported he was unhappy about being questioned on this matter by the reporter, and stated that such an event as described was not in line with the code of conduct or ground rules of the Ward Alliance.</p>		

	<p>He referred all Members of the Ward Alliance to item 6 on the agenda including a document detailing the Ward Alliance Framework and Ground Rules.</p> <p>Councillor Birkinshaw stated he would not be going through the document at tonight's meeting, however, he asked all Members to familiarize themselves with the contents of the document and the ground rules of being a member. If any members of the Ward Alliance have any questions or issues in relation to this matter, they should contact Councillor Birkinshaw or CM directly to discuss.</p>	ALL	
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Pecuniary interests were declared by Councillor Wright in respect of the funding application received from Dodworth Miners Junior Rugby Club.</p> <p>Non Pecuniary interests were also declared by Councillor Birkinshaw in respect of Dodworth Miners Junior Rugby Club; Councillor Birkinshaw is a trustee of the Miners Welfare Club although not directly linked to the Rugby Club.</p>		
5. Membership Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM reported that both Charlotte Hollingsworth and David Locke had now terminated their membership of the Ward Alliance.</p> <p>As already reported, Natalie Parkes, Dodworth Business Owner, has now joined the Ward Alliance.</p>		
6. Ward Alliance Framework and Ground Rules		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>As already stated, Councillor Birkinshaw asked all Ward Alliance Members to familiarise themselves with this document.</p>	ALL	
7. Christmas Lights		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Councillor Birkinshaw reported that all Christmas Trees, Lights and Motives had been erected in Dodworth, Gilroyd, Higham and Pogmoor.</p>		

	<p>LK reported that since the Christmas tree situated outside the library had been installed, she had not seen the lights on and had checked at various times and on various days. CM stated she would contact the library as these lights should be on a timer and would contact street lighting if necessary if it was an electrical issue.</p>	CM	
8. Healthy Holidays Update - Hamper and Activity Packs		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>As reported at the last Ward Alliance Meeting, CM stated they were now looking to implement a further project for the Christmas holiday period to once again help struggling families.</p> <p>CM stated that this time Hampers had been put together which not only included store cupboard staples, but also recipe cards to make Christmas inspired treats. CM drew attention to the attached publicity leaflet which gave details of the Christmas initiative and how eligible families could self refer for one of the hampers. Extra efforts will be made to publicise the scheme as much as possible in order to try and increase the uptake in our Ward. The use of Keresforth School as a drop off point for families will hopefully help with this. Also a small number of deliveries will be made in Dodworth to families who don't have transport.</p> <p>CM will update on how we can continue to roll out this initiative in the new year and also an evaluation of the uptake of Christmas hamper scheme.</p>	CM	
9. Winter Warmers Packs by Libraries & Fall Prevention Packs by Public Health		<u>Action/Decision</u>	<u>Action lead</u>
	<p>CM reported that after successfully securing funding from the Coop, Dodworth Library was rolling out a winter warmers pack initiative. The pack includes such items as hats, scarfs, gloves, soup etc. The distribution of the packs are being targetted at the elderly and most vulnerable who will be eligible to receive one.</p> <p>CM also reported that BMBC Public Health are rolling out fall prevention packs. These will include a keep active band used to exercise and thus gain strength.</p>		

10. Covid 19 – Resilience Funding Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM reported that the Covid-19 Resilience Funding Scheme was still available and applications could still be submitted. CM drew attention to the attached application form to be used in relation to this initiative. Completed forms should be sent to LP in the first instance for co-ordination.</p> <p>CM reported that so far £110,000 had been spent from the Resilience Funding Pot; an additional £100,000 was pending on the successful outcomes of further applications submitted, and £30,000 was currently still unallocated and available, with the potential of being topped up further with additional funding.</p>		
11. WAF Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM detailed the latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation as follows:-</p> <p>Current Balance: £11,354.53</p> <p>Engagement Pot: £627.61</p> <p>Environment Pot: £561.26</p> <p>Incredible Edible: £695.00</p> <p>LP reported that it had now been confirmed that by 31/3/2021 any remaining budget can be carried forward into next financial year.</p> <p>LK queried if there was any upper limit to the carry over amount. LP wasn't aware there was a limit, but stated she would seek clarification.</p>	LP	
11.1 Funding Applications			
	<p><u><i>Dodworth Miners Juniors Rugby Club – Floodlights</i></u></p> <p>A funding application received from Dodworth Miners Junior Rugby Club was presented to Ward Alliance Members for consideration. The application gave details of its request for the sum of £948.00 to install new LED floodlights on their new training area. The club is based at the Dodworth Miners Welfare but provides training for everyone within Barnsley. Installation of new floodlights will enable training to be</p>		

	<p>done 12 months of the year. It will ensure rugby league training can be provided from 3 to 13 year olds all year round with the ambition to expand this up to 16 year olds within the next few years.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance agreed to fund this application in full expressing it would be of great benefit to the younger residents of our community.</p> <p><u><i>Small Sparks Funding Scheme</i></u></p> <p>As discussed at the last Ward Alliance Meeting, this initiative was to create a small separate working budget within the Ward Alliances funding pot which can grant upto £150 per application for individuals within our community to implement small projects/ideas. This would allow someone to create really low level engagement community led project without the need to set up a formalised constitutional group with a bank account etc. Following the informal agreement by Ward Alliance Members to progress this proposal, CM presented a formal funding application for the sum of £1,000 in order for the funding pot to now be set up.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed the application for the full amount.</p> <p>CM reiterated from the last meeting that she would be closely monitoring all applications received in respect of this funding pot, ensuring funds and the respective projects were implemented accordingly, and all necessary receipts etc are accounted for. As is the normal procedure for any funding application received, applications for this funding pot will be presented and discussed at Ward Alliance Meetings. The application form will be a less onerous task tailored to reflect the scale of the projects looking to be implemented.</p> <p>Councillor Wright stated that the new initiative needed to be fully publicised to the wider community. CM stated that a Ward Alliance news letter was being considered and an article about this scheme could be included along with others forms of publicity such as facebook and other social media platforms.</p>		
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11.2 Ward Alliance Applications in the Pipeline			
	<p><u>Ward Alliance Storage</u></p> <p>In respect of identifying a suitable location for a storage container, Councillor Wright reported that he had approached the owner of the Dil Raj about siting one on their land. Councillor Wright stated that the owner was considering the proposal.</p> <p>Councillor Birkinshaw stated that the idea mentioned previously, on siting a container on land at the side of Gilroyd Club, should be progressed along with investigating the various options in terms of container sizes. CM stated she would contact Jo Birch, BMBC's Parks Supervisor, to ascertain land ownership details and discuss the possibility of positioning a container on parks services land. CM will also look into container size options and respective prices.</p> <p>Suggestions from NP in respect of the field/land to the rear of the police station /Coop, and Councillor Fielding in respect of land on Woodland Drive near to the Medical Centre were also received. CM will seek clarification who the land belongs to in respect of both suggestions.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>	
12. Upcoming Events			
	There are currently no upcoming events to report.		
13. Any Other Business			
	<p><u>CCTV Cameras</u></p> <p>MH reported on behalf of DD that the CCTV cameras funded by the Ward Alliance and installed on Royd Lane, Higham, were proving to be very successful.</p> <p>From intelligence data taken from the cameras and passed to the Police, a prosecution was able to be secured.</p> <p><u>Speeding High Street Dodworth</u></p> <p>NP reported that speeding and antisocial driving by motorbikes was being witnessed on High Street, Dodworth. CM stated that this should be forwarded to the Police who deal with such matters, and encouraged other residents to do the same if they had such concerns.</p>		

	<p><u>Thankyou's</u></p> <p>LP wanted to thank CM for her work, and in particular due to staff sickness, for covering additional workloads and duties.</p> <p><u>Toy Appeal Project</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported on the success of the toy appeal scheme which NP has been organising. The project which has collected toys to wrap and distribute to children who otherwise would not have had a present to open on Christmas day has been greatly appreciated by many families.</p> <p>NP stated that 22 children from Keresforth School had received one of the wrapped presents for Christmas along with children from other wards in Barnsley.</p> <p>NP said that St John's School had also been contacted to be involved, asking them to identify children at their school who would benefit from the project. However, up to date, no response had been received from them.</p> <p>DD stated he was surprised that the school had not responded to the communication and was sure that many children who attended the school would have benefitted. DD suggested he could contact the school about their involvement and engagement in any future community initiatives.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members felt this suggestion should be progressed. DD will look into drafting a communication to the school on this basis.</p> <p><u>Principal Towns</u></p> <p>LK asked whether there were any updates in respect of the above project. CM reported that no further updates had been received in respect of the scheme. CM stated that members could email Fiona Obrien Principal Towns Officer directly if they had any further input/suggestions to put forward for consideration for the scheme.</p> <p>Fiona's contact email is :-</p> <p><u>FionaOBrien@barnsley.gov.uk</u></p>		
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	<p>Before closing the meeting, Councillor Birkinshaw wished everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>		
14. Date and Time of Next Meeting			
	Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 6.00 pm		