

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 9th March 2021 @ 6pm
Location:	Held Via Teams Meeting

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Councillor Phillip Birkinshaw (Chair) Councillor Neil Wright Councillor Peter Fielding Charlotte Moulds – Community Development Officer (CM) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) Notes Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Michelle Robertson – Dodworth Resident (MR) Natalie Parkes – Dodworth Business Owner (NP) Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church (BS) Darren Dickinson – Higham Resident (DD) (ATTENDANCE PART OF MEEITNG ONLY)</p>	<p>Janet Turton – Gilroyd Business Owner and Gilroyd Community Group (JT)</p>

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Birkinshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting, no introductions were required.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>BS asked for the minutes to be corrected to state he is representing the Dodworth Methodist Church and not St Johns as detailed.</p> <p>CM reported she had gathered some information from other wards in the borough in respect of hanging baskets. This idea was raised by LK at the last meeting. CM stated she had sent some details to LK for her and her group to consider whether this is a project they feel they are able to and wish to consider implementing.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held 26th January 2021 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>There were no pecuniary interests declared.</p>		
5. Healthy Holidays Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><u>Healthy Holidays</u></p> <p>CM reported that once again a further project for the Easter break period will be implemented to help</p>		

	<p>struggling families. However, Healthy Holidays from Easter onwards will now be run and rolled out by</p> <p>BMBC officers in the Healthier Communities Department.</p> <p>The project will be providing Good Food Boxes. Each box will contain ingredients to make delicious and healthy meals for children’s lunchtime meals. As well as the standard ingredients box, there will be a gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian box option available. The box will also contain an activity pack including an activity booklet, skipping rope and chinks.</p> <p>The school meals route will now be used to identify families, with free school meal families only, able to qualify for the scheme. The initiative will see one hamper per child allocated.</p> <p>CM stated that large numbers of families engaging with the previous scheme in the Dodworth Ward were still not being seen. Also, there had been a limited buy-in to the project from schools in the Ward. A total of 11 families signed up for the scheme during the last roll out during half term.</p> <p>CM asked Ward Alliance Members if they wished to consider any additional support in our Ward over and above that outlined above. Ward Alliance Members felt at the present time the new initiative was sufficient.</p>		
<p>6. Small Sparks Fund Update</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Small Sparks Funding Scheme</u></p> <p>At the last Ward Alliance Meeting CM circulated a work in progress poster to be used to advertise the scheme. The poster has now been finalised and will be used to promote the initiative on social media, notice boards, and community hubs etc.</p> <p>CM circulated a copy of the finalised poster and asked Ward Alliance Members if they could share within their community/voluntary groups within the Ward.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding confirmed he had put a copy of the poster in all the notice boards in the Ward.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	

	<p>CM stated that if any Ward Alliance were able to help with distribution of the posters to other suitable establishments such as local shops or businesses to contact her direct.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	
<p>Damaged Bench on St, John's Close</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>Ward Alliance Members were briefed about a request from residents to replace an old/broken bench at St. Johns Close, Dodworth. It had been determined the bench is on private land which is owned by Thornley Taylor Estate and currently occupied by a local farming business. To the landowners the replacement of the bench is not a priority and would ultimately have to be removed by BMBC if it was determined it was dangerous.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members were asked their views on the Ward Alliance paying for the bench to be replaced.</p> <p>Councillor Birkinshaw suggested it could be investigated to see if John Twigg could repair and refurbish the bench; however, permission from the landowners would likely need to be sought to carry this out.</p> <p>BS raised the matter of future liability if the Ward Alliance was to fund its complete replacement bearing in mind it would not be sited on council land.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed in the first instance John Twigg should be contacted and asked to assess the feasibility of refurbishing the bench. Councillor Fielding will liaise with John Twigg on this matter.</p>	<p>Councillor Fielding</p>	

8. Ward Alliance Priority Leaflet	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>CM circulated a copy of the Ward Alliance Priority Leaflet for consideration and comments from all Ward Alliance Members.</p> <p>It was raised about whether details of the Ward Alliance Members should be included on the literature along with the Ward Councillors details. MH stated that this had been the case with previous literature produced in the past.</p> <p>CM asked what everyone’s thoughts were on this suggestion and stated as there was not a high turnover of membership, and if alliance members were happy to, they could also be listed.</p> <p>All Ward Alliance Members in attendance confirmed they would be happy to be included. CM will contact JT and DD to confirm they are also happy to be listed as Ward Alliance Members on the literature.</p> <p>CM stated that once the leaflet had been finalised, it was proposed to have in the region of a couple of hundred printed, in-house, for distribution/use at future events.</p>		
9. Youth Services Update	<u>Action/Decision</u>	<u>Action lead</u>
<p>CM stated that the current commissioned youth services was the YMCA and the Youth Association. Exedus were also used in some areas of the borough.</p> <p>CM reported that under Covid-19 government guidance, that although no youth activities were currently permitted, as of yesterday, such organisations are now allowed to speak with youths on the streets/in the community. They will be actively gaining knowledge about what’s happening in the area, fact sharing/myth busting in respect of Covid issues as well as educating. They are also unable to carry out any enforcement in respect of government guidelines etc. However, during their rounds they will be distributing face masks to any youths who they engage with. This is following reports of youths sharing face masks to enter shops and businesses.</p>		

	<p>The youth workers will be wearing lanyards to identify themselves.</p> <p>MH raised as a separate concern, but also involving numbers of youths, was the ongoing problems at the railway station at Dodworth, including Silkstone and Penistone Stations.</p> <p>MH stated that Northern Rail were trying to address this matter which was not only a local but a national problem.</p> <p>MH to send contact details of Northern Rail to CM so that the Youth Services can be involved, if appropriate, in finding a way to address the ongoing problem.</p>	MH	
10. WAF Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>CM detailed the latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation as follows:-</p> <p>Current Balance: £9,281.54</p> <p>Engagement Pot: £582.61</p> <p>Environment Pot: £561.26</p> <p>Incredible Edible: £695.00</p> <p>Small Sparks Fund: £1,000</p> <p>It was reported that from the 1/4/2021 (the start of new financial year) an additional £10,000 of funding would be received from Core Council.</p>		
10.1 Funding Applications Received			
	<p><u><i>Ward Alliance Storage Container</i></u></p> <p>An application was received in respect of purchasing a storage container for the sum of £3,000. As discussed previously, it had been agreed the Ward Alliance would like to have their own storage container so that equipment, including Christmas motives and lights could be stored securely in an easily accessible place. The container could also be utilised by the wards volunteer groups to store any appropriate equipment. The container will be sited on an agreed site with a BMBC agreement in place to ensure its approved to be on site and in addition will be insured by doing so. A</p>		

	<p>heavy duty lock will be used to ensure security of the container and its contents.</p> <p>Potential locations currently being investigated to site the container were on a garage to the rear of Castle View, Dodworth where 2 plots were believed to be available.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members agreed the application for the full amount.</p>		
<p>10.2 Ward Alliance Applications in the Pipeline</p>			
	<p>There are currently no other applications in the pipeline.</p>		
<p>11. Upcoming Events</p>			
	<p>There are currently no upcoming events to report.</p>		
<p>12. Any Other Business</p>			
	<p><u><i>Dog Fouling</i></u></p> <p>RC raised the matter of ongoing dog fouling problems around Dodworth village asking what action had be taken.</p> <p>CM gave an update on this issue stating District Enforcement had been notified and had been given details of particular hot spot problem areas.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services have also been notified on the issues, and when weather permits, the stencil used on the pavement will be utilised in and around identified areas/hotspots as visual reminder to dog owners about clearing up after your dog.</p> <p><u><i>Litter Problem</i></u></p> <p>Ward Alliance Members discussed the current litter problems which seemed to have increased during lockdowns. Councillor Birkinshaw reported about a company in Wakefield which used equipment to</p>		

<p>record car number plates in order to clamp down on rubbish being discarded out of car windows. This is a problem in certain areas of the Ward , in particular near J37/Capital Park/Whinby Road and also Keresforth Hill Road.</p> <p>It was reported that Paul Brannon from the Council’s Neighbourhood Enforcement Team will be trialling a scheme using a mobile fixed camera to identify and carry out enforcement in respect of littering discarded from passing vehicles.</p> <p>However, it is likely to be 2022/23 before the scheme will have a wider borough operation/coverage.</p> <p><u>Engaqement with St. John’s School</u></p> <p>DD reported that he had been in touch with St John’s about the general engagement of the school with projects and schemes in the community including the ongoing health holidays initiative.</p> <p>DD stated that conversations had been encouraging and that the school had indicated they would like to be involved with the Junior Wardens Scheme along with other future community events.</p> <p><u>Dodworth Ward Alliance Facebook Page</u></p> <p>CM reported that it was understood that no current members of the Ward Alliance had access to the email/email account currently detailed on the Ward’s facebook page. Therefore, if Ward Alliance Members were in agreement, she would be updating the page and detailing her email address instead as community engagement officer for the ward. Ward Alliance Members were agreement to this proposal.</p> <p><u>Summer Events</u></p> <p>BS stated that in line with future government guidance, he would like to propose an outdoor event similar to that held at the rear of the library in late Summer if possible. Ward Alliance Members agreed this could be something achievable and able to be considered.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>	<p>CM</p>	
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13. Date and Time of Next Meeting		
	Tuesday 26 th April 2021 at 6.00 pm	