

MINUTES	MEETING:	Parish Council Network Meeting	
	DATE:	10.08.2022, 6pm-8pm	
	VENUE:	The Lyric Theatre, Dinnington	
	CHAIR:	Cllr Sarah Allen	
	MINUTE TAKER:	Sam Kendall (RMBC – Neighbourhood Support Officer)	
In Attendance			
Cllr Sarah Allen		RMBC, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	
Jo Brown		RMBC, Assistant Chief Executive	
Martin Hughes		RMBC Head of Neighbourhoods	
Sam Kendall		RMBC, Neighbourhoods	
David Rowley		Ravenfield Parish Council	
Chris Pilkington		Anston Parish Council	
Carolynn Ogden		Wales Parish Council	
Joanne Holsey		Dalton Parish Council	
Rebecca Thompson		Bramley, Hellaby & Letwell Parish Councils	
Malcolm Brown		Bramley Parish Council	
Donna Bushby		Rotherham Allotment Alliance	
Jan Loftus		Dinnington St Johns Town Council	
Bill Loftus		Dinnington St Johns Town Council	
Jill Dixon		Todwick Parish Council	
Steve Foster		Dinnington St Johns Town Council	
Richard Swann		Woodsetts Parish Council	
Kevin Downing		Laughton Parish Council	
Apologies			
Catherine Oxtoby		RMBC, Parish Council Liaison	
Clive Jepson		Anston Parish Council	
Julie James		Treeton Parish Council	
Terry Craven		Thrybergh Parish Council	
Carol Lavell-Smith		Wickersley Parish Council	
Brian Steele		Rotherham Allotment Alliance	
Item	Subject / Discussion		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions Cllr Allen welcomed all to the meeting.		
2.	Notes from Previous Meeting (11th May 2022) MH updated following the discussions around youth provision which took place at the previous meeting. This was a good example of Whiston Parish Council & Active Regen working together to look at different models for Youth Provision and a successful outcome of the Network Meeting.		

	<p>MH stated he would soon be sending information regarding a new potential funding stream for Youth Provision from Central Government to Clerks. Carolyn Ogden, Wales PC asked for this information to be sent directly to her as well. Her email address is caznharv@yahoo.co.uk.</p>	<p>Action; MH to send info to Clerks and CO.</p>
3.	<p>Council Plan – Jo Brown (ACE Rotherham Council) Fiona Boden (Head of Policy, Performance & Intelligence, Rotherham Council)</p> <p>JB introduced the Council Plan, a core document that sets out the Council's vision and the outcomes it is looking to achieve over the next 3 years.</p> <p>The document was produced following public consultation and was agreed at Full Council in January 2022. The Council Plan is split into themes; Every neighbourhood thriving, People are safe, healthy and live well, Every child able to fulfil their potential, Expanding economic opportunity, A cleaner, greener local environment.</p> <p>The Plan covers the period 2022 – 25 and is accompanied by the Year Ahead Delivery Plan which sets out the key actions required to help us achieve the outcomes and commitments in the Council Plan. Altogether there are 26 outcomes and 47 commitments in the 3-year plan.</p> <p><u>Questions/Thoughts:</u></p> <p>Cllr Loftus, Dinnington TC: Concerned that the Dinnington Town Council Plan was not taken in to account when producing the wider Council Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH said that many of the priorities in the Neighbourhood Plan were reflected in the Ward Plan, which was looked at when producing the wider Council Plan. <p>Asked whether the Actions from the Council Plan, and the 25 Ward Plans had been published.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH said that all Ward Plans had been published and sent to all Clerks. The Actions could also be sent to Clerks. <p>Cllr Smith, Dinnington TC: Concerned that there had been no direct consultation with Dinnington Town Council when producing the Council Plan. Cllr Smith felt the plan did not address the problems faced in Dinnington, such as low life expectancy, poor school Ofsted reports and building on Green Belt land. As a result, Dinnington Town Council had drawn up its own plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Allen said that the Council Plan is a high-level document that doesn't seek to cover any area in particular. Cllr Allen suggested that Dinnington Town Council may wish to meet with Ward Members and other relevant staff to discuss Dinnington's specific issues. <p>Joanne Holsey, Dalton PC Dalton PC were approached by their local Borough Council and had the opportunity to feed in to their Ward Priorities.</p>	<p>Action; MH to arrange for Council Plan Actions to be sent to all Clerks.</p>

	<p>Cllr Rowley, Ravenfield PC Questioned how success is measured in relation to the Council Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB said it was done by the Overview/Scrutiny Committee <p>Cllr Rowley also raised the issue of poor public transport in Ravenfield in relation to the environmental aspect of the plan.</p> <p>Cllr Foster, Dinnington TC Cllr Foster felt that ideas seem to appear but nothing comes to fruition. Agrees that there is a focus on Rotherham Town Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Pilkington, Anston PC Keen to see vegetation cut back and bins emptied. Cllr Pilkington raised the issue of a resident receiving different information from different areas of RMBC. Also raised the issue of funds not being passed to local Councils, as is the case in Leeds.</p> <p>Cllr Brown, Bramley PC Raised issues with the state of wildflowers in the central reservation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Allen said Grounds Maintenance were looking at ways to avoid 2nd year fallow period. <p>Cllr Downing, Laughton en le Morthern PC Asked whether there was any way of Parish Councillors have fast track access to Streetpride.</p> <p>MH summarised by saying that all Clerks were asked to contribute to Ward Plan priorities. When consultation for the wider Council Plan was being held an invitation to contribute went to every Clerk of Parish and Town Councils. Some points re more detailed consultation taken on board.</p>	<p>Action; Cllr Allen to look in to.</p> <p>Action; JB to pick up/feedback with Grounds Maintenance.</p> <p>Action; JB to look in to.</p>
4.	<p>Rotherham Allotment Alliance – Donna Bushby & Brian Steele (Rotherham Allotment Alliance)</p> <p>On Cllr Allen's recent tour of Parish/Town Councils, many raised the issue of management of allotments. Donna was therefore invited to explain the work of Rotherham Allotments Alliance.</p> <p>Donna explained the Alliance had been setup as a separate entity from the Council. It was set up following consultation and is answerable to the Council, however it can also apply for external funding. When the Alliance was set up the Council provided £100k Capital funding for works.</p> <p>Guidance comes from a central point, the National Allotment Society, on what an allotment can be used for. This is defined in law. The Alliance is about to take on a 99-year lease on 30 sites, and are continuing to seek to establish Allotment Societies as the most preferable way of managing the sites across the Borough.</p> <p>Some privately owned sites but all RAA look after are on RMBC land</p>	

