

Cudworth Ward Alliance Notes

23rd September, 2013

Held at Bow Street Offices, Cudworth

Present:

Councillor Joe Hayward (Chair), Councillor Charles Wraith (Vice Chair), Janet Robinson, Gary Midgeley, Simon Potter, Vic Fleming, Julie Berry, Mick White, Joan Jones, Lindsey Holmes, Paul Ineson.

In Attendance

Caroline Donovan, Area Manager, Paul Jolley, Senior Locality Support Officer.

Councillor Hayward welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Cudworth Ward Alliance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Stephen Houghton and Ernest Oliver.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Agreement of the Ward Alliance Terms of Reference

The model Terms of Reference were circulated and all present were given the opportunity to read through them. After careful consideration the Group agreed to adopt these Terms of Reference for the Cudworth Ward Alliance.

4. The role of Secretary and Treasurer, and the provision of a Bursary

It was agreed that Janet Robinson would take on the role of Secretary and Treasurer for the Cudworth Ward Alliance. It was also agreed that a bursary of £500 per annum would be paid to facilitate the meetings and keep the accounts up to date.

5. Consideration of the Ward Priorities

A discussion followed with regard to the Ward priorities. After careful consideration all present agreed that the priorities for the Cudworth Ward Alliance would be Health and Wellbeing, Youth Provision, Increased Opportunities for Achievement for local residents, and The Environment.

6. Consideration of a Ward Plan

The Group were updated that they would need to consider potential projects, within their Ward Alliance priorities, which would then form the basis of their Ward Plan.

7. Update with regard to Funding

Caroline explained to the Group that there were essentially three different funding streams for the Ward Alliance to consider, which were as follows:

£10,000 from the Devolved Budget, which was not time limited. The funding has to be matched by Volunteer hours.

£5,000 from Public Health, which was not time limited, and spend would need to follow the Five Steps to Wellbeing criteria.

£2,000 from Public Health, which would need to be spent by the end of March 2014, and spend would need to follow the Five Steps to Wellbeing criteria.

However, she explained that spend was encouraged to benefit local residents and improve the local community as soon as possible, and that all projects would have to reflect the four Priorities which the Group had agreed.

8. Consideration of Potential Projects

It was acknowledged that the four priorities covered a wide area for consideration for projects. With regard to Health and Wellbeing the Group considered a Health Fayre for elderly people in the community and the possibility of a buddy system for disabled young people. It was recognised that it was important not to duplicate projects already happening in the Village.

An update was given with regard to the Community First funding so all present were aware that this funding was available to local Community Groups for the next eighteen months.

With regard to the Increased Opportunities for Achievement for local residents, the Group discussed the possibility of linking with local Schools and Nurseries. They also felt that encouraging the unemployed to engage with volunteering would be a positive way forward. Anti poverty measures were also considered and included supporting the local Food Bank through the Co-operative Supermarket, the provision of Debt Advice and helping Breakfast Clubs at School. The Junior Warden Scheme was also discussed as a means of delivering a positive active citizenship scheme to young people.

Youth Provision in the village was discussed in some detail and it was agreed it would be beneficial to invite a representative from Youth Services to the next meeting to inform the Group about the current youth provision in the Village. Simon updated the Group with regard to a 3 month diversionary activities programme at the Dorothy Hyman Sport Stadium and wondered if the funding could link into this. Caroline explained that any funding would have to be matched through volunteer time.

The local Environment was highlighted as a priority which affected everyone, and it was agreed that maintaining a good environment makes a great difference to the local community.

The necessity to ensure good communications was also raised and the possibility of setting up a Web site was considered.

Finally it was recognised that effective performance monitoring through measuring outputs and outcomes would need to be an important element of the Ward Alliance projects.

9. Dates of the next Ward Alliance Meetings

It was agreed that the next Ward Alliance meetings would be scheduled as follows:

- Monday, November 25th at 11 am at Bow Street, Cudworth
- Monday, January 6th at 11 am at Bow Street, Cudworth
- Monday, February 3rd at 11 am at Bow Street, Cudworth
- Monday, March 3rd at 11 am at Bow Street, Cudworth
- Monday, March 31st at 11 am at Bow Street, Cudworth

It was agreed that extra meetings would be scheduled if required.

It was requested that refreshments could be provided at 10.30 am before the meetings to enable the Group to get to know each other better.

10. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.