

Monk Bretton Ward Alliance Notes

17th October, 2013

Held at the Silverdale Community Centre, Monk Bretton

Present:

Councillor Steve Green (Chair), Councillor Ken Richardson, Don Booker, Pat Hall and John Townend.

In Attendance

Paul Jolley, Senior Locality Support Officer

Councillor Green welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by a round of introductions.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Margaret Sheard (Vice Chair) and Ann Moffatt.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Adoption of Chatham House Rule

The Chair gave a review of the rules adopted at the previous meeting.

4. Guest Speaker from Youth Services

Apologies were noted from Julie Hammerton.

5. Consideration of the Ward Priorities

A discussion followed with regard to the Ward priorities.

Priority - Health and Wellbeing

Pat spoke about her experience in organising a very successful, and well attended Health Fayre. This included; exercise bikes, blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks, chiropody advice, health eating demonstrations, Health Trainers activities and fundraiser challenge.

The group discussed varying methods of publicising a Health Fayre such as an advert in the Chronicle, Facebook, flyers, posters and a banner.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding venues for the Health Fayres, which included the Methodist Church in Monk Bretton, Priory Campus in Lundwood and Carlton Church. The group felt that linking in with existing groups in these venues and locations would be beneficial and help contribute to the success of the events.

Due to the tight time constraints relating to the Public Health funding, it was decided that it would be beneficial to have one Health Fayre in March 2014 at Priory Campus and two more in different venues after April 2014 to ensure all residents of the Ward have the same opportunity to attend. It was agreed that it would not be possible to organise three events before April 2014 due to time constraints. It was therefore agreed that two further Health Fayres be replicated at the Methodist Church and Carlton Church to ensure the Ward is fairly represented.

The group discussed the merits of times and dates with the primary aim to ensure the event was well attended and value for money would be achieved. Therefore the group agreed to hold the first event on Thursday 20th March, 9.30am to 1.30pm. A reserve date of Thursday 27th March was agreed.

Priority - Anti-Poverty

John spoke about an online petition regarding Welfare Reform and the impact this is having on the community.

Priority - Youth Provision

A discussion took place regarding how the Ward Alliance will represent young people in the Ward. It was agreed the group will investigate ways to get young people represented on the Ward Alliance.

Priority - The Environment

John explained he understood the Council were looking at a shrub bed audit. He asked if private landlords and housing associations were playing their part and contributing to the upkeep of the environment.

6. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Pat Hall

- Contact a graphic designer regarding posters and flyers.
- To assemble a comprehensive list of groups to invite to the Health Fayres.

Councillor Ken Richardson

- To book Carlton Church for the next meeting.
- North East Area Team
- Invite a Health Professional to the next meeting to offer advice and guidance on Health Fayres.

7. Dates of the next Ward Alliance Meetings

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

- Friday 15th November at 3.30pm, Carlton Church
- Friday 13th December at 3pm, Silverdale Community Centre
- Friday 24 January 2014 at 3pm, Burton Grange Community Centre (to book)

8. Decisions agreed

It was agreed to re-invite a guest speaker from Youth Services to give an update on Youth Provision in the Ward.

It was agreed to invite a guest speaker to talk about Debt Advice.

It was agreed to invite a guest speaker to talk about the Credit Union

9. Any Other Business

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