

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 15th May, 4.00pm
at Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Brian Key, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Pauline Markham, Margaret Barlow, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, Brian Moore, Deborah Murray, Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer)

1. Apologies

David Hildred, Lee Parkinson,

2. Minutes of meeting held 13th March and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Community First Panel Update

Amanda had sent a written update on the Community First Panel which Wendy reported to the meeting.

4. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding

Caroline gave details of the application from the Events Group. The main focus of the bid is to deliver a Gala on 26th July in Darfield Park. As part of the bid a first aid course is to be run, which will offer places to community groups in Darfield, so that in future they will be able to provide their own first aid cover at events.

The application was discussed and the group were very supportive of this plan and the application was endorsed unanimously.

5. Love Where you Live

Wendy explained that this will be launched the first week in June. The Parkhill Nature tidy up will fall within this week. There was a discussion about what other events were taking place, and how gaps could be addressed.

6. Ward Plan – Developing Action Plan

Wendy explained about the need to put actions to priorities identified in the plan. The group therefore started by considering who should lead on each of the priorities. This resulted in the Ward Alliance being the lead on eight of the priorities. It was felt that at the moment that was too many to tackle at once.

It was therefore decided that the following would be tackled first:

1. Promote Heritage, Culture and Learning – There is already quite strong support for this, with many groups working in this area. There is an Art and Heritage Exhibition planned in August.
2. Bring together local people and improve communication – The neighbourhood network are starting to set up the website and a facebook page. Once there is more information available on the site, it will be promoted in the area.
3. Supporting local sports and out of school provision – The Alliance are very keen to see this priority addressed, and are aware of several groups who would be able to help support this initiative. To this end they agreed in principle to support applications to the Ward Alliance for up to £300 per day for the facilitation of sports / events days.

7. Date of next Meeting

17th July 2014

8. Any other business

The CAB and Welfare rights one stop shop is due to start in June. As the library is closed to the public on a Wednesday there is a need to find someone to act as reception for the sessions. It would require someone from 9am – 12.30pm and from 1pm - 4.30pm on a Wednesday. The scheme will run for two years. Volunteers can offer to cover either or both sessions, long or short term. Any volunteers should contact the area team in order to discuss details.

NEXT MEETING: 17th July 2014 4pm, Illsley Road Community Centre