

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 29th September 2016 @ 4.30pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Dorothy Coates, Cllr Caroline Saunders, David Hildred, Geoff Hutchinson, Margaret Barlow, Colin Ward Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), Michael Fenna, Barbara Tindle (Secretary)

In Attendance: Hannah Phillips

1. Introductions and apologies

Pauline welcomed Hannah Phillips (Digital Doctors) and apologies received from Brian Moore. Tanya had received correspondence from Lee Parkinson who is finding it difficult to attend meetings due to work commitments. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Lee thanking him for all his work and commitment to the WA.

2. Digital Doctors – Hannah Phillips

Hannah gave a power point presentation to the members outlining the work of Digital Doctors throughout the borough. The project is led by Barnsley Council and Berneslai Homes and targeting 45-65 year olds on all aspects of computer technology. It is held in libraries across the borough and intends to roll out further into communities. It gives advice on a range of topics (computers, tablets, smartphones, email, internet, social media and Skype). Anyone wanting more information about the Digital Doctors should email DeviceDoctors@barnsley.gov.uk. Pauline thanked Hannah for attending.

3. Minutes of last meetings and matters arising

19th May 2016 – approved

14th July 2016 – Due to the meeting not being quorate decisions need to be ratified.

Matters arising: A letter of thanks has been sent to Kevin Osborne and Phil Beer & Zoe Ellis-Georgiou from One Stop Shop have been invited to the November Ward Alliance meeting.

4. Ward Alliance Fund

Applications

Basketball opportunities for 7-13 year olds - £200

After a brief discussion regarding the application it was agreed to fund the project in full.

A Christmas Tree for Darfield - £500

Geoffrey Hutchinson declared an interest. After a brief discussion regarding the application it was agreed to fund the project in full. It was agreed for Tanya and Barbara to look at organising a small Christmas event to tie in with the installation of the tree.

Action: Tanya and Barbara

Maintenance of team facilities at Houghton Main Football Ground - £600

Colin Ward declared an interest and left the room. After a brief discussion regarding the application it was agreed to fund the project in full.

Replacement bins for Bly Road/Pinfold/Inkerman - £900

After discussing the application, concerns were raised regarding whose responsibility it was to provide bins within the area and whether or not the Ward Alliance Fund should be used for this. It was agreed to defer the application until further information has been received. A meeting with Highways to be arranged to explore this matter further.

Action: Tanya, Colin, Caroline

Love your Street - £250

After a brief discussion regarding the application it was agreed to fund the project in full.

Decisions ratified:

Darfield History Society - £650 – Approved

Darfield Outwood Academy (Heathy Lifestyle) – Rejected

Room hire for WA meetings up to the end of March 2017 - £120 - Approved

Update on Darfield Cricket Club application to cut back overhanging trees – Tanya contacted the club and work will begin on the 9th October 2016. A banner will be erected on the railings of the ground to advertise that the funding came from the WA.

5. Ward Alliance Project Updates

Gala – Caroline gave a brief update on how successful the day went. Thanks was given to Caroline and everyone involved in helping with the event. It was decided that the main role would be passed onto another WA member so that the work can be equally distributed. Geoffrey informed the meeting that there was an unspent balance of £175. It was agreed to ask for this amount to be kept and used to fund the Christmas event spoken about earlier.

Action: Tanya to contact the Grants Officer.

Cenotaph – Dorothy to meet with Lee and Parks to develop the project further.

Winter Warmers -to discuss at a later date.

Community Resilience Plan – Earlier on in the year the WA started work on supporting Barnsley Council with the production of local flood plans. Tanya has been asked to approach the Alliance to see if they would like to extend this piece of work and develop a local community resilience plan which would be actioned during times of adverse weather, utility disruption, evacuation etc. The WA agreed that they wished to concentrate on just producing up-to-date flood plans for now. A community resilience plan may be considered further down the line. WA members would like to express their thanks to the South Area Team for all their hard work on the flood plans.

Action – Tanya, Pauline, Dorothy, Caroline

6. **Revisiting Priorities** – A meeting to revisit priorities of the WA to ensure that they best meet the needs of the local area was arranged for Thursday 13th October 2016 at 3.30 – 5.30 pm at Darfield Community Centre.

7. **Training and Development**

An informal networking event for all of the Alliances across the South area is to be held on Thursday 6th October 2016 4 – 6 pm at Wombwell Library. This is an opportunity to meet each other and find out more about the fabulous work being carried out across the South Area.

8. **Any other business**

Geoff discussed the Bank account/signatures with members and after a brief discussion it was agreed to leave it how it stands for now.

Darfield Post Office will close on 6th October 2016 at its current location and it was agreed a thankyou card would be sent to Muralee Panchanathan and his family for all their work within the community.

Community Notice Board – Tanya has spoken with St. Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School who have agreed to have one of the notice boards. The Tidy Team will erect the board and the school have agreed to update it as and when required.

Tanya informed the members that Kate Faulkes (South Area Manager) is on long term sick having had a fall whilst on holiday.

The Community magazine will be sent out in December and if anyone would like an article to appear please contact Tanya for more information.

A Safe Guarding Poster was handed out for feedback. Members agreed the light blue colouring on wording is too hard to read.

Tanya gave information regarding the #iwill campaign to promote social actions amongst young people. If anyone knows of any projects that these young volunteers could get involved with, please contact Tanya for more information.

9. **Date of next meeting** – *Thursday 17th November 2016*