

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 17th November 2016 @ 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

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

In Attendance: Zoe Ellis-Georgiou

1. Introductions and Apologies

Caroline welcomed Zoe Ellis-Georgiou and apologies received from Cllr Pauline Markham and David Hildred.

2. One Stop Shop – Zoe Ellis-Georgiou

Zoe Ellis-Georgiou gave a brief outline of her role and that of her colleague Phil Beer and of the success of the One-Stop-Shop. They work from Darfield Children's Centre, Wombwell Library and Hoyland Library and can sign post clients to relevant agencies if necessary. They provide friendly, free and confidential advice on issues such as debt, housing and benefits issues, council tax, tax credits, state pensions and much more. They're client feedback is very good and they have extended funded until March 2017. Caroline thanked Zoe for attending.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed

- The Gala money has been transferred to the Christmas Tree event
- A meeting to discuss the issue of litter is still to be arranged. It was suggested that Parks be invited to this also.
- Bellbrooke Event – Tanya gave a brief update on how successful the day went and a total of 17 bags of rubbish were collected. Both adults and children enjoyed the activities and food and it was suggested other activities would be welcome in the park. Paint for the railings that surround the park has been bought and another day will need to be arranged for this activity.
- Darfield Cricket Club – Both the banner and the street clean have been arranged for November.

4. Ward Alliance Fund

An up-to-date Ward Alliance Fund Balance Sheet was viewed by members.

Darfield Cricket Club – Junior Cricket Winter Programme £660

After a brief discussion concerns were raised with how many of the children were from outside the Darfield area.

It was agreed to contact the Cricket Club and ask what proportion of children were from outside the area and deduct this percentage. The members were happy to fund the project for Darfield children. Action: Tanya to contact the Cricket Club.

Darfield Youth Group – Time for Tea £420

Dorothy declared an interest and left the room. After a brief discussion concerns were raised about the age range of who would be invited to the event. They agreed to fund the application in full with a suggestion that local elderly people from Darhaven be considered an invitation.

5. Ward Alliance Project Updates

- Cenotaph – A meeting to be arranged between Parks, Tanya, Colin & Dorothy
- Winter Warmers – to be revisited in June 2017 with the aim of delivering in September/October 2017.
- Darfield Christmas Tree – Geoff gave a brief update. The event will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at the Maurice Dobson Museum at 4 – 6 pm. The Christmas Tree is ordered, there will be a Father Christmas, a present for each child, they can write a letter to Father Christmas and children from All Saints Academy will be singing festive songs and refreshments will be served. Volunteers for the day would be appreciated.
- Community Flood Plans – Tanya updated the Alliance. The plans are almost there. Tanya has met with Darfield Bridge Flood Group who are exploring the idea of distributing their flood plan at an information event in June which would also mark the 10 year anniversary of the big flood.
- Dorothy put forward the suggestion of purchasing a number of defibs for the community. Caroline added that the certificates of those who have undertaken first aid training will now be ready for renewing – the 2 suggestions complimenting each other. It was decided to consider this project idea at a later date.

6. Alliance Priorities

After a successful meeting in October, Tanya compiled a draft copy of the priorities for the Alliance members and a further meeting has been arranged for Thursday 15th December at the Community Centre at 4 pm where the Alliance can finalise their priorities. In the meantime, members are asked to think of any further comments / project ideas and feed these into Tanya by Friday 2nd December.

7. Any other business

Tanya asked for article suggestions for the next Community Magazine. After a brief discussion suggestions were: The launch of the History Society Book, Darfield Christmas Tree Event, Time for Tea project and the Cenotaph project with a request for volunteers. Using the magazine as an opportunity to consult on the change of priorities was also discussed.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th January 2017, 4pm at Darfield Community Centre.