

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 19th January 2017 @ 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

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

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Margaret Barlow

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed

- A meeting with Parks with regards to litter is to be arranged
- A 'paint the railings day' at Bellbrooke park area has been arranged for Friday 24th February 2017, 10 am -12 noon. It is supported by the Tidy Team, residents to be invited and any volunteers on the day would be appreciated.

3. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received

Tanya gave a brief outline on the balance sheet.

Darfield Cricket Club £594 – The decision to award 90% was ratified

Low Valley Art Group £300

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

DWA - Darfield Cenotaph £3070

Tanya gave a brief outline of the stage 1 project and is waiting for a second quote.

After discussion, it was agreed to fund the project subject to the second quote not being more than £3070.

DWA - Community First Aid Training £500

Caroline gave a brief outline, places for between 10-12 people on a 6-hour day course with a valid certificate. Date to be arranged. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the project in full.

4. Ward Alliance Project Updates

- Darfield Christmas Tree – A successful event with father Christmas switching the lights of the tree on and giving presents out, carol singing from Darfield school children and warm beverages were served. The Alliance would like to thank Geoff Hutchinson and all his volunteers for making the event successful.
- Darfield Cenotaph – Tanya updated to Alliance. A meeting before Christmas with Andy Nixon regarding the trees within the area was discussed. A clean-up day under the umbrella of The Great British Clean Up has been arranged for Saturday 4th March 2017 between 9 am -12 noon. It will be supported by the Tidy Team and volunteers are welcome.

- Flood Plans – Final amendments to the Darfield Bridge flood plans are being put in place. An information event to be organised in June at the Darfield Cadet Club where the plan and the emergency flood kits can be handed out. Tanya to arrange a meeting with the Low Valley group to complete their flood plans
Action: Tanya
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline gave a brief outline regarding taster sessions on nutrition, exercise and living a healthy lifestyle to the Ward.
Action: Caroline
- Dorothy and Colin are working on putting together an application for 3 planters for Middlecliffe. Tanya was asked to start the process of obtaining the relevant permissions from Highways. Highways has also been asked to quote for improvement works to ‘the ring’ at the junction of Nanny Marr Road and Doncaster Road so that it is much more manageable for volunteers to maintain moving forward. Action: Dorothy, Colin, Tanya

5. Alliance Priorities – The Alliance discussed where consultations could be held regarding the Alliance Priorities. Caroline to take forms to the Library (groups & members of the public). Pauline to take forms to the Community Centre (groups) Michael to take forms to Billingley Parish Council. Tanya to contact Alan Hayes (Houghton Main Football Club) with regards to contacting people in his area. Other suggestions to hold consultations were Darfield Children Centre, Doctors, Dentists, Podiatrists within the area.

6. Any other business

Tanya informed the Alliance that the Community Magazine will have information regarding the Darfield History Book, the Bellbrooke Event, plans for the Cenotaph and a full-page consultation on the Alliance new priorities. The magazine goes out to all properties within the Darfield Ward the first week in February.

Tanya inform the Alliance about the ‘Great British Clean Up’ that is taking place between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th March and is a national campaign to encourage everyone to do their bit to help clean up their local area. In Darfield work is planned for Friday 3rd at the Houghton Miners Memorial Wheel, 10am until 12 noon with the Cenotaph work day taking place on the Saturday morning. Fitzwilliam Road was highlighted as an area in need of a tidy up. Tanya to speak to Neighbourhood Services to see what can be done. Billingley Parish Council intend to hold a Love Billingley clean-up day on the Sunday.

Potential dates for the DWA meetings to be confirmed:

Thursday 18th May 2017 @ 4 pm

Thursday 13th July 2017 @ 4 pm

Thursday 21st September 2017 @ 4 pm

Thursday 23 November 2017 @ 4 pm

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th March 2017 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre