

Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Wards

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2017

The Hoyland Centre

Present

Cllr Mick Stowe
Cllr Robin Franklin
Cllr Tim Shepherd
Cllr Jim Andrews

Hoyland Milton
Hoyland Milton
Hoyland Milton
Rockingham

John Lang
Ben Merryman
Janet Cartwright
Alison Lamb
Rob Hargreaves
Ian Warhurst

Hoyland Job Club
Tesco
Friends of Elsecar Park
Elsecar Church
Berneslai Homes
HAG

Apologies

Cllr Chris Lamb
Cllr Emma Dures

Rockingham
Rockingham

Fiona Tennyson
Anne Sanderson
Neil Spencer
Pat Gregory
Danielle Gill

Barnsley MBC
Neighbourhood Watch
Forge Community Partnership
Walderslade Surgery
Tesco

Councillor Stowe chaired the meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies.

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

It was noted that Cllr Robin Franklin's attendance was omitted from the previous minutes. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Community Resilience.

Potential venues in the area were discussed that could be used in an emergency as a refuge which can be accessed by volunteers quickly to provide tea; refreshments; first aid etc. by residents. All Berneslai Homes community centres are already on the plan. A list of potential venues and contact details are to be emailed to Simon Dobby. DG is to email all appropriate people to find key contacts.

The following buildings were identified as suitable venues:

- Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Elsecar
- Holy Trinity Church Elsecar
- Milton Hall
- Tesco
- Jump WMC
- Rockingham Centre
- Hoyland Common Community Centre
- Cloughfields Community Centre
- Jump Childrens Centre
- Birdwell Community Centre
- Blacker Hill Community Centre
- West Bank House

4. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding.

Discussed how much money was currently in the Ward Alliance Fund. We need to help and encourage groups to tap into small pots of money. The Chair complemented the Ward Alliance on making sure that the group invest money in the community. The Chair stated that funding had been discussed at Area Council and decided to encourage groups who have experience in applying for external funding to support groups without the experience so that income can be maximised and that will encourage community groups to look towards external funding for added value rather than repeatedly looking to Ward Alliance Funding.

5. Ongoing Projects.

Slips trips and falls evaluation has been provided by Forge Community Partnership. 88% of recipients contacted felt safer in the home with their new slippers. Participants appeared to have enjoyed the social aspect of the event; interestingly 55% of recipients did not engage in regular social activity. The evaluation was discussed and how this information can be utilised to move on to the next project. The alliance felt we could develop a project on the back of the evaluation particularly around social inclusion and the amount of residents not engaged in regular social activity. We need to remember that it is not just older people who suffer from this but younger people too. We need to look at opportunities available create the next move.

It was discussed about holding tea dances but Elsecar already have tea dancers regularly and Birdwell Community Centre hold them 6 days a week. The group also heard about the good neighbour service, the Chair thought Berneslai Homes ran a similar type of group. The alliance was asked to consider their thoughts and bring them to a workshop. We need to identify what we already have in the community.

A workshop will be held at the **Hoyland Centre on Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 5pm** and future project ideas will be put on the next Ward Alliance meeting agenda. Sarah Harrison needs to be invited to the workshop.

6. New Projects.

- Friends of Hoyland Library – to be considered at the next meeting

- Elsecar Community Nursery – Growing Together - agreed

7. Any other business.

The Friends of Elsecar Park are having a nature day to launch the 1 mile walk around the Park and reservoir. The walk will help residents get fitter and healthier and into the habit of improving their health and wellbeing. The launch takes place at the annual nature day on Sunday 9 April 2017 1:30pm to 3:30pm. If anyone takes photos can they send it into Hoyland Cap.

Jackie Carr the Practice Manager at the GP Surgery in the Hoyland Lift building wants to join the Ward Alliance – the members agreed and Jackie will be invited to the next meeting.

The anti-social behaviour problems at Tesco seem to have ended and Berneslai Homes were thanked by Tesco for the part they have played in solving these problems.

The Youth Partnership has now been going for one year he would like to report back on the progress at the next alliance meeting.

The Chair informed the alliance that Barnsley had won LGC Awards in the 'Community Involvement' category 2017. We need to be proud of this and publicise it more because if we didn't have groups of volunteers we have far less in the community.

Councillor Andrews put his apologies in for the next meeting.

8. Date of the next meeting Hoyland Centre Monday 15th May 2017