

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 4.00pm**  
**At Darfield Community Centre**

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

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Sarah Harrison (Private Sector Housing Officer for the South Area Council), apologies received from Colin Ward and Johnny Reay (Superfast South Yorkshire)

**2. Sarah Harrison from the South Area Council**

Sarah gave a brief outline on her role within the areas and holds drop-in sessions in Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham and Wombwell. She currently has 12 open cases. She works with private rental residents and private landlords. Her aim is to support and encourage communities to set and raise living and housing standards, including behavioural standards, environmental standards, housing and property conditions. If other problems arise that are not in her remit she sign-posts to the relevant agencies. Pauline thanked Sarah for attending.

**3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed

- Bellbrooke Paint day was a little disappointing with only 3 young people attending but they enjoyed the painting. Tanya to meet with Jola Walker of Berneslai Homes to discuss how we could engage with the people that live in this area.
- First Aid Training – 11 people will be attending the one day training on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**4. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received**

Tanya gave a brief outline on the balance sheet £13,669 and informed the Alliance that senior management have confirmed any surplus funding may be carried over to the new financial year 2017 - 2018

Houghton Main Miners Welfare £848

After a brief discussion, concerns were raised on where the lawnmower would be stored. It was agreed to fund the application in full on proviso that security was tightened up and the relevant insurance was taken out.

Darfield All Saints £2106

David declared an interest. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the application in full.

Friends of Darfield Churchyard £2500

David declared an interest. Pauline met with John Kendall who showed her the extent of how steep the path was and how a handrail was needed. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the application in full.

#### Darfield Community Centre £550

After a brief discussion, concerns were raised on relevant insurances and DBS checks whilst working with groups of people. It was agreed to fund the project in full on proviso that the relevant insurances were in place.

#### Greenspace Volunteers £1462

Dorothy gave a brief outline on the project. Colin had sought prices on the planters getting a 4 for the price of 3 offer and the flowers and soil to be donated. Tanya informed the Alliance that the plans are awaiting approval from the Highways department. The Alliance agreed in principle to fund the project in full but awaiting Highways to agree planning permission.

#### Health Project £4090.22

Caroline gave a brief outline on the application and how it ties in with the Alliances priorities for the coming year. After consulting with various groups within the area it was clear that although Darfield has various keep fit classes, there was a need for different activities – low impact exercises to improve posture, such as movement to music, yoga, gardening, aromatherapy, arts and crafts. The project also includes a 6 week ‘Look after me course’.

After consulting with the Stitches group at the library, it was agreed in principle, that a taster event would be a good way of introducing various taster activities from adult colouring, card and domino games, crochet, knitting and card making. A befriending service was also mentioned and could be included at a later date. Classes already in the area could also be promoted at the event. Possible future projects to explore are holding tea dances and getting young people involved.

It was agreed to fund the project in full with a 10% leeway for price variations.

## **4. Ward Alliance Project Updates**

- Darfield Cenotaph –The clean-up day under the umbrella of The Great British Clean Up on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 went very well. Three adults and 4 children attended and worked very hard on the day; clearing many bags of rubbish from the area and tidying borders and pathways.
- Flood Plans – awaiting plans to be signed off from BMBC.  
Action: Tanya
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Already updated see above
- Darfield Ring – Pauline informed the Alliance that Colin and Paul had met with Highways regarding a low maintenance area and the quote was £4838.88. This was considered by the Alliance to be too high considering that the Ward Alliance Fund allocation for next year will be just £10k. After discussion Caroline put forward the suggestion to ring-fence the remainder of the 2016/2017 Alliance funding towards the Darfield ring for other options to be explored. It was seconded by Margaret Barlow.

5. **Alliance Priorities** – Tanya has received 24 consultation forms back with further forms to follow from various groups. Tanya asked if the Alliance would like to roll out the forms to a wider audience but they agreed that the groups would give enough feedback. Tanya to update the Alliance at the next meeting on the results of the consultation and arrange for ‘Action Planning’ to be an agenda item to allow the Alliance to develop a timeline for the projects it wants to undertake during 2017/2018. This would help keep the Alliance on track throughout the year and enable the smaller working groups on a particular project to meet up and plan accordingly.

Tanya informed the Alliance that the South Area Team is looking to explore social isolation/intergenerational activity along with a Good Neighbour Scheme across the South Area working with each of the Ward Alliances. If anyone is interested in being part of a working group to take this forward, please let Tanya know. A rep from each of the Ward Alliances is being asked for.

6. **Any other business**

Margaret informed the Alliance that after the Crime & Safety meeting concerns were raised regarding parking on the main road outside the Co-op, Barnsley Road, Darfield. A discussion regarding ‘would double yellow lines and monitoring the area be feasible’. Tanya explained that if it is a local issue it could be brought to the attention of the Area Council. It was agreed that Pauline would raise it at the next South Area Council meeting.

Action: Pauline

Tanya asked the Alliance if they would like to have a DWA focus group to meet with Paul Hollingsworth on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Westgate for interviews for a Surface Director. If anyone is interested could they let her know.

Tanya circulated an information email and poster from Johnny Reay who was unable to attend the meeting.

7. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre