

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 13th July 2017 @ 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

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

1. Introductions and Apologies

Claire Beecroft from BMBC Live Well and Lee Glover from Virgin Media were introduced and apologies from Geoff Hutchinson and Michael Fenna

2. Claire Beecroft from Live Well Barnsley

Claire explained that the Live Well Barnsley is an online service directory containing information about Health, wellbeing, care and support related services across the borough. It was developed by Barnsley council and partners to bring together a wealth of information about staying well, keeping independent and active, all in one place, making it quicker and easier for users to find. It has been up and running for 6 months and is progressing well. Claire informed the WA that any groups/associations who would like to be added to the site would be welcome.

3. Lee Glover – Virgin Media

Lee gave a power point presentation regarding the Network Expansion Build called Project Lightning (Fibre to the premise) for Darfield. He gave a brief introduction about Virgin Media and what the Project Lightning means to the UK. He spoke about how the works are carried out and what it means to have superfast internet connectivity. He is planning a Community Event to invite all residents to come along and see all the information and meet representatives who will be on hand to answer any questions and has asked the Alliance if they can help promote the event. All homes will receive a letter informing them of the event and anyone registering on ‘Cable my Street’ will be able to see where the work is being done.

4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed, nothing arising

5. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received

The Balance sheet was circulated - £8,502

Applications:

The Darfield Ring (Stage 1) - £2,459

A plan of the Darfield Ring was circulated and Dorothy explained to the Alliance that Stage 1 of this project is to partially grass and plant flowers making the area look clean and tidy. Stage 2 - adding planters and signage and then maybe look to other funding bodies for a longer lasting solution with a resin surface. The Ward Alliance agreed in principle but awaiting Highways and Groundworks approval. A discussion regarding sponsors from local business’ in the area could be explored at a later date.

Billingley Village Community Association (Food Hygiene Training) - £522

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

6. Ward Alliance Projects

- Darfield Cenotaph – The planting event in June with Year 3 children from All Saints Academy went very well. Future events such as bird box building, an autumn/winter planting and tidy sessions, art and photography sessions was discussed. Groundworks to be contacted regarding some loose flag stones
Action: Tanya
The building at the side of the Cenotaph has been sold to a window company who will need access to the back of their building via the Cenotaph. A meeting with Councillors, Highways and Parks to be arranged.
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – The Yoga, Balance & Chair exercise and the Be Well classes are up and running. Caroline asked that the Alliance continue to promote them. Other projects are still in the planning stages – updates to follow.
- Darfield Gala – Everything booked and ready for Saturday 22nd July. Volunteers would be appreciated for the day.
- Principle Towns – Representatives from the Alliance met with Fiona at the All Saints Church and walked around the shops on Snapehill Road, past the old Foulstone School on Nannymarr Road, down towards the Darfield ring, back along School Street. A discussion regarding tidying around the area where the shops are, more car parking along the long bus lane on Nannymarr Road, new signage at the Darfield Ring and the car park at the church needing repair. A registration of interest bid was then discussed and submitted.

7. Action Plan Workshop

Tanya gave a brief update on the Action Plan workshop that was held last month, copies circulated. Everyone can see at a glance who's working on each project and the allocated timescale. Any subgroup meetings can be organised between each other.

8. Any other business

Tanya handed out Volunteer Recognition Cards to Alliance volunteers and briefly explained how the cards will be rolled out to all volunteers. Volunteer hours can easily be added up and the long-term aim is to reach a certain number of hours per volunteer and a recognition gift from a local business would be earned.

Dorothy and Pauline are meeting Park Services on 1st August 2017.

It was decided that the first planning meeting for next year's Gala will be January 2018.

9. Date of next meeting

Thursday 21st September 2017 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre