

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 21st September 2017 @ 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

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

1. Introductions and Apologies – Pauline welcomed Jonah Miulonda. Jonah introduced himself, he is studying at Oxford University and contacted the Area Team with the view to volunteering. He is keen to work and support the Ward Alliance. Apologies from Cllr Dorothy Coates.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed. Virgin Media have not been in contact regarding the community event that was discussed at the July meeting. Action: Tanya to contact with an update.

David asked if there was any news regarding Principle Towns funding. Pauline said no updates as yet but the application has been submitted.

Caroline raised concerns over how limited funded we have available and maybe consider limiting it. Tanya informed the alliance that overall the Alliance is on target.

Pauline reminded members that if any member who declares an interest in an application they must leave the room enabling others to discuss the application in full. The members agreed.

3. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received

The Balance sheet was circulated - £8,502

Applications:

Barnsley Leaders Junior Basket Ball Club £200

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

Darfield Wesley Almost New Group £840.00

After discussion, concerns were raised regarding funding this application, as the building is owned by the church and is not a community building. A suggestion that other funding bodies may be able to help. The work this group does is very beneficial to the needs of families in the area. It was suggested and agreed that Tanya would visit the group to find alternate ways of supporting them.

Darfield Bowling Club £408.57

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the project in full on proviso the tap is switched on and off from inside and adequate insulation in winter for around the tap.

Billingley Village History Group £400

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

Billingley Ladies Group £720

After discussion members felt £60 for speakers seemed expensive as some speakers either don't charge at all or ask for a donation which is normally around £40. It was agreed to fund only £400.

4. Ward Alliance Projects

- Darfield Cenotaph - Tanya gave a brief update and circulated some photographs taken from the event in June. A proposed date for the next event is Friday 27th October in preparation for Armistice Day. Tanya to invite local school children and the History Group who could give a talk. Volunteers welcome on the day.
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline informed the members that the ‘Try Me’ days have now been organised – the Craft days are Tuesday 10th October and 14th November and the Games Tuesday 24th October and 28th November, 1 pm – 3 pm. Pauline thanked Caroline, Tanya and Barbara for all their hard work.
- Community Notice Boards – Tanya and Barbara in the process of putting together a contacts list for each notice board so that any group who would like to advertise in them know who to contact, making it a better use of all notice boards.
- The Ring – Colin and the Tidy Team have this week weeded and dug over the area in preparation for Groundwork to follow up on the next stage. Date to be arranged. Pauline thanked Dorothy, Colin and the Tidy Team as well as Paul and anyone else that had volunteered to keep the Ring tidy.

- 5. Crowdfund Barnsley** - Tanya reminded the alliance of the forthcoming event on Friday 22nd September at Oakwell Football Ground 2 pm- 4 pm to launch Crowdfund Barnsley. This is a new way of raising funding for community projects by asking for donations from the wider community. All Alliance members welcome.

6. Any other business

Dementia Friends –Tanya asked members if they would like to become Dementia Friends. It was agreed and Tanya to arrange training for all members.

SYFAB Barnsley Funding Development Worker – Karen Walke has been appointed and a funding event to be organised for January 2018.

Tanya and Geoff have met for a monitoring meeting and there is an under spend of £225.67. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this money can be allocated towards the Darfield Christmas Tree and event. Geoff informed the members that a preliminary date of Friday 1st December 2017.

David wanted to clarify that the ‘Love where you Live’ banner erected at the Darfield Cricket Club was put up by the Cricket Club as a thank you for funding it had received. The members confirmed that this was the case.

Caroline asked if everyone could promote the up and coming 'Try Me' days and any volunteers would be welcome.

Proposed 2018 Dates:

Thursday 18th January

Thursday 15th March,

Thursday 17th May,

Thursday 19th July,

Thursday 20th September,

Thursday 15th November

9. Date of next meeting

Thursday 23rd November 2017 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre