

**Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**The Hoyland Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. Chris Lamb	Rockingham Ward (Chair)
	Cllr. Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton Ward
	Cllr. Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward
	Janet Cartwright	Friends of Elsecar Park
	Revd. Alison Earl	Vicar – Holy Trinity Elsecar & St. Marys Worsbrough
	Patricia Gregory	Walderslade Surgery
	Andy Hodgkinson	ToCH
	John Lang	Work Club
	Neil Spencer	Forge Community Partnership
	Ian Warhurst	Hemingfield Action Group
	Dawn Grayton	BMBC South Area Team
	Joan Whittaker	Alliance Secretary
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. Emma Dures	Rockingham Ward
	Cllr. Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward
	Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
	Dave Graham	Berneslai Homes
	Phil Anderson	Tesco
	Danielle Gill	Tesco
	June Walker	Barnsley Federation of Tenants & Residents

Cllr. Chris Lamb chaired the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Sadie Youell who is at present studying at Hallam University and who is attending this meeting to see how local processes work, i.e. democracy and community engagement in action.

1. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

The notes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

2. Tidy Team

Neil would like to say that it is business as usual and in many ways it is. Some of you may have seen the article in The Chronicle that suggested it was failing on some aspects and yet it is a fair comment to say that there are two targets that are lower than we would like them to be but not by enough to create any worry. In response to that we have remodelled one of the working remits so that they have a specific target for more community engagement and more engagement with local business, because they are the two points that are slightly below target. Overall, three weeks in it has some emergent successes already which we are pleased about, so it has been well worthwhile and the team continue to be, in my opinion, over zealous in their approach to seeing things that need doing and getting their sleeves rolled up and doing it. If you have anything at all that you would like some assistance with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Cllr. Lamb stated that two or three weeks ago, the team did blitz the area around Shortwood Business Park and efforts were made to engage local businesses in clearing up their own muck (only their own) and he regrets to say that there were only two offers of assistance from local

businesses, neither of which materialised. Something must be done with our business neighbours in reminding them of their responsibility in keeping their own business areas clean.

Janet Cartwright thanked the Tidy Team for their assistance, particularly in the planting of 100 trees in Elsecar Park. Neil said the team members thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with members of the community.

### 3. Results of Consultation Exercise

Dawn explained that the chart showed results from galas attended last summer and when we attend such events we consult with the public to find out which of our priorities are most important to them. The question was asked if the meeting still wanted to keep the priorities as they are and if not what should they be replaced with. Cllr Lamb suggested that we might write to our constituency MP asking him to raise the issue relating to benefit sanctions but realistically as a community group there is nothing more we can do.

### 4. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding

Cllr Shepherd raised a question on the inclusion of the devolved ward budget, primarily as to whether it should be on the agenda as it relates to finances which are usually discussed with Council officers. After discussion amongst elected members it was agreed that this could be included in future, but only for information and not as a subject for debate.

### 5. Ongoing Projects

#### ❖ Winter Warmer Packs

All 500 packs have been distributed and Dawn has received some great comments from recipients. Obviously this has stopped now so we need to be looking at something to move on with. It was agreed at the last Area Council Meeting that two representatives from the Ward Alliance would give a presentation at the next Area Council Meeting relating to the Winter Warmer Packs and Dawn does have a presentation that she is quite willing to pass on to whoever will be attending the Area Council. It was agreed that Andy Hodgkinson and Neil Spencer would represent Ward Alliance members. Joan drew to the attention of the members a rather nice footnote that contradicted the feeling that greed might be the prime mover on the part of some recipients. She shared that her 87 year old mother-in-law who lives in a terraced house, without central heating, on Sheffield Road, received one. A pack was also given to one of her neighbours on the same road. Both these ladies asked how much do they owe - they are not used to getting freebies. Cllr Lamb said that as these ladies were prepared to pay, then obviously the contents had some use.

One thing that did come out of this exercise was the number of people who commented that the delivery person was the first to knock at their door in a couple of weeks. Dawn suggested that perhaps our next project should be something that could combat social isolation. This suggestion was warmly welcomed.

❖ Battle of the Somme Centenary

There has been considerable discussion about this in previous meetings and essentially it came down as to whether we would be contributing only to find that children from our area would not be part of the celebrations on the day. Cllr Lamb spoke to Cllr Hayward who has been heading this up on behalf of the authority. Cllr Hayward gave more than enough reassurance that actually there will be children from all of the schools in the borough who are participating. Agreed to contribute.

❖ Arts for Health

There has been previous discussion and Neil recapped by saying that at our last meeting we heard that funding for the staff member was tenuous and it will come to an end. Unfortunately there is no capacity in the individuals who have been coming together in that social group to continue it. The application is, therefore, to be withdrawn.

## 6 New Projects

Councillor Stowe had sent his votes by email.  
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Andy declared an interest. Basically it is a first aid training event showing members of the local community how to use a defibrillator.

It fits in with a number of the priorities of this Ward Alliance and it fits particularly into the public health element. Approved and to come out of the public health budget.

Platts Common Bingo Club

This is for a grant totalling £200. Accepted

Jump PTFA

This is an application to run sessions highlighting the importance of healthy eating. The request is for a total of £2,500. Cllr Shepherd said that he could see no evidence of a contribution from the school. Dawn said the school reports they have no funds available having just funded a singing event. Cllr Franklin said that whilst he takes this on board, he is of the opinion that we are not here to double fund the school budget. Cllr Shepherd said that he can understand the PTFA being short of funds but not the school. Alison reported that at present there is absolutely no flexibility in school budgets. The question was asked as to who was being targeted and the response was that in the first instance it was parents and then children who attend the school. Janet drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that there were two applications, one from Jump and one from Greenfield. If other schools put in similar applications, then it could clear out public health funding.

Friends of Greenfields

Cllr Lamb said that he would have liked to have seen some kind of contribution from the school in staffing involvement. Dawn was asked to contact the schools.

#### Dream Team

Cllr Franklin said that he had deep reservations in that the area of land has already had the posts removed and now they are wanting to put back that which was taken out. Clarification is required as to why they need extra money, i.e. £4,000 over and above the £10,000 they are receiving from the National Lottery.

Janet thinks they should put in further applications re planting and Anderson Shelter.

Felt that we need further details and each individual part of the project should be funded separately. Application deferred - Dawn to contact applicant.

#### Elsecar Heritage Railway

Alison Earl declared an interest and left the meeting. Recommended to approve.

#### Barnsley Little Stars

Support group for families with special needs children. Application approved.

#### Elsecar Park Summer Concerts

Self explanatory - application approved

### 6. Any Other Business

#### Kier

Joan said that just before the last meeting she asked all elected members if they would have any objections to Kier being put forward for membership of the Ward Alliance. After lengthy discussion It was agreed that Joan and Cllr Lamb would make an appointment to see Pat Mollart and discuss.

#### Birdwell Action Group

Agreed to invite

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12 April 2016 at Hoyland Library