

Wombwell Community Alliance

Held in Library at 6pm on 15/03/16

Present

Cllr Rob Frost	Chair
Cllr Dick Wraith	Vice Chair
Brian Whitaker	Treasurer
Amanda Bradshaw	BMBC
Sara Brautigam	Secretary
Brenda Eastwood	
Graham Wright	
Alan Taylor	
Cllr Margret Morgan	
Joan Whitaker	We Love Wombwell
Jola Walker	Berneslai Homes

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received for this meeting, however Amanda informed the group that John Cooper had handed in his resignation. The group would like to thank John for all he has done on the Alliance.

2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were recorded as a true record.

3. Presentation From Mick Stowe Chair of South Area Council

The South Area Council have put on free courses for business people with internships that have helped 41 people with CV writing, workshops and volunteering.

The social return on the debt management programme in other areas has produced a £4-£5 return, however in the south area it has produced £28.81 for every £1.

Barnsley Council has been nominated and made it into the finals for The Best Council Award along with 4 other awards, the results of which will be announced on 16th March 2016 in London.

There is 11300 volunteers in Barnsley for which the South Area Council thanks the Alliance for their help and also the qualitative gain they have helped with.

4. High Street Update

A vandal proof notice board has been ordered for the High Street.

There has now been 3 quotes for the high street work, however there is an issue with the tender so the group are looking at going with the second quote.

The Tidy Team are looking at going to the high street for two Sundays to hopefully make a big impact on the rubbish that has been collected over the holiday season.

The spring hanging baskets have been put up on the high street, however one has been stolen. **ACTION-** Joan is going to place a notice on the We Love Wombwell Facebook page to try and find the location of the missing hanging basket.

5. Future Markets

Peter Jones has joined the markets sub group. He has approached the local supermarkets to try and get funding for the Christmas market.

The group is still waiting for the collage to respond about attending the fashion market.

The Labour in Wombwell magazine has advertised the markets that are due to happen.

ACTION- General Market sub group to help arrange the markets.

6. Community Gardens

The plan for the Community Gardens is to have 18-20 beds, some of which will be raised high enough for disabled access.

It is hoped that the beds will be used to grow vegetables but plants would also be acceptable.

The project has put in a bid for £7350 but there have been concerns about the community involvement, only three beds have been signed up for.

There are concerns about residents involvement in the project, there is to be an event on the 22nd to hopefully encourage some more people to sign up.

Bernslai Homes have funded the new road on the understanding that if the project doesn't go ahead they can use the land for other community events.

The Alliance (Alan and Jola abstained) approved the bid for the group on the understanding that a definite decision will be made on the 22nd for if they would carry on with the funding and the project.

7. Luncheon Club

Helen Bennet from Environmental Health visited St Michaels.

Currently costing up for a new kitchen, new sinks, work surfaces and to move the gas cooker.

Farther Martinis getting a kitchen planner in to look at the work.

Possible bid for £400 to get food safety certificates for 10 people.

8. Funding Applications

The Alliance approved the Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre bid for £2500, however Amanda needs to check the email address.

The Alliance approved the community garden project, on hold until 22nd and viability of the project proved.

The Alliance approved for £1000 to go to the Community Hall, but put on hold until they have proved they have sourced other means of funding/ match funding.

9. Treasures Report

From the Bernslai Holmes funding there is still £344 remaining from the original £500.

There's till over £9k in the bank but there is also 2 un-cleared cheques.

10. Ideas for NCS

The ideas the Alliance came up with were:

To help redesign a new skateboard park.

The Community Garden project.

Play Scheme for holidays

11. Tidy Team Update

The team are looking for 2 new apprentices. The previous apprentices are still helping, they helped with the winter warmer pack and the delivery.

There is an increase in fly typing.

There are 2 new volunteers that have signed up.

ASOS provided new bins and helped with the clear up for Jo Brands sponsored walk.

772468 is the number for reporting dog fouling and also littering.

A.O.B.

The Alliance needs new members. Joan and Brenda have agreed to become members and Amanda is sending the forms out.

Try and speak to the school council to try and get some younger members.

Ward Alliance to give a presentation to the South Area council in September, Cllr Frost is attending.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th July 6pm

Tuesday 20th September 6pm