

**Dearne South Community Board**  
**10<sup>th</sup> July 2013**  
**Prospect Road Community Centre 1pm – 3pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Sixsmith (Chair), Cllr Sharron Brook, Cllr Noble, Alan George, Maxine Granger, Andy Cole, , Angie Kelly, Graham Jarvis, , Marie Sinclair and Pete Finnegan (arrived at item 6)  
*(Kerry Holmes observing for Dearne North Community Alliance)*

Marie advised the group that she couldn't find the address for Lynn Woodward and had not got any other contact details (only postal) a full pack and apologies would be sent out to Lynne's address asap.

**1. Welcomes and introductions:**

Cllr Sixsmith asked for everyone to give a brief welcome and introduce themselves so people could identify who they were around the table.

**2. Apologies: Ian Chapel****3. Housekeeping**

As the group had some new members on board it was decided to give some overall housekeeping and the ward alliance ground rules to ensure the meeting stuck to the agenda and people respected everyone's opinions and kept to tight timelines whilst giving everyone the chance to have their say, but at the right time and approval from the Chair.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:**

Cllr Brook asked why there was date of next minutes stating June, this was explained that the meeting in June was specifically for the summer event so no minutes were reordered, however only 2 persons attended so the meeting was short and not much discussed as Cllr Noble had to leave early.

Alan George asked for the monitoring of the WAF (Ward Alliance Funds) applications to be signed off and also receipts to the memorial fund application need to be collected, Cllr Noble said she would collect the information and pass to Marie Sinclair.

Graham Jarvis asked about the costs attached to the Picnic around the £500 what this was allocated for; Cllr Sixsmith informed him that the cost would be matched funded towards the picnics this year with Prospect Road Community Centre donating the other £300 (for room hire and DJ/entertainment)

**5. New recruitment**

Angie Kelly gave a brief outline as to her role at work and her voluntary role in the Bolton community where she lives, her main focus and passion is on the youth provision giving each child the help and advice and chances that all children deserve. Many of the group approved her hard work and commitment to the area over the years.

Graham Jarvis informed everyone of his voluntary contributions to the area highlighting again his main passion and focus is on youngsters aged 18 – 24 and unemployment surrounding this age group, he is heavily involved in the Big Local, the Carnegie building, GMB representative and the area chair for the labour party group.

**6. Brief outline of the Board/Alliance**

Ralph gave a detailed description of the new Ward Alliance governance framework starting with building resilient and supportive communities and how this is a key aspect of the 'changing relationship priority' he explained how Barnsley Council is now working and doing the upmost to support and encourage our volunteers and community groups. He explained how the development of Ward Alliances is the main focus on facilitating this agenda and the neighbourhood planning process will include proportionate equality measures and also how we will need to develop a Ward Plan to meet the vision and priorities and take collective ownership to deliver this Plan, recognising and utilising all the assets available in the Ward. The rest of the document was read through and the group were then told to take the document home and have a good read up and any suggestions or comments should be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Noble advised the group of the difference between the £10,000 WAF and £20,000 devolve budget and how the changes have been implemented with applicants having to Volunteer their time back to the community in order for the money to be agreed, Marie Sinclair also added that the projects that groups are applying for money against also have to meet the criteria in their community plans, which were then read out.

Graham Jarvis asked if the Dearne North and Dearne South shared the money between the 2 wards, which Cllr Sixsmith added that they were both separate funds each for their own ward, however, if a particular project was open to both areas then the Dearne Area Council would look at whether it was worth pulling together as one for a better solution.

Alan George asked what the statutory services that Barnsley Council have an obligation to provide to the Dearne. Cllr Brook advised the group that at the moment there was basically Education (young people's), Highways (road maintenance, paths, kerbs etc), Neighbourhood Pride (which have limited staff resources, they suffered major cuts in the last round but are still cutting the grass, emptying the dog bins, pruning and general maintenance but less often and fewer area's), Social services (health care, vulnerable adults, i.e. central call) Ralph explained that the main issue is that there is another round of cuts (10% in 2015), so really could not answer in detail until it becomes apparent what and which service the next cuts are from. Graham Jarvis asked would we be able to find out at the earliest point through the Community Board so we could be prepared when looking at what services we might need to buy in at a later date. All Cllr's agreed that Cllr Noble who is the Area Chair has been enquiring into this already.

Cllr Sixsmith explained briefly about the community plans and how this will then feed back to the Area Council and work can then be prioritised to the results of the plan.

Cllr Noble outlined the social enterprise idea and explained how and why this may be needed moving into the future.

Angie Kelly asked for clarification on living and working in the area, would this be a declaration of interest, Cllr Noble said she had spoken to Cabinet yesterday about this issue as it had come up in other areas as well, but will get written clarification for future cases.

## **7. Update on community plans/consult**

Cllr Noble reported that the event was unsuccessful even though we had invited particular residents that had had major issues last year and the year before regarding flooding and anti-social behaviour however none of the residents turned up. Alan, Marie and Tina all attended but not worth the officers time or effort. Other ideas were then discussed with everyone agreeing on running the consultation sessions on the main shopping street, local fairs/gala's outside supermarkets would be the best bet mainly the Co-op.

## **8. Update on Event**

Marie Sinclair highlighted the issues that still haven't been addressed and stressed that it isn't a one man job and has been difficult to do her own work and the event planning. Cllr Sixsmith had helped with the site visit/plans etc, Maxine Grainger agreed to help with the publicity and source a free bouncy castle (making sure they have their own insurance/H & S certificates etc) It was agreed that Marie Sinclair will ring and email other members of the groups for help when issues arise.

## **9. Treasurers Report/account signatories**

Cllr Noble, Cllr Brook and Alan George are all signatories.

Alan gave a breakdown of the accounts and went through the missing receipt it's and monitoring information that he required. The memorial funding application was still outstanding, Cllr Noble stated she would ask the person involved and pass the literature onto Alan before the next meeting.

## **10. Funding Applications**

2 applications were submitted, each of the applications were discussed in detail page by page with both BODY Carnegie awarded £2000.00 for set up costs for a local community sports hub providing boxing and martial arts to the youngsters in the Dearne South ward.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> application was for £1159.17 for Highgate Community Group to provide summer sessions to children through the 6 week holidays. Both applications were accepted with an overall majority in favour. Cllr Brook would accept on condition that the Carnegie application would charge very minimal costs (no more than £2 - £3).

**11. New idea's/options**

Cllr Brook thought it would be an ideal time to cap the WAF to ensure that the applications would be more spread out and would avoid someone taking all the money and other community ideas not been paid due to lack of funds been available.

**12. AOB**

Cllr Brook also wanted the group to know how lovely the new museum and Town Hall looks like and wanted to highlight this so give everyone the opportunity to go and see the newly refurbished Town Hall.

**13. Time and Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Prospect Road Community Centre 1pm – 3pm