

9th October 2013 – 12.30pm

Renaissance Centre

Notes from last meeting

Present: Cllr Ralph Sixsmith (Chair), Cllr Sharron Brook, Alan George (Treasurer), Ian Chappell, Andy Cole, Peter Finnegan, Maxine Grainger, Elaine Slater (BMBC Area Manager), Marie Sinclair (BMBC Officer)

Welcomes and Introductions & Apologies: Tina Smith, May Noble, Angie Kelly

Declarations of interest: None

Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising: The agreement of the Capping of funding applications to £500 at the previous meeting was retracted; The Area Manager explained that as long as the applications meet the criteria of the ward plans then all applications should be considered on their individual merit if they have match volunteer time, or in goods or services from the group which can be costed.

The group was informed of the procurement/commissioning briefing session attended by members & officers with a short discussion afterwards.

Concerns were raised over monitoring volunteer hours matching for the Comrades FC around the railway embankment and who will be monitoring this. It was agreed that it would be monitored by officers at the present time but would be discussed further at future meetings.

Minutes Proposed as an accurate record by Peter Finnegan / Seconded Alan George

Funding Applications: It was agreed an application which had recently come to the office but copies not available for the meeting would be distributed to members in the next few days. No other funding applications to the meeting.

The YOR tender process was explained to the meeting by the chair.

The Area Manager outlined the differences between the CSF/WAF and the new devolved budget for 2013, she also gave a brief explanation of how the ward plans fits into the overall Dearne Area Plan and that 'light' consultation will be taking place in November so the plans can go out to the public and be viewed with the residents thoughts/opinions been added. Also mentioned was the statistical data around worklessness and how this is a top priority for the Dearne.

Treasurer's report: Balance after all the funding applications had been paid from previous CSF funding is **£1.69**.

It was asked if training would be provided for jobs in the new Aldi distribution centre which is opening next year, brief discussions took place around this. Officers are assessing what is available in the Dearne at the moment and will be looking to address the gaps.

Enrolment of secretary: Maxine Grainger expressed an interest in taking on the role of secretary with assistance from the area team staff in the first instance, she will shadow Tina at the next Dearne South Alliance meeting and free training would be sought for her if necessary.

AOB: The group were informed that in future Tina will email a brief summary of the projects coming forward for funding before the date of the meeting.

Date & Time of next meeting: TBC