

Dearne South Community Board

13th August

Goldthorpe Library

Present:

Cllr Sixsmith (Chair), Cllr Brook, Terry Waltan, Andrew Cole, Alan George, Maxine Grainger, Tina Smith

Apologies:

Ian Chappel

1. Welcomes and Introductions

A round of introductions took place

2. Minutes and Matters arising

The meeting was informed that Neil Taylor had attended an Area Council meeting to discuss the area's snow plan training, grit bins, and any service gaps he had experienced. The meeting was informed that a pre – budget meeting would be taking place this week, and the budget meeting will take place on the 19th December. Grass cutting across the Dearne is still taking place but on a much reduced schedule. Concerns were raised about the precautions taken against bad weather, i.e. snow, floods. The need of trained flood, and snow wardens was raised and Alan George said he would be a snow warden for his street, Andrew Cole said he would be a snow warden for his street across from a school.

3. Budget Update/Treasurer report

Alan George gave his treasurers report, stating that there was a balance of £413.69 left in the Alliance's bank account.

4. Allotment Group Update

The meeting was informed that the project was progressing well, Terry had repaired the metal container and the composting toilet is now in place. A 78ft poly tunnel has been ordered at a cost of £900. The probation service will erect the poly tunnel and complete the fencing. The group are now looking at obtaining their own indemnity insurance for the site. Groundwork will cut and spray the land below the allotment as it is terribly overgrown.

5. Action Planning

The meeting was informed that the action template needed to be completed by them and that we needed to focus more on funding projects to address the ward priorities. The meeting was asked if it would like to hold a funding workshop where community groups and small services would be invited to attend and that Board members would be on hand to help complete funding applications.

The meeting agreed to this but asked if a script could be produced for their use to enable everyone to be giving the same information out. This was agreed. It was agreed to develop a covering sheet for the Alliance funding application forms, informing applicants what the Alliance was and if anyone would be interested in becoming a member.

The meeting requested a system where they could monitor projects independently it was agreed that a simple monitoring sheet would be developed for this purpose.

6. AOB

- A request was made for a list of all active community groups to be sent to all Board members, this was agreed.
- To enable the Alliance to carry out projects in the community with people that volunteer ad hoc it was decided to form a Working Group element within the Board enabling them to access funding to match with individual volunteer hours.
- The meeting was informed that proprietors around St Andrews Square had been approached with a view to maintain the frontage of their shops in particular the large planters that had been installed by Groundwork but now have no maintenance from any organisation. Cllr Sixsmith will progress this project.

7. Time and Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 17th September 5pm at Prospect Road