

NOTES OF THE DEARNE APPROACH CLE STEERING GROUP  
HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE SALVATION ARMY HALL GOLDTHORPE

**Present:** M Farran, Cllrs Noble and Gardiner, E Slater, W Lowder, J Ellor, P Phillips, A Shaw, S Cartwright, H Jaggar, D Bramham, A Gollick, J Ellor, J Hayes.

**Apologies:** G Stott, J Micheli

1.0 **Introductions.** A round of introductions took place.

2.0 **Notes of the meeting held on 20 October 2014** agreed as a true record.

**Matters arising from the notes.** It was agreed that the volunteer celebration event held at Dearne Playhouse had been a success and that it would be good practice to invite services as well as volunteers to the next event to encourage networking and sharing of information.

3.0 **Updates**

3.1 **Housing**

**Goldthorpe Draft Housing Action Plan**

S Cartwright (SC) and H Jaggar presented information from the Goldthorpe Housing Action Plan giving actions against strategic objectives and current status of each strand of the plan. Also the potential and size of proposed investment/funding in Goldthorpe and the timescales.

With reference to the allotment site at the back of Beevor Street SC reported that she was in discussion with BMBC allotment team and there had been positive progress.

It was agreed that in response to the problems being experienced with private landlords and tenants who don't look after the properties, dumping rubbish in the backings etc. that in addition to additional enforcement provided through the Area Council there needs to be a strong, resilient management model for both private rented and Berneslai Homes properties. **Action H Jaggar (HJ).**

**Volunteering** and the work of the Goldthorpe Development Group in clearing rubbish and working with tenants on seven streets in Goldthorpe was highlighted. J Hayes (JH) reported that they are to hold their next clean up days on 18/19 March which is close to National Clean Up day 21 March 2015. It was agreed that the work is making a difference but there are limitations to what the volunteers can achieve. E Slater (ES) reported on the proposed Clean and Tidy Commission being looked at by the Area Council and that this would deal with bigger issues relating to cleaning up the area but would complement the work of the volunteers and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

**Fly Tipping.** It was agreed that this is a growing problem and requires a new approach. It was agreed that Fly Tipping be put on the next agenda for discussion. **Action: ES**

**Houses adjacent to Dearne Playhouse.** It was reported that these two houses are to be demolished and rebuilt to provide a number of units to maximise their potential and range of tenants. In response to Cllr Noble's enquiry about whether ex-service men/women are to be given the opportunity for occupation of the new dwellings she was informed that this wasn't necessarily the case and discussions had moved on regarding the potential tenants. It was agreed to contact Cllr Hayward for an update as he is on the board of Barnsley Community Build who are carrying out the work on the dwellings. **Action Cllr Noble** Also to invite Julie Medlam, Dearne Playhouse Manager to the next meeting. **Action ES**

### 3.2 **Enterprise and Training**

**Company Shop** M Farran (MF) updated the group on the work of the community shop in offering mentoring/training/support to local people on benefits or low incomes. Also plans for extending the training facilities being offered in the Dearne the and opening further shops in Barnsley starting with Athersley.

**Area Council Skills for Work Training** ES reported that the course was over achieving to date on outputs and outcomes and that local people are also starting to obtain jobs, some of which are local to the Dearne area.

### 4.0 **Big Local Update**

4.1 A Shaw (AS) gave an update on the success of the community cinema at Dearne ALC. AS also gave information on the learning events/study visits being offered to members of the community/volunteers from Big Local areas. Also that the Golthorpe, Highgate Bolton Plan was currently being drafted. That there had been no response to the advertisement for a support worker.

D Bramham (DB) reported on the work of Thurnscoe Big Local Group including:

Successful Winter Wonderland Event

Newsletter

Planned Beach Party for 8 August 2015

The groups disappointment in only receiving 8 applications to the £500 per group grant scheme.

### 5.0 **Update from Goldthorpe Development Group**

5.1 JH reported on:

Success to date of clean up days and new ones planned for 18/19 March.

Easter Party plans

VE Day Celebration

Tea Dances

The purchase of hanging baskets for Goldthorpe which the group will fill in conjunction with Highgate Allotment Group to which they have donated £2,000.

Bus trips

Bounce Into Summer Event planned for 12 August 2015.

CBeebies event.

Halloween event

Christmas parties and lights planning.

W Lowder (WL) reported that the group were also to be involved in a story telling video about the groups clean and tidy work in Goldthorpe.

#### 6.0 **Any Other Business**

HJ Reported on promoting the digital inclusion work which had taken place in the area including sessions on:

How to shop cheaply online

How to apply for a Council House

Internet Safety

**Date and time of next meeting 13 April 2015 4pm Salvation Army Hall,  
Straight Lane Goldthorpe.**