

Wombwell Community Alliance
Wombwell Netherwood School
18.15 23rd May 2013

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Present:

Alliance Members:

Cllr Margaret Morgan	Chair Person
Alan Taylor	Secretary
David Cole	Treasurer
Cllr Dick Wraith	
Kate Faulkes	BMBC
Wendy Slater	BMBC
Rev Nigel Elliott	
Brian Whitaker	
Richard Ulliyott	
Jola Walker	Bernslai Homes
Rebecca Wilson	Netherwood School
Jordan Ramsey	Netherwood School
Tony Dutton	

Apologies: Cllr Denise Wilde: Paul Tingle: Nick Weston

Observers

Hope Hawksworth	Andy Cole
Beverly Saunders	Chris Askew
Hazel Askew	Carol Bowley
Michael Bowley	

1 Chair Persons Introduction

Margaret was delayed and as time was pressing Alan was asked to deal with the administrative issues

Alan welcomed Kate Faulkes Martin's replacement, Wendy Slater Tina's replacement, and Jordan Ramsey from the School Council. The school had asked that in order to ease the burden on students could two attend meetings together and the Alliance agreed

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3 Action Points and Matters Arising from earlier meetings

CDF funding discrepancy – This has been resolved with CDF but the repayment has not yet shown on the Wombwell Account.

The CCTV insurance is now paid.

4 Treasurers Report

The £294.50 funds towards the costs of Public Meetings from CDF has not yet come through

AP 01/2305 Alan to follow up with CDF why the funding for the Alliance bid for publicity has not been paid

Dave reported he had been hampered by the lack of an up to date statement. These are still going to the Chairperson. Alliance agreed they should go to Dave in future who should then send a copy to Margaret.

AP 02/2305 Dave to change arrangements for Statements so they go to him in future

Dave reported that the Alliance was holding £1014.29 of which £115.49 was unspent CF funding for the art group.

5 Plan for Wombwell

Margaret set out the way forward for the Alliance.

Delivery of the Plan for Wombwell could only be achieved through Community Groups. Whilst each group could not take a place on the Alliance, she believed that each Alliance member should take responsibility for a section of the plan and work with the relevant Community Groups to deliver.

Once the plan is signed off, the Alliance will have a Community Funding role to distribute funds received from the LA to those delivering on the plan. There was an option to bring decision making on Community First Funds into the Alliance providing the Alliance's role as Panel Partner is not compromised. This could be achieved by forming a funding sub-committee. 'Bigger picture' contracting would be undertaken by the Area Council.

The feedback from the public meetings was very positive and the only real addition was a desire to enforce the speed limits on High Street.

Elaine Equall from BMBC told the meetings that the LA were considering doing a full mapping exercise of Community Groups.

The Alliance agreed that the plan could now be formally agreed but could always be added to in the future.

The question of further consultation was discussed and agreed that we would present a summary version from a stall at Picnic in the Park and from some form of display on the High Street.

Agreed we would to re-distribute the plan..

AP 03/2305 Alan to re-distribute the plan for Wombwell to all known Community Groups

The issue of how we bring Community Groups on board was also discussed. Alan reported this coincided with an email from WLW asking to talk to us.

5 High Street Innovation Fund

Dave brought proposals for spending the £10K. He suggested a canopy 6metres x 6m to be erected on the High Street outside Kings cooked meats. Kings were in agreement. He has received a quote for £14.75K fitted.

He asked for the balance to be provided from future Alliance funds.

The Alliance unanimously supported Dave in this proposal subject to several issues being resolved. They provisionally agreed to fund the remaining £4.75K *subject to the criteria and rules in place at the time the formal request is made.*

Issues for resolution:

- Planning Permission must be obtained
- Highways must be in agreement.
- Market Officers must be in agreement
- BMBC Finance must be in agreement as they have a Governance role on behalf of Dept for Communities and Local Government in the distribution of the funds
- A process must be agreed about which stallholders use the cover and when and who resolves disputes
- Who is responsible should the canopy become damaged and who in particular is accountable should it become dangerous.

The question of a Town Team came up. Alan handed to Dave a list of criteria culled from the Association of Town Centre Managers Bulletins and the Bradford Portas meeting (annexe 1 of these minutes).

The question of WLW becoming the Town Team was also discussed. The *views* were that whereas it is acceptable for some members of WLW to be part of the Town Team it would be appropriate for a 'network group' to be a Town Team. The Alliance agreed it was not for them to dictate to Dave how he should form his team but he should consider his team carefully.

7 Meeting with the Police Commissioner

The Labour Party is proposing that a small delegation meet with the Police Commissioner and was asking relevant groups for views on what should be discussed.

The following points were raised.

- Speeding on the High Street and Parking in restricted areas on the High Street and other close by areas.
- Better general policing and more police presence especially at night.
- Domestic violence
- Drug selling and use in areas frequented by young people.

9 Dates of Next Meetings

Alliance

Thursday 13th June 18.00 Netherwood School

There was a little confusion over the proposed dates for meetings and Alan will liaise with the BMBC diaries people on future dates and copy them out.

Community First Panel members only

Monday 5th August 2pm location TBC

Annexe 1

A good Town Team must have the right people 'round the table'. This was a 'loud and clear' point from Bradford. Get the wrong or unsuitable people and it won't work.

A must is:

- A **get up and go** team of around **9 to 12 people**
- A **small mix** of professional people
- Strategists
- Administrator
- A **small mix** of representatives from Community Groups
- Those with a proven track record of delivery
- Local councillors
- Where there is a market, Markets Officers are essential
- The 'owner' of the land i.e. who is responsible/accountable for making decisions. E.g. Highways.

Ideally:

- Someone who understands the property market. E.g. Estate Agent
- A legal person e.g. retired solicitor
- Financial Person. E.g. Banker or accountant

The team must challenge clique behaviour and if there are negative people or those who are there for self-glory they must be bypassed – This is a very clear point in one of Mary Portas' papers. She called them Blockers!