

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 26th September, 4.30pm at Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Caroline Saunders, Margaret Barlow, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, David Hildred, David Stable (attending on behalf of Brian Moore), Kate Faulkes (Area Council Manager), Fiona O'Brien (Senior Locality Support Officer), Mark Rothery (Rothstone Estates) John Quinton Barber (Social PR) and Chris Glass (Architect).

Chair of the Alliance: Cllr Caroline Saunders

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Pauline Markham and Cllr Brian Key.

2. Minutes of meeting held 19th July and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as a true record, points raised from minutes; Kate Faulkes contacted Gary Leach who has put the advertisement for a secretary out to all apprentices including Barnsley College and the position has also been advertised locally and through VAB.

The snow blower and other equipment have now been located and Brian Moore is happy to take delivery of grit and fill a bin placed in Billingley. Margaret Barlow also stated she would be happy to have grit delivered to her property.

It was raised that the grit bin on Coronation Road is full of litter due to a litter bin being removed from the area. Kate Faulkes reassured the group this would be removed when the grit bins are filled. Bins will be discussed under item 4.

3. Presentation on proposed Foulstone Site Development

Chris Glass gave a presentation on the proposals for the Foulstone site, issues discussed were:

Anticipated that planning application will be submitted by 25th November, this will be fully planning application for the retail element and outline application for the residential element. Scheduled completion is December 2014 or early 2015 for the retail element with the residential element being completed shortly after.

Drop in consultation sessions will be held around the area at Valley Methodist Church, Illsley Road Community Centre and All Saints Church Darfield, these will be held on the 17th(4pm – 7.30pm), 18th (4pm – 7.30pm) and 19th October (10am – 2.30pm)however need confirmation of which venue will be used on which date.

Residents feedback will be particularly sought on the spare pedestrian space near the corner of Garden Street which could be used for market stalls on a weekend.

The local football club will be given a donation in exchange for delivering 10,000 leaflets throughout the area.

Currently only Lidl are a confirmed tenant with talks being held with various other retails including Iceland, Poundland, Poundworld, Greggs and Subway. Units will be a variety of sizes for a larger scope of tenants and although national retailers are needed to attract footfall some smaller businesses could be included in the scheme.

Various issues were raised around existing trees and walls however plans will be very sympathetic to the surrounding area and any trees removed will hopefully be replaced.

Issues were raised around existing houses backing onto the proposed site however reassurance was given that further consultation would be undertaken at full planning application stage for the residential element and all residents would need to be in agreement for any plans affecting these areas.

Issues raised around indiscriminate parking particularly on Nanny Marr Road, suggested a mini roundabout could be installed- Mark Rothery stated this had been looked into but there was an issue with the utilities however a Highways Consultant is looking into potential solutions. There will also be a management plan for the car park to mitigate young people using the area on a night.

Fencing and lighting for the footpath to the residential site has not been finalised as this will form part of the full planning application for the residential element however it will be DDA compliant and meet requisite standards.

The existing substation will remain in its current position.

Cost of installation and maintenance of litter bins will be covered by the retailers along with maintenance of the grassed areas.

There is currently no definite name for the development, it is hoped some suggestions are made at the consultation and hopefully young people could be involved.

The issue of environmental considerations such as a green roof and bats nesting in trees etc. were raised- An ecological survey is being carried out.

In line with BMBC plans 15% of the residential units must be affordable housing, however at this stage it is not known whether a housing association or a developer will undertake the build.

4. Update about litter bin allocation

Kate Faulkes fed back to the group on her conversation with Neil Taylor from Neighbourhood Pride:

Due to recent cuts no additional litter bins can be installed and an exercise has just been completed to determine the most efficient route to empty existing bins. Also Neil wasn't convinced bins were in the wrong locations as they are consistently full when it came to being emptied. Bins are also difficult to relocate as the pins anchoring them tend to break during removal so they cannot then be installed elsewhere.

Don Bishop questioned why the bin at the corner of Nanny Marr Road and Coronation Street had been removed although he did add there had been some vandalism to the bin in the past. Also if this is an existing bin will it be replaced?

Kate Faulkes suggested due to the length of time the bin had been gone it may no longer be classed as an existing bin anymore and although bins can be purchased through the Devolved Ward Budget five years maintenance costs now have to be included in the costs. **Action: Fiona O'Brien to contact Neil Taylor for clarification on removal of bin and to request copy of route.**

5. Community First Panel Update

Fiona O'Brien gave an update on the 3rd September meeting the main points were:

The group were informed they would need to appoint a secretary.

Two groups have still not received their grants due to issues with bank accounts and the grants cannot be paid into personal accounts. Rebecca Keep will check if the funding can be released into the Ward Alliance Account. **Action: Amanda Bradshaw to chase up with Rebecca Keep.**

CDF have not released year 3 funding as more information is needed for the plan document.

The consultation process was discussed, the panel need to pull together the consultation forms and once collated this will be added to the plan document.

Rebecca Keep informed the group that all panels need a functioning website, help is available from Stuart Bennett. It was suggested Terry Stevens and Don Bishop be approached to manage the website, in the interim Caroline Saunders will meet Stuart Bennett for some training.

Once these issues were addressed and the website uploaded Matvish (CDF) will inform the South Area Team that the monies can be released.

Monitoring forms and which groups had completed them for previous grants were discussed Rebecca Keep will chase this up with CDF and also clarify who is responsible for chasing up monitoring forms. It was also noted some groups may need support with the on-line forms.

Geoff Hutchinson is attending the Community First Learning Exchange in Sheffield in December.

Geoff Hutchinson is keeping the panel's bank account open by depositing £1 per month.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 8th October 3pm at Illsley Road Community Centre.

6. Update on Community Mapping & development of Neighbourhood Network

A host is still being sought for the Neighbourhood Network, there is potential for the Ward Alliance to undertake this however capacity could be a problem due to the level of work required. Tanya and Amanda have been collating information on groups in the area and are looking for a suitable host to manage the website, disseminate information and hold the mailing list etc.

A potential host is the Cricket Club who are already partly doing this role with sports groups, the Ward Alliance agreed it was happy for the Cricket Club to be continued to be looked at as the potential host.

The Community Mapping is now almost complete for Darfield and Tanya and Amanda will then begin visiting all groups to explain the Neighbourhood Network to them.

Kate Faulkes confirmed that churches are also being included as part of the mapping exercise as they are an essential part of community activity.

7. Darfield Community Plan

Deferred to next meeting.

8. Any other business

- **Christmas Event** - The group had previously mentioned a Christmas event, this could include Community First groups celebrating the work they have done in addition to other groups having stalls to advertise their groups and recruit volunteers.

David Hildred stated the Church was holding a Christmas Tree Festival linking trees to Christmas Carols the 29th and 30th November (Friday & Saturday). It was suggested as this was happening the church hall could be utilised for the celebration event with one of the groups providing refreshments and keeping any profit for the group, a stall could also be included to advertise the Ward Plan. A display around Fred Gillot the former head of Foulstone School who passed away recently will be on display in the museum on these dates which may attract additional visitors.

David Hildred will check availability of the hall, although it was agreed either Friday evening or Saturday would be suitable. **Action: David Hildred to check availability.**

It was agreed a small group consisting of Caroline Saunders, Geoffrey Hutchinson and the Area Team would progress these ideas. **Action: Margaret Barlow will ask if any of the groups from the Community Centre would be interested in doing refreshments.**

- **Ward Alliance Membership** - Kevin Osborne who lives in Middlecliffe had been unsure whether he could be a member of the Ward Alliance due to his job at the DWP, he has now confirmed it is fine for him to be a member so the Ward Alliance confirmed they were fine with him being contacted. **Action: Kate Faulkes to Contact Kevin.**

9. Date & time of next meeting

Confirm at next meeting if day and time should remain Thursdays at 4.30pm

Next meeting: 14th November 4.30pm at Illsley Road Community Centre