

Wombwell Community Alliance
Wombwell Netherwood School
18.00 28th October 2013

Present:

Alliance Members:

Cllr Margaret Morgan	Chair Person
Alan Taylor	Secretary
Dave Cole	Treasurer
Cllr Dick Wraith	
Cllr Rob Frost	
Brian Whitaker	
Nick Weston	
Rev Nigel Elliott	
Fiona O'Brien	BMBC
Amanda Bradshaw	BMBC

Apologies:

Richard Ulliyott: Paul Tingle: Paul Dawson Bernslai Homes: Tony Dutton: Kate Faulkes
BMBC was unable to attend at short notice due to illness: Jordan Ramsey Netherwood
School Council.

Observers - None

1 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

2 Matters Arising from earlier meetings and action Points

01/2309 Margaret to examine the Community Notice Board with a view to funding a larger one. This discussion took several strands.

- Agreed that the Notice Board was a little on the small side and was not easy to open
- Agreed that the location was not ideal especially as it could be blocked by cars parked wrongly in front of it on the Pedestrian Precinct .
- Agreed that it would be better placed on the wall of the Wilkinsons Store. **AP 01/2810 - Margaret and Dick to approach Wilkinsons.**
- Agreed that if necessary we would purchase a new one up to a cost of £750 from Alliance funds.
- Agreed that the issue of Parking on the Precinct would be dealt with later in the agenda.

03/2309 To contact agents of empty High Street shops to enquire about access. Nick has approached the agents of both the Superdrug store and Gala Bingo.

Superdrug has an interested buyer and the Alliance agreed to wait until the next meeting to check if there has been progress. **AP 12/2910 - Alan to list on next agenda.**

04/2309 To contact SNT about representation on the Alliance - Kate Faulkes

This point was not covered due to Kate's absence.

3 Treasurers Report

Dave Cole reported that the funding position was unchanged since the last update

4 Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that a Community First Panel meeting was held on Wednesday 9th October and two applications were agreed amounting to approximately £700. A further application was deferred until the next meeting as the Panel wanted additional information.

The Panel had asked Alan to speak to the press about publicising their work. Conversations have since taken place with the South Yorkshire Times and the Barnsley Chronicle.

The Panel agreed that in future unless an application was very clear and the return on investment clear, they would arrange for applicants to come to CFP meetings in the future and present their case.

5 Meeting with We Love Wombwell

A further meeting has taken place with We Love Wombwell and Kate Faulkes, and Richard Ulyyott from the Alliance. In Kate's absence the outcome is not known. Fiona was asked to provide a written update on Kate's return to work.

AP 03/2810 - Fiona/Kate to let the Alliance know the latest update

6 Plan for Wombwell Consultation

The consultation event on the High Street has now taken place and Fiona presented the results of that event and the earlier event at Picnic in the Park to the Alliance. (See spreadsheet attached at annexe 1).

The Alliance noted the 5 top priorities identified by the public and these were:

- Control Indiscriminate Parking on the High Street and enforce to 20mph speed limit.
- Reduce vacant shops and tidy unoccupied shops
- Reduce anti-social behaviour, keep the high Street clean and tidy and in winter ensure snow is cleared.
- Keep open spaces clean and tidy, free from dog fouling and litter
- Maximise use of Schools premises outside school hours;

Alliance agreed we would set up a sub group of the Alliance to look at areas of the plan that were achievable and could give quick wins.

AP 04/2810 - Alan to pull a small sub group together.

7 Plan for Wombwell - Further activities

Further discussions on the plan centred around the control of car parking on the High Street and litter Picks

High Street. There was a little disagreement about the extent of enforcement of car parking restrictions on the High Street. The general view was that irregular parking on the High Street was blocking bus access, a danger to pedestrians crossing the road, particularly those with children, and not good for re-generation.

There was a counter view that preventing very short term parking would be bad for business.

There was a general consensus that we should aim to control parking:

- on the crossing zigzags;
- in non disabled parking outside Wetherspoons and in other bays marked for disabled;
- in loading bays where there was no active loading/unloading; and
- on the double yellow lines causing a bottleneck outside Barclays.

Agreed that a small group should meet with the enforcement team.

AP 04/2810 - The three elected representatives would arrange a meeting with enforcement at which Alan and Dave needed to be present.

Litter Picks

The Alliance discussed a suitable place for a litter pick and agreed the Wath Road Play Area. Rob will arrange a litter pick starting at 10am on Saturday 7th December. Flyers to be issued in advance to enlist volunteers.

8 Applications for funding

Margaret reported that she had met with the Scouts about an application for funding to improve the Scout Hut off Wainwright Place Wombwell. There are questions regarding ownership of the building and land to be resolved but an application may be coming in.

Alan similarly reported a meeting with Wombwell Main Cricket Club and Community Centre who may wish to access funding for a fence. They had been advised to cost out the project and identify all sources of funding.

10 Dates of Next Meetings

Alliance

All 6pm starts: Venue Netherwood School:

Wed 22nd Jan 2014

Wed 9th April 2014

Agreed that we should look for a different venue for the 22nd January meeting due to the distance from the centre of Town and dark nights.

Also agreed we should book in further meetings after April 2014.

Community First

Wednesday 27th November 2013 2pm Netherwood School.

Consultation sessions Picnic in the Park 24th July 2013 & Wombwell High Street 28th September 2013 (94 people)

Priority	Picnic in Park 24th July 2013	Wombwell High Street 28th Sept 2013	Total
Town Centre Access (includes car parks and parking elsewhere);			
Control Indiscriminate Parking on the High Street and enforce to 20mph speed limit.	20	11	31
High Street;			
Reduce vacant shops and tidy unoccupied shops	8	27	35
Increase the number of trading Market Stalls.	10	15	25
Reduce anti-social behaviour, keep the high Street clean and tidy and in winter ensure snow is cleared.	28	23	51
Cemetery;			
Maintain the current excellent standards and continue to keep it respectful, dignified and accessible.	11	7	18
Parks, woodlands and other open areas;			
Keep open spaces clean and tidy, free from dog fouling and litter.	40	32	72
Where appropriate, maintain them as places for events and play.	1	8	9
Increase use of allotments and encourage more allotment tenants;	2	1	3
Develop and tidy 'land locked areas';	0	6	6
Maintain Public Footpaths and keep them litter free.	6	6	12
Sport, Leisure and Youth;			
Maximise use of Schools premises outside school hours;	21	14	35
Encourage and develop sports facilities;	9	8	17
Enlist assistance of Publicans in developing community activities;	0	0	0
Encourage and Support our Youth Clubs, and Support local Scouts and Cadets and other similar groups.	17	10	27
Health and Well Being;			
Promote Healthy Eating and find ways to allow and encourage fresh fruit and vegetable growers to sell on the market.	9	4	13
Improve waste management and reduction of Fly Tipping and encourage recycling;	4	8	12
Encourage School and nursery breakfast clubs;	2	6	8

Personal Financial Challenges;

Assist the development of Advice Centre(s) and provide Support for 'Form Filling';	0	2	2
Increase before and after school provision, and Increase and where necessary improve Nursery and Playgroup provision;	8	6	14
Support anyone developing Furniture Recycling;	0	4	4
Support and promote the South Yorkshire Credit Union;	2	1	3
Assist with development of Food Banks.	4	4	8

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Career, Personal Development, Employment and Skills;			
Empower the people of Wombwell to achieve and deliver and be successful;	3	1	4
Increase knowledge of how to access the Internet;	0	1	1
Support people in their hobbies;	4	4	8
Improve Skills and Career development, life-long learning and developing confidence;	18	3	21
Maximise potential for employment possibilities,	4	2	6
Culture and Heritage:			
Encourage use of local Theatres;	2	4	6
Preserve the history of Wombwell;	3	10	13
Preserve our existing 'Buildings of interest' and records of Wombwell;	2	2	4
Develop art related projects and work of other cultural benefit.	2	0	2
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