

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30pm at Darfield Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Brian Key, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Margaret Barlow, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, David Hildred, Brian Moore, Kevin Osborne, Deborah Murray (Secretary), Kate Faulkes (Area Council Manager), Fiona O'Brien (Senior Locality Support Officer), Tanya Dickinson (Locality Support Officer), James Ward (Darfield Cricket Club).

**Chair of the Alliance:** Cllr Pauline Markham

**1. Apologies**

None Received

**2. Minutes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> July and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record, points made from minutes:

Billingley grit bin – Brian Moore pointed out there is no grit bin in place however a funding application had been completed for one. Cllr Markham also added that a funding application had been completed for a grit bin outside 2 Florence Rise however no bin is in place. **Action: Area Team to look into.**

Snow Patrol – It was noted that a list of volunteers to undertake snow patrol had been compiled two years ago, questioned what happened to this. **Action: Area Team to look into.**

Christmas Event – This is now all arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am till 2pm, it will include funding information for groups, advertising Community First funding and James Ward will be attending to help promote the Neighbourhood Network.

**3. Community First Panel Update**

Fiona O'Brien gave an update on the 8<sup>th</sup> October meeting the main points were:

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

The group formally voted Brian Moore and Don Bishop onto the panel and the group was informed Carman Hancock had resigned from the panel.

The website has now been updated and funding released.

A grant for Pinfold Puma's Junior Football Club was raised, this isn't one of the Darfield panel's applications, Amanda will raise this with Rebecca Keep. Geoff informed the group he had had a monitoring follow up by CDF.

The Chair went through three applications- Clarification was needed on the Barnsley Schools Basketball Club application – Brian Key to action. Clarification was required on the volunteering hours for Darfield Bowling Club – Amanda to action. Community Cricket Academy application was approved in principal.

Geoffrey has spoken to Low Valley Art Workshop about their grant, there are still some monies to be spent.

Geoffrey will be attending the Community First Learning Exchange event in Sheffield on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Geoffrey spoke to the group about developing strategies to reach new groups; this may be addressed through the Community Mapping and Neighbourhood Network.

Date of next meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm at Illsley Road Community Centre.

#### **4. Ward Alliance Fund Application – Darfield Cricket Club**

A short discussion was undertaken to identify exactly what the funding would be spent on and that 90% of young people are from the Darfield Ward. All were in favour and the funding was approved.

An issue around the use of the schools was raised as they are supposed to provide space free of charge for the community. **Action: Councillors to look into.**

#### **5. Update on development of Neighbourhood Network for Darfield (James Ward from Darfield Cricket Club attending)**

Darfield Cricket Club have kindly offered to host the Neighbourhood Network and Tanya Dickinson and Amanda Bradshaw from the Area Team will work with them to develop this.

The network will allow for groups who may not be on the internet so everyone is covered.

An application for Ward Alliance funding will be submitted to purchase a lap top and internet connection so groups can access the internet and to cover ink, envelopes etc. Any items purchased will be stored in a locked room and James Ward will check whether items will be covered by their existing insurance.

Andrew Baker from the Cricket Club is proficient at creating websites and could therefore set one up for the Network. The Network can be used for sharing resources such as litter pickers, gazebos etc.

Kevin Osborne queried if the Cricket Club have Sky as this may give them free Wi-Fi and cloud storage.

The Illsley Road Community Centre have 5 lap tops and Wi-Fi access, this could be publicised through the Network.

David Hildred queried how many groups there were in the Darfield area; Tanya Dickinson confirmed there were approximately 30.

Cllr Markham commented there could also be a summer event/awards ceremony.

#### **6. Discussion on potential projects to meet priorities in plan**

Discussions were held around funding a new CCTV camera, this would have to involve the setup of Neighbourhood watch groups to cover the volunteer requirement of the funding and the camera would have to be monitored by the Police. **Action: Ward Alliance to target areas for potential Neighbourhood Watch Groups. Kate Faulkes to raise idea of a camera at PACT meeting.**

Kevin Osborne queried the responses from consultation as 60 was not a large number and schools could be targeted with parents completing questionnaires, Kate Faulkes pointed out timescales had been an issue so there was no opportunity to do more.

Kate Faulkes raised that funding youth activities would have a positive impact on anti-social behaviour.

David Hildred queried if provision could be bought in however Kate pointed out that following cuts the Youth Service no longer had staff available and would have to recruit for specific projects therefore the Ward Alliance needs to be more creative and suggest more innovative ideas.

Kate also pointed out following a discussion with youth workers she had been informed when doing detached work they cannot find any children on the streets so may not know the right places to look.

Cllr Key pointed out that after school activities had been reduced in the library and maybe the existing provision could be expanded with funding and volunteers, an example of this being done is Worsbrough. It

was pointed out that often things get to the point where volunteers can no longer sustain the level of activity and paid workers are needed which would use up the entire available budget. **Action: Brian Key to approach library to determine current provision.**

Kate Faulkes asked members to think of any other youth groups in the area and Brian Moore queried whether Scout groups were eligible for funding as they had previously been excluded.

This also raised the issue of Scouts, Cubs & army cadets being invited to the event on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **7. Date and time of future meetings**

It was agreed that due to another meeting following the Ward Alliance on Thursdays future meetings would be held at 4pm.

#### **8. Any other business**

CLr Key thanked Deborah Murray for agreeing to be the Ward Alliance Secretary and stated that a minute taking course would be arranged for her.

CLr Markham also reiterated they were happy to sort out any training she needed.

CLr Key presented a new application for Colin Ward to be a Ward Alliance Community Representative, this was agreed. **Action: Fiona O'Brien to send Colin details of the next meeting.**

**Next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> January 4.00pm at Illsley Road Community Centre**