

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 16th January, 4.00pm at Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Brian Key, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Margaret Barlow, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, David Hildred, Brian Moore, Kevin Osborne, Lee Parkinson, Colin Ward, Fiona O'Brien (Senior Locality Support Officer), Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer), Elaine Equeall (Community Organisers)

Chair of the Alliance: Cllr Caroline Saunders

1. Apologies

Cllr Markham, Deborah Murray

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

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Community Organisers

Elaine Equeall ran through the community organiser model (notes attached). Names of interested people need to be put forward by the end of February and training will hopefully commence in late May. It was queried whether the training was accredited however Elaine pointed out to be accredited there would have to be a charge to participants and it was felt the training opportunities needed to be free of charge. A log of development would be presented through the Area Team which people could then use as evidence for further volunteering or job opportunities.

4. Community First Panel Update

Fiona gave an update on the Community First Panel (notes attached).

5. Snow Patrol Volunteers

A list of volunteers had been compiled previously and these are still willing to undertake this role however the grit bins need filling and shovels etc. are needed.

Action: Area Team to arrange for bins and grit to be supplied O/s 2 Florence Rise and at Billingley.

6. Feedback on potential projects to meet priorities in plan

Library provision- this provision is still needed however the cost is going to be an issue. Existing groups are exploring funding opportunities however may apply to Ward Alliance if cannot be funded elsewhere.

Scouts should be invited to the next ward alliance to look at working together on community activities.

Potential activities discussed for the area were;

Glenda Shepherd looking at organising a summer event in the park.

Noted that James from the Cricket Club umpires others ports so could look at organising a sports day.

Kevin informed the group that Houghton Main Sports and Social Club are having an event on 4th May. This is to commemorate the anniversary of WW1 and tie in to the anniversary of the Miners' strike. They are looking at purchasing a commemorative clock through Ward Alliance funding. The Ward Alliance voted to agree this in principal.

7. Date of next meeting

13th March 2014 4pm, Illsley Road Community Centre

8. Any other business

A Ward Alliance Fund Application was received from Barnsley Jazz Association, queries were raised about clarinets being used by Darfield children and the application was approved subject to clarification. This will be agreed via email so as not to delay the funding.

Monitoring of Ward Alliance funding was raised; work is being done by the core team to produce monitoring forms however this needs to be tailored to the Darfield ward Alliance.

NEXT MEETING: 13th March 2014 4pm, Illsley Road Community Centre