Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance Notes of meeting held Tuesday, 18th March, 2014. The Hoyland Centre

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Stowe, Lamb, Dures, Shepherd & Franklin, Ian Warhurst, Andy Hodgkinson, Janet Cartwright.

Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer)

Apologies: Dave Graham, Joan Whittaker, Neil Spencer, Fiona Tennyson, Anne Sanderson

Cllr Shepherd chaired the meeting.

1. Welcomes and Introductions.

All members already knew each other.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Unfortunately there were no notes available.

3. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding

Members considered an application from Roebuck Growers for a project at Jump School. Cllr Andrews and Andy Hodgkinson declared an interest. Following an interesting discussion it was decided that the application would be fully funded. However the Alliance members were keen to ensure that the project acknowledge the support they had given. They are also keen to be involved with helping the progression of the project.

Cllr Lamb is meeting with Greenfield School in order to continue looking at the allotment project.

4. Love Where you Live

Projects which are already happening in this area are the community litter picks. Springfield School have requested some equipment so that youngsters can become more involved in these activities as well as keeping the school grounds clear.

Hemmingfield School now have a steel container and 4 gazebos which are available to other groups. They are looking at getting additional equipment which will also be able to be shared within the community. It was suggested that some of the equipment which is stored at the Hoyland Town Hall at present may be able to be stored here to make it more accessible to communities. An inventory and log of borrowed equipment would need to be maintained.

The Alliance were extremely upset about the damage which has been done to the trees in the area. They would like to consider involving young people in replacing the damaged trees, but are unwilling to consider anything at this present time. They wanted to use the neighbourhood network to disseminate and collect information on the vandalised trees, but this is not sufficiently established as yet.

Andy stated that he is attending an Asset Based Community Development workshop and will feedback to the group on his return.

5. Discussion on Ward Plan

The major project on the plan is the Allotments project at Greenfield School. Cllr Lamb is meeting with Andy Ralph regarding this and will then feedback.

It was suggested that in future there be an agenda item for reports and initiatives.

6. Discussion on potential projects to address priorities (School reps invited)

Item deferred as no school reps in attendance.

7. Any Other Business

It was discussed whether some of the public health money could be used to subsidise leisure activities for young people at Hoyland Leisure Centre. There was an in principle agreement for this.

Information was circulated on the Community Organisers introduction session being held on 25th March.

An initiative called Street Bank has been developed on Social Networking sites. This offers equipment and volunteers etc to share within an area, and works on the time bank principles.

8. Date and time of future meetings – Set Meetings for 2014/15 Year

To be set