

**Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.**  
**The Hoyland Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs Stowe, Shepherd, Franklin, Ian Warhurst, Janet Cartwright, Neil Spencer, Albert Bishop, Andy Hodgkinson. Presentation by John Lang

Wendy Slator (Senior Locality Support Officer)  
Amanda Bradshaw (Minutes, Locality support Officer)

**Apologies:** Dave Graham, Joan Whittaker, Fiona Tennyson, Cllr Lamb, Dures

Tim Shepherd chaired the meeting.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

All members already knew each other.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

No matters arising

**3. Job Club Presentation by John Lang (Forge Community Partnership)**

The presentation covered the various venues the service runs from (Hoyland Library, Milton Hall and Barnsley Town Centre Library) the type of people who access the service, the support that is on offer and the number of clients that have accessed the service.

The job club is now in its third year and is running to full capacity and possibly needs to expand to meet the demand. Mick suggested linking to other local/national projects and to forge partnership working with the South Area Councils commissioned CAB & Welfare Rights workers. A discussion took place re linking local businesses with Job Club vacancies and Tim suggested inviting John to meetings with local employers via the South Area Council. John then asked the Ward Alliance to document their support of the Job Club – Agreed by all members.

If there was more money available could you expand the service and grow your own volunteers to support the Job Club. John said this was already happening and gave examples. Tim stated that if funding came from the Area Council the service would have to cover Area Council boundaries. Funding at Ward Alliance level could focus on HMR wards.

The members asked Forge Community Partnership to go away & develop a bid under Ward Alliance fund and bring it for consideration at the next panel meeting.

**4. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding**

Wendy informed the group that Ward Alliance funds cannot be carried over to next year and we need to be looking at possible projects. The Job Club is a possible future project. Wendy updated the group on the Roebuck Growers. She had recently visited the group as part of the “Love Where You Live” campaign and was impressed about their enthusiasm for the project. The project is run by

volunteers, not teachers and parents and grandparents were discussing ideas that were happening in other areas and thinking about what to do with the produce and with the possibility of linking in with Jump Allotments. Photos were taken and passed onto the Chronicle who had acknowledged that funding for the project came from HMR Ward Alliance funds.

#### **5. Love Where You Live**

Re promotional material - Wendy informed the group about suggestions from another WA of bulk buying promotional material for volunteers/groups that are doing a project under the banner of "Love Where You Live". Action Wendy to get prices for Hi Vis vests, T-Shirts etc. and bring it back to next meeting.

#### **6. Discussion on potential projects to address priorities**

Tim asked balance on WA fund, approx. £35,000. Possible project, Forge Com Partnership Job Club covered in item 3. Action - Wendy to arrange meeting with Forge and other interested parties. Greenfield School Allotment project Cllr Lamb has met with Head Andy Rolf but no update from school received as yet.

#### **7. Information for TV Screens**

Amanda asked the elected members what they would like on the screen. It was suggested to use the TV screens to promote groups' activities /future events/councillors surgery dates. Action - Amanda to contact Simon Wrend and ask him to customise the screen. 20 words are not enough.

#### **8. A.O.B**

Wendy had meeting with BRAG re 2 wooden benches. They have been located but no sites for the benches have been allocated at present 3 other benches were also found. Members were asked for possible sites for these 3 additional benches.

1 for Rockingham Cricket Club , 1 for Jump Cemetery, 1 for Platts Common (the green space on way to Blackerhill.)

Tim asked the members about the email that was circulated about changing the time of the meeting. All members present were happy with the current time.

Amanda extended an invitation to all members to the Community Network event at Milton Hall on Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7pm. It was suggested that an email was sent out to elected members not present.

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

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 @ 5pm**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 2014**