

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 17th July. 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Brian Key, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Pauline Markham, Margaret Barlow, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, Deborah Murray, Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer), Colin Ward.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the last meeting 15th May and Matters arising

Minutes agreed as true record. No matters arising

3. Community First Panel

Cllr Caroline Saunders went through the funding allocation from Community First Panel update

4. Update on Ward Alliance Funded projects

Ward Alliance funding projects were discussed. Money left over from funding needs to be spent as it is not carried forward to next year. Cllr Key mentioned the Tamil group who meet on a Sunday. They require funds to pay for a tutor. Wendy explained that this project would not fit with Ward Alliance guidelines, however some of their other community activities might.

Action - The Area Team will follow this up to discuss what can be funded. The group recommence 7th September 10.30am – 3.30pm at Darfield Community Centre, but can be contacted via the Post Office.

There is a full Summer Activity Programme and the Gala plans are progressing well.

Decision – To agree the bid for the summer activities.

The First Aid Course had been well received and there were requests for further training such as a safeguarding course.

5. Update on Area Commissioned Projects

One stop shop – up and running and already proving popular. One of the volunteer receptionists is having to stand down, so we are looking for a volunteer for Wednesday morning 9am – 12.30 pm.

Tidy Team – Expected start date 4th Aug. They will be managed through a steering group, a volunteer from the Ward Alliance is sought to be on the steering group. Meetings will take place 5- 7 pm. The steering group will plan work plans and help identify areas needing to be tidied up. Some hotspot suggestions were put forward.

Environmental Enforcement – Expected start date 4th Aug. Fly Tipping will not be touched, but with the Tidy Team around this may discourage people from doing this. Dog Fouling – Stencils to be put down.

6. Love Where You Live

Wendy supplied prices as requested for Love Where You Live logo goods, T-shirts, Vest, Hats and Jackets. Following a discussion it was decided to order 50 high Viz vests in yellow and of mixed sizes. A Ward Alliance bid was approved to cover the cost.

7. Ward Plan to Action Plan

The lack of planting in 'The Ring' and also outside the Post Office was discussed. Residents were disappointed that it looked uncared for and members explained that this was due to the high cost of planting. It was suggested that volunteers could look at taking on these areas. Equipment and plants etc. could be funded through Ward Alliance. Some support particularly with heavy digging etc. could come from the tidy team.

Actions – 1. All partnership members to try and recruit volunteers.
2. Area Team to see if Tamil group would be interested in supporting Post Office Flower Bed.
3. Ideas for low maintenance displays be taken to next meeting.

8. Date and time of next meeting

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9. Any other business

Margaret stated that the centre had not been paid for room hire for any of the Ward Alliance meetings.

Action - Wendy to follow this up and find out why they are not being paid.