

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 18th September 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Brian Key, Margaret Barlow, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, Colin Ward, David Hildred, Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer).

1. Apologies: Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Pauline Markham, Brian Moore, Lee Parkinson, Kevin Osbourne.

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

Minutes agreed as true record, with the amendment that David Hildred had tendered his apologies.

5. The One Stop Shop is still struggling to keep volunteer receptionists, so from 8th October the service will run from the Children's Centre on School Street rather than from the library.
9. The centre has now been paid for the room hire.

3. Community First Panel

Geoff gave an update on the finances and reported on Community First.

4. Update on Ward Alliance Funded projects

- An application from the Brownies and Guides was discussed. The group were in favour of supporting this bid.
- An application from the Houghton Main Welfare was discussed. The group were in favour of supporting this bid.
- An application from the Army Cadets was discussed. The group felt that the amount requested for a T.V was too excessive. They were in favour of supporting the bid but to a reduced amount of £645.
- **Action** As there was only one elected member the group were not quorate. It was therefore decided to get endorsement of these decisions by e-mail in order to move progress.
- Wendy had contacted VAB to get prices for safeguarding courses. They are only able to deliver by e-learning. The members felt that they would prefer to try and find a 'real' provider. **Action** David and Brian to look at alternative providers.
- The Ward Alliance Fund Advert was circulated for people to display.

5. Love Where You Live

The Love Where You Live Hi Viz vests have arrived and will be kept in the Community Centre.

Members were reminded about the Celebration event being held on 25th September at the Core.

6. Ward Plan to Action Plan

The discussion on the lack of planting in 'The Ring' and also outside the Post Office was continued. No volunteers have come forward to work on these projects. It was suggested that in the future one of the new businesses due to be on the old school site might want to sponsor this project.

Actions – 1. Colin to try and recruit a couple of others to plant up the ring this year.
2. Wendy to contact Neighbourhood Pride to find out how many plants would be needed and if they can supply.
3. In principle decision to fund reasonable costs.

The area team has met with the Tamil group, and are continuing to support the group with a view to them arranging some community cultural awareness days.

7. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 27th November 4pm

Thursday 29th January 4pm

9. Any other business

It was suggested that there is a lack of Community Noticeboards in Darfield. These could be used to promote interest in local activities.

Action – To consider possible positions for noticeboards.