

**Wombwell Community Alliance**  
**Salvation Army Church**  
**18.00 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Present:**

**Alliance Members:**

Cllr Rob Frost	Chair Person
Brian Whitaker	Treasurer
Cllr Dick Wraith	Vice Chair
Cllr Margaret Morgan	
John Cooper	
Julie Bovan	Wombwell Salvation Army
Alan Taylor	
Joan Whitaker	We Love Wombwell
Jola Walker	Bernslai Homes
Wendy Slater	BMBC

**1 Apologies and introductions:**

Rob welcomed Julie Bovan as the replacement for Nigel Elliott and the Alliance members introduced themselves.

Apologies from Tony Dutton and Richard Ulliyott

**2 Election of new Secretary**

There were no volunteers for the post.

Alan suggested that as some other Alliances had decided to offer the Secretary as a paid post from Alliance Funds we may wish to go down that route. The sum of £250 to £500 pa was discussed. The councillors agreed to discuss this further.

**Action Point 01/1711 Councillors to discuss the post of Secretary.**

**3 Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Outstanding Aps.

- Action Point 02/1809 The Councillors will arrange to meet with the School. This AP is still outstanding.
- Action Point 03/1809 Alan to write to WLW about Alliance representation on their Management Committee. **Cleared.** Letter to Joan 25.09.14 and she will talk to WLW
- Action Point 04/1809 Alan to have sight of the estimates for the Church Hall Heating. **Cleared.** Alan has seen the estimates and Wendy will now process the grant.

The question of whether the Church should allow more free use of the Hall was discussed. The point was that the Councillors had put a lot of funds into the Church Hall in the past from their Support Fund and the Alliance has not given a large amount of funding towards the Hall. Alan commented that he had made this point to the Curate several times who had agreed that the Alliance could meet there without charge and the Curate would be sympathetic to other similar requests.

#### **4 Treasurers Report**

Brian reported the Alliance's own funds stood at £1062 after deduction of the Secretary's expenses. £276 had been received towards the 'No Litter' campaign and had been paid out for materials. These stencils and paint were now held by the South Barnsley Area Team.

The Alliance agreed there were still substantial funds to allocate from the grants fund. Alan asked if a process could be put in place to report back to the Alliance what had been bid for and spent and what the remaining allocation was. Wendy agreed to discuss this with BMBC Finance.

**Action Point 02/1711. Wendy to talk to BMBC Finance about a financial report for each Alliance meeting**

#### **5 Community First Report**

The CFP had now allocated all its funds for 2014/15 and Community First is now closed. The latest award was towards some equipment for the Library extension and some materials and a tutor for some holiday craft sessions for children.

#### **6 Tidy Team Update**

Brian is the Tidy Team representative from the Alliance and reported the following key areas:

- Washington Avenue site of former co-op is causing problems. Jola said there were issues with land access and rights for residents that were being dealt with.
- Bus stop on Barnsley Road

Margaret asked for the derelict filling station at the bottom of Dove Road to be brought to the attention of the Tidy Team.

Jola said that the Bernslai Homes Steering Group was linking up with the Tidy Team.

#### **7 Market and High Street.**

Following the meeting with BMBC a map of the High Street has now been produced showing land ownership. The only two 'problem' areas could be small strips of land in front of Wilkinsons and Wetherspoons as these were owned respectively by those organisations.

Wendy is following up the points made at the meeting with BMBC, with Markets although they have been busy with the new development in Barnsley centre. The Alliance were disappointed at the lack of positive action and two months later were still waiting for answers on the number of pitches and number used, and the rumours around competition between stalls.

They did note the positive of a new Fruit and Veg stall but questioned why it was not allowed to operate on Saturdays.

There were also issues around parking on the precinct and Wendy will talk to the Markets team about replacing the bollards.

The Markets Team had suggested a Christmas Crafts market on 11<sup>th</sup> December in response to our requests for an 'alternative' market. This proposal was cautiously agreed and Wendy will ask the Markets Team to go ahead with necessary arrangements and publicity.

Concerns were expressed that the 11<sup>th</sup> December short notice and was a Thursday and few people would be around, if this was not a success it should not be used as a reason for not developing the ideas of alternative markets.

The Christmas Lights event is 29<sup>th</sup> November and the Alliance agreed we should support the event by offering help as necessary.

### **8 We Love Wombwell representation**

Joan reported her view of events that had caused the problems between the Alliance representative and WLW that was reported in the last minutes. John's view of events was entirely different. There was a proposal that both parties should agree that despite the WLW perception, John was not questioning the Financial Integrity of WLW and the perception of the Treasurer of WLW should not be seen as *not* providing all the necessary information.

The debate that followed agreed that Richard Uilyott should remain the Alliance prime representative and John agreed that he would not perform that role. In future Joan will attend Alliance meetings to present feedback.

### **9 Survey**

Wendy asked if members would complete a survey about the workings of the Alliance. She offered several ways of doing this. Members agreed to complete the form individually and Wendy said she would email it out.

### **10 Other Business**

Dick raised concerns that certain individuals were stirring up problems in Wombwell for the Councillors and others over perceived inaction. It was agreed this was a threat to the Alliance and should be countered positively by explaining what was happening rather than rejecting their views.

Alliance agreed that the risk was moderate but as the arguments being put forward were hollow and did not stand up to test the best way forward was to be patient and see if they 'blow away'.

### **9 Dates of Next Meetings**

#### Alliance

Wednesday 21st January 2015 18.00 Wombwell Library Meeting Rooms

Tuesday 10th March 18.00 location tbc

Thursday 21st May 18.00 location tbc