

Darfield Ward Alliance  
Notes of meeting held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm  
At Darfield Community Centre

**Present:** Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Brian Key, Geoff Hutchinson, Donald Bishop, Colin Ward, David Hildred, Lee Parkinson, Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer), Tanya Dickinson (Locality Support Officer).

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Pauline Markham, Margaret Barlow, Lee Parkinson, Kevin Osbourne.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting 18th September and Matters arising**

Minutes agreed as true record.

9. There was a discussion around the provision of Noticeboards. It was decided that if these could be in conjunction with the schools this would help with security issues.  
**Action** – Brian, Caroline, Lee and David to approach schools to see if they would want a double noticeboard in there grounds. Caroline to price up boards.

**3. Community First Panel**

David gave an update on Community First, all the money has been allocated with the exception of £385. They are planning a wrap up meeting and a celebration event.

**4. Update on Ward Alliance Funded projects**

- An application from Billingley Parish Council was discussed. The group were in favour of supporting this bid.
- The application from the Ward Alliance for the plants on the Ring which had been agreed by e-mail was ratified.
- David was still looking for alternative training providers.
- An application from Houghton Main jnr Cricket club was tabled at the meeting.  
**Action** Wendy to gather some additional information and feedback to next meeting.

**5. Tidy Team Update**

Darfield still does not have a community rep on the Tidy Team steering group.

The tidy team are looking for initiatives to work with the community on.

**6. Update on planned event by the Tamil Group**

The Tamil group have arranged a cultural celebration event which they are opening up to the community. Details were circulated to the Alliance.

**7. Ward Alliance Projects**

- Tanya explained about a contact at the Nursing Home who is offering some dementia Awareness sessions, and asked about the idea of tying these up into a health day.  
**Action** A working group involving Lee, Don, the home and Tanya to look at ways of taking this forward.

- There was a discussion about ways of caring for the ring which are more sustainable and strategic.

**Action** A working group to be established including Colin and Brian.

### **8. Ward Alliance Monitoring**

Wendy circulated a 'suggested Ward Alliance Development Process' document. The first part of this process is an Alliance self-assessment.

**Action** The Alliance agreed to undertake a participatory voting process at the next Alliance meeting.

### **9. Any other business**

The timing of the meeting is proving problematic for some members. It was decided that a 5pm start should be tried for the March meeting.

### **10. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 4pm – Illsley Road Community Centre

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre