

Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Tuesday 10TH March 2015.
The Hoyland Centre

Present: Cllr. Mick Stowe, Cllr. Chris Lamb, Cllr. Robin Franklin, Cllr. Jimmy Andrews, Cllr. Emma Dures, Fiona Tennyson Ian Warhurst, Phil Anderson, John Lang, Anne Sanderson, June Walker.

Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer)
 Amanda Bradshaw
 Tanya Dickinson
 Joan Whittaker (Alliance Secretary)

Apologies: Cllr. Tim Shepherd, Janet Cartwright, Dave Graham, Charlotte Oughton

Cllr. Mick Stowe chaired the meeting.

1. Welcomes and Introductions

As Amanda and Tanya had not met all members, a round of introductions took place.

2. Self-Assessment Workshop

A table top exercise with Amanda and Tanya facilitating was held. Results are shown below:

Following the recent self-assessment survey carried out by Alliance members, a number of statements were disagreed or definitely disagreed with. Members of the Alliance were asked to consider these statements and what further work can be done in-order to address them.

Statement:	Our ward alliance has sufficient representatives who are right for the communities the WA serves
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need someone from a medical background and school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approach practise managers for local surgeries - need contacts for schools or each 'pyramid' • The Alliance has recruited 2 new business reps since doing the SA survey • Explore a young person rep – via school/Komplex

Statement:	Our ward alliance meetings are always quorate (have enough members attending to be able to make decisions)
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are not confirming attendance or putting in apologies • Commitment given from members to address this in the future

Statement:	Everyone has an equal say in the decisions we make
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-one is ever shut down. One-to-one support is available for those who want it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The South Area Team is happy to help with this • Alliance to develop a set of ground rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do as part of a workshop and extend to incorporate the role of the Alliance • Development of a ward alliance induction process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informal chat - Necessary documents only - Buddying system

Statement:	Every member of our ward alliance understands their role and what they can do to make the action plan work and everyone in our ward alliance is involved in the projects we have agreed in our plan
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action plan to be revisited at the next meeting • Plan to become a regular agenda item • Re-consult on priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet and greet events (volunteers to be recruited at next meeting to help with this!) - Attendance at community events

Statement:	We have regular updates at each meeting about the funds we have allocated and what it has been spent on
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the results of the self-assessment survey, Ward Alliance Funding will be an agenda item at all future meetings and a balance sheet produced. It was felt that this was sufficient enough to address this statement

Statement:	We are aware of the community mapping exercise carried out by the Area Team for our area and have a good knowledge of the groups and organisations that operate in our area
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the results of the self-assessment survey, a copy of the 'Things to do in Hoyland Milton & Rockingham' directory produced by the South Area Team has been circulated to alliance members. It was felt that this was sufficient enough to address this statement

Statement:	We have a neighbourhood network to support our work as a ward alliance and have an identified a 'host' to co-ordinate this
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance members have been informed that Forge Community Partnership has been identified as the neighbourhood network host and that a neighbourhood network website has been established (www.hoylandcap.co.uk). The host can be contacted by email (info@hoylandcap.co.uk) or by calling into one of their weekly drop-ins

Statement:	We are promoting the work of the ward alliance as widely as possible making use of as many means as possible, including events, internet, social media (e.g. facebook etc)
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of local press <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barnsley Chronicle rep is Helen Williams and she can be contacted by email (helen.williams@barnsley-chronicle.co.uk) or by phone (01226 734207) • Have a neighbourhood network – we need to use it! • Utilise TV screens within the Hoyland Centre • Utilise community notice boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tesco, Milton Pond, Elsecar Park, Platts Common • Meet and greet sessions

3. Minutes of Meeting held 13th January 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Matters Arising

A comment was made by Councillor Andrews that when HS2 came to our meeting, it would be helpful if they came with information that had not previously been in the public domain, usually as a result of statements made by Sir David Higgins. He went on to say that the reason HS2 were originally invited was because of concerns expressed about tunnelling that would be taking place in the two wards represented by this alliance. In fact when Michael Dugher announced that there would be a public meeting in Hoyland to discuss, it attracted people from Worsbrough and Athersley.

5. Tidy Team Update

Councillor Lamb announced that there was a big community litter pick on the Cloughs Estate which he attended, along with Berneslai Homes, Fiona Tennyson and a number of others and he understands that there was between 1 ½ and 2 tons of litter removed from just that one estate. He left after one hour but the area at that time was looking really great and he considers it a great achievement on the part of everyone and in particular Mrs Payling who just keeps going and he feels this should be recognised.

Fiona announced that they had an action day in Wombwell at which the Tidy Team were involved and she considers they did a brilliant job. They are just so enthusiastic and everybody who was there noted their enthusiasm.

The Chair said that we need to be noting the enthusiasm of the Tidy Team because it is not just about how many bags of litter were picked up, how many community groups were part of it, it is about how we measure the “feel good” factor that people get from coming together and he feels that anecdotal reference needs to be acknowledged. Fiona commented that on a bitterly cold day in Wombwell at the end of January, they were so very enthused. The team literally cheered you up, they never looked miserable, they just cracked on.

If anyone has any community groups in their area who want to do a little pick and they need support, they can contact the Tidy Team through the South Area Office.

Cllr. Stowe felt that it should be noted that Berneslai Homes have done some work at Blacker Hill. He and Cllr. Franklin went on a walkabout with Dave Graham and officers from the local authority and noted some hot spots and areas that could cause concern. Berneslai Homes are working with a number of families in Blacker Hill, but if Blacker Hill and Platts Common TARA want to get organised and support a community get together, he knew of one or two residents who attended the walkabout and who would get involved. He said that he had been talking to Dave Graham and all work financed through the Steering Group devolved budget is now on hold until the new financial year budget is allocated. Joan said that she could facilitate any conversations with the Steering Group as she is Chair of the group covering the Ward Alliance area.

6. Ward Alliance Funding

The agreed bids for Rockingham Cricket Club and Elsecar Cricket Club are to be ratified. A copy of the Alliance Funding spend to date has been circulated. It was agreed that whilst bids for funds could be sent out prior to a meeting, this should just be for information. We should not be asking for yes or no votes as each application should be discussed by the group and differing points of view obtained.

A bid has been submitted by Jump Primary School – Young Voices School Choir and they are proposing an after school club run by school staff but with volunteers supporting. The aim is to run this for many weeks before attending the Young Voices School Choir event at the Sheffield Arena in January. In terms of funding they are seeking £991.50.

They intend to match fund by packing grocery bags at Morrisons at Cortonwood. It was suggested that the bid would be looked at more favourably if the young people actually did the grocery packing at a store within the Alliance area.

Cllr. Stowe feels that the school should be informed that we would be happier if Tesco were approached with a request that they assist by facilitating this.

7. Any Other Business

June Walker asked that thanks be extended to Phil Atkinson and Tesco for providing the biscuits which we have enjoyed during the course of the meeting, a sentiment heartily endorsed by those in attendance.

There being no further business, Cllr. Stowe declared the meeting closed.

8. Date of Next Meeting

12th May 2015

All meetings at Hoyland Centre at 17.00 hours.