

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 19th March 2015 @ 5.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Caroline Saunders, Donald Bishop, David Hildred, Lee Parkinson, Brian Moore, Kevin Osbourne, Glenda Shepherd (For Health Day) Wendy Slater (Senior Locality Support Officer), Tanya Dickinson (Locality Support Officer), Elaine Equeall (Community Engagement, Consultation and Research Policy Lead) Debbie Pye (Volunteer & Engagement Officer).

1. Apologies: Cllr Pauline Markham, Geoff Hutchinson, Colin Ward.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 27th November and Matters arising

Minutes agreed as true record.

2. 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. – Still ongoing.

3. Ward Alliance Monitoring

An interactive voting session took place to give members the opportunity to self-review how the Ward Alliance is performing. A copy of the full results will be circulated when available, and the Alliance will look at ways to take this forward in the future.

4. Community First Panel Event Review.

The celebration event went well and was well attended.

5. Update on Ward Alliance Funded projects

- Training project – Wendy has now found a provider who can deliver a safeguarding introduction session. It was thought that while this may not be in depth enough for the sports clubs it would be a good basis for other groups to have. Alliance members are going to find out who would be interested so they have an idea of numbers.
- The applications from Houghton Main Cricket Club, and Darfield Library which had been agreed by e-mail were ratified.
- An application from Darfield Cricket club was agreed in principle, and will be e-mailed to Members not present, as the meeting was not quorate.

6. Tidy Team Update

The Tidy Team steering group, are due to meet next week, so no update was available.

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

7. Ward Alliance Projects

- Health Day – This will now run across a month rather than being just one day. Both Cricket Clubs and the Bowling club are keen to be involved. At present the plan is:
21st June - Darfield Cricket Club to run a junior Cricket tournament along with 'have a go' sessions and stalls.
7th June – Houghton Main to work with Fit Reds to put on Walking Football.
TBD (subject to league fixtures) – The Bowling Club would like to offer bowling for fun, with the possibility of follow on sessions. They are looking to work with the Older Persons Clinic, and also repeat the successful summer activity sessions for young people again this year. They are also looking at expanding their Wednesday morning gardening club which is open to all.
A walking group was also identified and they will be approached.
Action Working group to continue and may make decisions of a financial nature.
- There was no-one available to update about ways of caring for the ring which are more sustainable and strategic.
Action A working group to be established including Colin and Brian.
- Gala and Summer Activities – Volunteers are needed for these. The Gala will take place on 18th July.
Action Tidy Team need to be booked to help out at Gala.

8. Any other business

There was a discussion regarding the Snow Wardens Scheme. As this is one of the Ward Priorities the Alliance would like to look at doing a Grit Bin Audit, with a view to buying more bins and training up wardens. It was also noted that the two grit bins ordered for Darfield and Billingley have still not arrived. **Action** Wendy to chase up where the two bins are.

There was a request to try and get the Tidy Team to contact Netherwood School with a view to supporting them to arrange a litter pick and tidy up on their grounds.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14th May 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre

Thursday 16th July 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre

Thursday 17th Sept 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre

Thursday 12th Nov 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre