

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 14th May 2015 @ 5.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Dorothy Coates, Cllr Pauline Markham, Colin Ward, Brian Moore, Margaret Barlow, Donald Bishop, David Hildred, Lee Parkinson, Geoff Hutchinson and Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer).

1. Introductions and apologies

A round of introductions was given to welcome our new Councillor, Dorothy Coates. No apologies had been received for this meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 19th March and Matters arising

2a - Margaret Barlow's apologies had not been recorded in the last set of minutes.

Action – Tanya to rectify.

2b - Noticeboards: Darfield All Saints are happy to house a community notice board as are the Management Committee at Darfield Community Centre. Others have been approached but as yet no responses have been received.

As this project idea has now been ongoing for a while and after discussion, it was decided that a Ward Alliance Fund application form be submitted to cover the cost of 6 community notice boards and that steps are taken to have these positioned in / with Darfield All Saints, Little Houghton, Darfield Community Centre, Middlecliff, Billingley and Broomhill. The boards should be aluminium framed with lockable Perspex front doors. Tanya reminded the Alliance that the Ward Alliance Fund application will need to be matched with volunteer time.

Action - Cllr Dorothy Coates agreed to complete the WAF application form (Form to be emailed to Dorothy by Tanya). The Alliance to look at engaging a number of community volunteers to take on the responsibility of the upkeep of the notice boards.

3. Results of interactive voting session

Following the interactive voting session undertaken by the Ward Alliance at the last meeting, a number of issues have arisen which need to be addressed so that the Alliance can continue to develop both its individual members and its work as a group within the community. A log of 'statements' which those taking part either disagreed or strongly disagreed with has been pulled together. A number of suggestions were put forward on how these statements can be addressed. These have been recorded and will be used to inform an informal training and development action plan for the Alliance.

4. Ward Alliance Fund

Training project – Not discussed due to time.

Darfield Cricket Club – Junior Training £600 – Previously agreed in principle. **Application ratified.**

Darfield Bowls Club – Cutting Blade £1025 – There was a short discussion around the Bowls Club becoming self-sustaining in the future. It was recognised that this is a problem for many across the Borough. **This application was agreed.**

Action: WA members to show their support to the Bowls Club by going down to the open day event taking place on Sunday 14th June as part of the Alliance's 'Darfield Health Month'.

Houghton Main FC – U8's equipment £800 – Colin Ward abstained from voting on this application. A discussion was had around the number of children attending this activity from outside of the Darfield Ward due to Houghton Main bordering Great Houghton. Colin believed that there may be 1 or 2 attending but wasn't certain. Dorothy was able to add that Great Houghton has very low numbers of children of this age range wanting to start up a football team and so would assume this to be the case. Again, self-sustainability of the Club was raised. **This application was agreed.**

Action: Houghton Main to be invited to the September meeting to provide feedback on all of their Ward Alliance funded projects.

Houghton Main Miners Welfare Sports & Social Club – Walking Football Event £256 – Colin Ward abstained from voting on this application. The Club have agreed to organise this activity after being approached by the Ward Alliance over having an involvement with the Darfield Health Month. **This application was agreed.**

Action: Members of the Ward Alliance to show their support and come along and take part in the walking football taking place on Sunday 7th June.

Ward Alliance Fund Balance – Not discussed due to time.

It was decided that any Ward Alliance Fund applications received for consideration, need to have been submitted 2 weeks prior to the meeting date. Any applications received after this time, will have to wait until the next scheduled meeting.

Action: Tanya to promote this information amongst the community.

5. Tidy Team Update

Not discussed due to time.

6. Ward Alliance Projects

Not discussed due to time.

7. Any other business

Cllr Dorothy Coates requested for a copy of the Darfield Ward Alliance priorities and the 'Things to do guide' for Darfield to be emailed across to her. **Action** – Tanya to sort.

Lee Parkinson felt that it would be a worthwhile exercise for the Alliance to carry out an audit of all community buildings within the Darfield Ward. **Action:** To be put on the agenda for the July meeting.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 16th July 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre (Apologies from Brian Moore and Geoff Hutchinson)

Thursday 17th Sept 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre

Thursday 12th Nov 5pm – Illsley Road Community Centre