

- 1. Present: Cllr Frost, Daniel Higgins, Theresa Arnold, Karen Whiting, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)**

Apologies: Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Higginbottom, Caroline Reeves (Berneslai Homes), Sabeena Chavan, Chelsey Rigby, Jamie Wardle

Cllr Frost opened the meeting. As 3 of the apologies had been unexpected at the last minute any decisions made at the meeting would be circulated to all members for approval.

- 2. Notes last meeting matters arising** – AB informed the group that no movement had been made by the Army Cadets regarding Adopting the Station project. She had recently paid a visit to the Wombwell Scout group, and they seemed very interested. Contact details of the Scouts and Cathrine Ashworth (Community Rail officer) had been exchanged. There were no more matters arising
- 3. Presentation from Rachel Barraclough (Family Centre Manager – Early start & family services)** Unfortunately not in attendance. AB to contact Rachel to reschedule.
- 4. High St Christmas event -Date of 3rd December confirmed.** The Salvation Army band, entertainer, DJ, and face painting provider had already been booked. Discussion took place regarding contacting local performing arts groups to attend. AB to contact them to check availability. A choir to accompany the band was also discussed, group members were asked to ask around and get back to AB with contact details. AB informed the meeting that she had lanterns from last year so she would approach brownies/scouts to see if they wanted to take part in a lantern procession.
- 5. Christmas lights/trees** – High St Business group feedback from their recent meeting. Theresa informed the meeting that the group had obtained a gambling licence and were doing a sponsor a Christmas light appeal. Sponsorship forms were in a few High St businesses. As the treasurer of the group wasn't in attendance, she wasn't able to inform the meeting of funds raised so far apart from the £250 raised through Jubilee ticket sales minus £40 for the gambling licence.

The business group have been considering purchasing a large Christmas tree motif like the ones outside the Glassworks in the town centre and putting it on the High St. AB approached BMBC Street lighting for guidance re specifications and installation and

costings, they directed her onto Town Centre team who informed her that the Town Centre illuminations were installed by Bradford City Council. As time is running out and funds wouldn't stretch to this it was agreed to go with the traditional tree this year and look at this option for next year. It was acknowledged that sponsors would like to see something physical for their money this year so Theresa is going to look at purchasing a few larger lamp post motifs with the funds.

Mini Christmas trees- a few areas are doing them again this year and the South Area team have had several enquiries from Wombwell residents. As the Ward Alliance had purchased the lamp post brackets last year and the trees would be fully funded through sponsorship it was agreed to go ahead with the scheme. Only 16 trees would be put up for sponsorship. Action AB to promote the scheme.

6. Ward Alliance budget £12037 -

7. Funding application – Barnsley Basketball club £500 approved by members present, circulated to members not present and approved.

8. Feedback from Healthy Holiday programme – 5 events were held during the summer school holidays. The activities were fully funded by Wombwell Ward Alliance through their healthy holiday budget and delivered by the Community Development officer and volunteers from Friends of Wombwell park, Wombwell Community Luncheon club, Wombwell Dam Community Angling club and Wombwell TARA. 232 children and 154 attended. £500 was also received from Good Food Barnsley to go towards providing picnic lunches for the attendees.

9. Ideas for future projects – This will be discussed at our next meeting when more members are in attendance. AB informed the group that Wombwell will be hosting a Residents Support Roadshow in response to the cost-of-living crisis where various agencies will be in attendance to offer support and guidance. AB has approached local primary schools to ask if they can accommodate an event.

10. A.O.B – AB informed meeting of Basic first Aid course taking place in Wombwell 7th November fully funding from WA training budget. Local groups have been offered places for their volunteers. Invite was extended to WA community reps.

Theresa raised a couple of issues re the High St, the Chair asked her to speak directly to Cllr Higginbottom for assistance.

In Sabeena's absence AB was to inform the group that Wombwell park have put into the Barnsley in Bloom and are awaiting the results.

11. Date & time of next meeting – Monday 21st November 5.30pm @ Cemetery Community Hub