

Dearne North Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	19 th April 2016 - 10am
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Jen Worton, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Derek Bramham (Big Local Thurnscoe), Alison Sykes (Salvation Army) Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team CDO), Charlotte Williams (Station House), Stephen Hurd (local resident), David Perry (local resident) and visitor Jo Thornton (National Citizen Service)	Pauline Phillips (Thurnscoe Park)

	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p><i>Minutes were agreed with no amendments & no matters arising</i></p> <p>3. National Citizen Service</p> <p>Jo Thornton presented the information about the NCS asking for individuals with the Ward Alliance to pass on any relevant activities that their groups were completing throughout the summer so the teenagers taking part in the NCS programme summer 2016 could put all the skills and experiences they have learnt in the first 2 weeks into practice by working as a team by completing a social action project in the community and a project that they will enjoy and learn from.</p> <p>Jo handed out applications to all the members and will send out an electronic version for easier access. Alison expressed an interest in the Community garden for the members that use the salvation army drop in.</p> <p>4. Financial update</p> <p>Allocated funds of £10,000.00 from Barnsley Council, £69.34 unspent from April 2015 – March 2016, a return of £264.00 from unspent monies from Church Street Close Social Club the Dearne North Ward Alliance have an opening balance of £10333.34</p> <p>The Dearne North Working fund has an opening balance of £2000.00</p> <p>Total available to spend on local priorities in Dearne North is £12333.34</p>	<p>Salvation Army to make contact with NCS to complete some summer projects</p> <p>Feedback to LWYL meeting with progress.</p>	<p>Alison Sykes</p> <p>Marie Sinclair</p>

5. Monitoring information from expenditures 2015/16

(see appendix 1)

Marie gave a brief outline of the monies allocated and what social action had been taken part or was needed in the next few months.

6. Updates from Community Groups

Salvation Army – National Energy advice held a one off session at the Salvation Army to help people to understand their tariffs, electric & gas bills or to simply swap companies, this has helped so many people to understand how to save energy and also in times of emergencies how to enable free fuel. Crisis also run housing sessions twice monthly to help with any housing/property issues.

Job club run by volunteers had its first session with 10 people attending regular to seek local employment. Alison is hoping to get some help with this to ensure it keeps running. Annette informed Alison to see Rory at DECV as he has experience in this field.

Alison praised the work of Twiggs helping the volunteers to clean up the grounds and area surrounding the building, Adam & Harry are helping Alison to build a community garden at the back, Alison is going to liaise with Jo Thornton (NCS) to see if this could be a viable project for them to complete.

Fare share are working with the Salvation Army with the cook & eat sessions to help 30 individuals to plan, prepare and cook a healthy meal.

Thurnscoe Park – excellent work from Twiggs every week helping with the hedging and composting area, also with planting and hoeing they have been sowing the seeds for the spring/summer wildlife meadow area.

200 lavender pots have are waiting to be planted around the roses in a circular style to add color for the Barnsley in Bloom.

Several school children from Robert Ogden have been attending the weekly volunteering sessions to help with the hedging and planting of flowers

The water pump has been ordered and the new bins have been installed, thanks to the Devolved Ward Budget.

The section 106 monies has been agreed to purchase new gates and improvements to the play area to the park (on the Asda side) to the entrance on both sides to try and combat anti-social behavior on a night.

Big Local Thurnscoe – planning for the 2016 beach party (6th August) is underway so if anyone wants a stall to showcase their group etc, please see Derek.

The spring show on Phoenix Park was a huge success with a few hundred people turning out; the groups did really well with Royston Animal Welfare holding a dog completion that went really well. Lots of families came along and all praised the work of the group and Phoenix park grounds.

Greenspaces group will be looking at maintaining the raised beds on Houghton Road and Rainbow Centre, Derek has been given permission to go ahead and maintain them, the group will be looking for volunteers to help plant them up with Twiggs and water them as often as required. Both entrances into the village have raised beds with lovely flowers (assisted by Twiggs). The next initiative will be a 3 tier planters within the village in which some of the planters will incorporate incredible edible (several venues in Thurnscoe) – Anyone wishing to help the Green Space group speak to Derek. Worries from a few members was that vandalism may take part in some areas, however BLT feel that you have to build up community spirit and hope that people will recognise a nicer area is far more rewarding, Charlotte advised Derek to speak to the local SNT/Police about something call secure by design a deterrent used in other areas to try and combat anti-social behavior and helps to reduce crime.

Station House – A big thankyou to the Cllrs and the Devolved Ward Budget payment to help with the extension to the rear of station house, an open day is being planned for the end of May to showcase the lovely interior and the good work that the children have created and do every day, the invite will go to all community groups and anyone interested in looking around the new improvements, date to be confirmed which will be out announced on local social media pages.

Good news on attendance Charlotte announced a 20% increase on afterschool club which gives a good indication that worklessness is improving in the area and also trust in Station House and the staff inside.

Charlotte wanted to thank Twiggs whom have assisted in the clean-up of the back of Station House making the environment around the area look a lot more inviting, this has encouraged the children to take part in the incredible edible and also help with litter picks around Station House.

Charlotte also mentioned an intern was about to start for 12 months work experience assisting her with marketing & social media about the whole of the Dearne, Charlotte asked if anyone would like to help with this please let her know.

Allotment – Marie informed the group of the latest successful funding bid for £3000 to pay for a large polytunnel to accommodate flowers around the whole of the Dearne, hanging baskets can be sown & grown and planted on site for a reasonable price to groups & individuals who would like to go and have a try at making their own, if anyone is interested speak to Mick Wellburn the sessional worker on site Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am – 2pm or alternatively speak to a member of the Dearne Area Team.

7. AOB

Marie asked if anyone had any information for Twiggs to add on to their work plan next week – Derek highlighted the rubbish/litter that is spewed across the embankment banking's in Thurnscoe

Cllr Worton informed everyone that Cllr Sims memorial stand would be installed at the end of May after the forthcoming elections.

Cllr Gardiner asked the group to look into gaining more members of the Ward Alliance from Goldthorpe to ensure the spread was equal across all sides on Dearne North. Social media and neighbourhood network would be a start to see if there is any interest.

Cllr Worton thanked everyone for coming.

Cllr Worton was thanked by the Ward Alliance for all her hard work and excellent Chairing for the past 3 years.

8. Dates for next meeting – Tuesday 7th June at 10am Goldthorpe Library