

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 9 th August 2022 – 2pm-3.30pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Glennis Lingard – resident Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Guest speaker - Andrea Spencer and community governor rep Malcolm – NHS Barnsley Hospital Trust	Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Peter Shields (internet problems) Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Twiggs Kevin Frisby BMBC Housing Enforcement

1. Welcomes & introductions:

- Welcome to Andrea Spencer from Barnsley NHS Hospital trust

Andrea highlighted the membership strategy and its effectively engaging with members of the hospital trust and the governors that can be questioned on any matters arising for the Hospital, Andrea gave a good insight into the overall picture for Foundation Trusts in 2021 is one of change, with continuing operational and financial pressures lessening the resource available to develop and engage membership. The impact of these pressures, together with difficult financial choices in healthcare delivery and new models of care, give a renewed importance to ensuring that the public understand and are engaged with the changes being made which membership can be key to delivering – hence requiring more and more members to help check and challenge any processes along the way and give their initial thoughts and ideas and raise any questions that might need addressing. Their vision is to develop an actively engaged and vibrant membership. Over the next three years ideally making a fundamental step change in how they engage and involve their current & new members, building a more active membership and giving members a voice in shaping how the organisation works – followed by Q&A- Action Marie to send all paperwork from Andrea after meeting for anyone who wishes to sign up

Twiggs passed on late apologies due to staffing issues – short discussion took place on matters around environmental issues in the community. AG will address these before/at the next Area Council meeting.

Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising

- All Minutes agreed

2. WA trustee roles renewal

Cllr Gardiner asked the members if anyone would take on the role as treasurer to allow Charlotte Williams to step down from the role, MS also asked for a secretary – no one came forward so outcome was for MS to devise a poster for secretary

3. Finance

AG – Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance **£7966.89** after 4 applications have been approved 2022/23 with a match fund of £450.00 against volunteer time

MS – DNWA working funds - MHW (mental health & wellbeing) £146.32, Healthy holidays £392.00, Thurnscoe activity fund, £1200.00, Thurnscoe environmental fund £448.00

2 applications submitted –

Crafty Chestnuts £556.41 applied for funds to assist in the purchasing of heat press, laptop and public liability to start up their groups – brief discussion took place with concerns about its social media presence and already making funds through the selling of merchandise made by a group member already – decisions – ***deferred for request of more information on their finances and sustainability of the group***

Dearne Area Team - £988 to purchase equipment to enable volunteers and local residents/staff to paint the railings, bridges and areas within parks/social green spaces in Dearne North – ***all agreed to fund***

4. Action Plan completion with projects required

AG – asked all the Ward Alliance members if they had read and understood their role and actions needed to work against the plan, MS advised the Alliance that this will form plans for the next 12 months against the area priorities, everyone thanked MS for her work and all agreed it's a really good plan to work on and delivery the actions agreed. MS will start putting plans in place and set up sub groups to help with forthcoming projects – discussion was had around what everyone

5. Group updates

Big Local Thurnscoe: DB gave a brief update on the plaza and the removal of the container due to anti social behaviour, the board are looking to be holding further events once the dust settles.

Thurnscoe Flower Park: PP stated that the Pictures in the Park event had been a complete success and thanked Marie & Darryl for their hard work and support in getting a first for the park on the map, it's something the park volunteers would love to run again. Pauline gave an update on the marvellous work the volunteers have been doing over the spring and summer and was looking forward to the Autumn and some well-deserved rain!

Salvation Army: Jackie gave an update on the issues that they are having from their families and individuals already feeling the pinch with cost of living crisis. They are seeing their food banks increase daily and the issues keep coming more for energy, Jackie & Alison have secured fundings from the Housing Support Grant to help families/individuals on low incomes and also on breadline – anyone who needs help they are more than happy to see. More in depth discussions were had around how we can help our local people to get through the next few months

6. AOB - NONE

7. Dates & Time of next meeting - Tuesday 11th October 2pm Teams