

Wombwell Ward Alliance Meeting

Monday 16th January 5.30pm

Notes from meeting

Present: Cllrs James Higginbottom, Cllr Robert Frost, Cllr Brenda Eastwood, Karen Sabeena Chavan, Theresa Arnold, Chelsey Rigby, Jamie Hinton Wardle, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Guest speakers Malcolm Gibson /Phil Hall (Barnsley Hospital Trust)

Tracey Fitzgibbon (Family Centre Manager- Early start & family services)

Apologies: Karen Whiting, Daniel Higgins

Cllr Higginbottom welcomed everyone, and introductions were made for the benefit of the guests.

Notes last meeting were accepted and there were no matters arising

Presentation Barnsley Hospital Trust Malcolm Gibson/Phil Hall.

Malcom and Phil informed the meeting on how one can become a member of the Barnsley Hospital trust and how Barnsley Hospital needs more people to become trust members. Key factors raised was how becoming a member gives you a voice and provides you with the opportunity to influence how your local hospital is run. Other benefits were also explained – membership is free to anyone over 14, you can choose how involved you'd like to be, and you also get regular updates of what's happening in the hospital and surrounding area.

By becoming an hospital trust member, you can put yourself forward to be voted on as a hospital trust governor. If you so wish to do so. As a governor again the role can be minimal, but you are expected to attend 4 meetings a year which are currently taking place online. Governors have access to free training to enable them to take on this role. Barnsley Hospital trust is currently looking for new governors. Information was handed out with more details of the work, structure of the trust and how to get involved. Q & A were taken

The Chair thanked Malcolm & Phil for their presentation. Action AB to email Andrea for online publicity to circulate.

Presentation from Tracey Fitzgibbon (Family Centre Manager – Early start & family services) overseeing South/Penistone area.

Tracey informed the meeting they will be transitioning into Family Hubs over the next few months. The family centre had just relocated into IKIC centre, and she welcomed Ward Alliance members to come along and pay a visit. The family centre will be starting a parenting programme on 17th January. Tracey spoke about the need for bonding & attachment for young babies and the centre is going to be looking at baby massage /family holiday activities to address these concerns. The centre also has plans to offer a warm

welcoming space next year to combat cost of living crisis. The warm space they are currently running in Jump is proving to be very successful. The Wombwell family centre are aiming to firm up their offer to the local community, working in partnership with local partners and services.

Kings Coronation

Date confirmed for the High St Coronation tea party is Monday May 8th. There is a meeting of the business group on Monday 23rd where plans will be discussed. A funding application and further information on the event will be presented at our March meeting.

Ward Alliance Budget: There is £4520 remaining in this year's allocation.

Funding application –

Winter Wellbeing event for older Residents £1440. Approved by all

AB informed the meeting about Winter Wellbeing event for older residents on 30th January at Wombwell library 11 to 1pm. Everyone is welcome. 10 service providers have been booked and hot soup & refreshments will be provided. Darren and Sabeena offered to help at the event.

Hanging basket sponsorship scheme

Sponsorship hanging basket scheme has now been promoted. There are 18 brackets available for sponsorship on the High St. Cost £65 for existing sponsors with a plaque £100 for new sponsors to include plaque. Uptake has been positive and it is looking that 18 baskets will be sponsored. AB informed the meeting that this price was just for the summer baskets. The members were asked if they wanted to continue with also having spring baskets as we have done for the last 10 years. This would be too costly to the sponsors at an extra £44 per basket. The members all agreed to fund 18 spring baskets at a cost of £792. Funding application would be circulated for approval.

Cllr James Higginbottom closed the meeting & thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked Theresa for hosting the meeting.

Date of next meeting

Monday March 20th Cemetery Hub, Wombwell Cemetery 5.30pm