

**Darfield Ward Alliance
Minutes 19th January 2023
4pm Darfield Community Centre**

Welcome and Introductions – Introduced Dave Hamilton (South Team Leader TWIGGS)

In attendance – Cllr Markham (Chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Osborne, Clare Archer (CDO), Brian Moore, Colin Ward

Apologies – Mike Fenna, Lorna Wilkinson

Matters Arising –

Summer baskets 2023 – no additional funding needed, 35 baskets available, 16 reserved so far

Safer Streets Funding - £10,000 looking at limiting Quad bike access (meeting with Cllrs next week) Contractors cannot give exact costs until next week.

Access to free training – met Zoe Darcy from Darfield, who is Head of Training for Kingdom. A variety of courses available for free, some at a small cost. Looking to put this out on social media, promote to groups on mailing list. They do offer a course around budget management – cost to this – may be a consideration for future.

10 year celebration plans – Launch of display in the market kitchen atrium AM 10.30-1pm. PM 1.30-3pm Town Hall all Ward Alliance Members invited for presentation and buffet. Official invites will be sent out next week. Every Wednesday through March staff in atrium with display. South Area has been given £1,500 to plan and deliver a volunteer / area arrangement celebration event, looking at 7th July evening Audreys. Spotlight magazine will be dedicated to celebrating this.

Ward Priorities discussion – members agreed to keep the current priorities but add a little more description to them;

Pride in the ward

Strengthening the community

Information / support

Health and wellbeing – discussion took place around stop smoking as a particular area of focus

Youth provision

Document below to be agreed at next meeting then publicised across the ward



Budget Update – remainder £4,659 for year end 31st March 2023.

Bids –

Darfield Cricket Club (£1,000) – all agreed to support this and that the bid gave plenty of evidence and information about the additional benefits such as mental health support.

Darfield Community Events (£350)– all agreed to fund the equipment to run a cinema club at Darfield Community Centre for local children and families.

Darfield Ward Volunteer Celebration Event – a discussion took place around holding a celebration event for Darfield Ward volunteers only, taking into consideration the South Area Council 10 year celebration one in July. It was decided that it would be the same people being invited to both in a short space of time so to look at a specific ward one later in the year.

Dependant on the safer streets allocation decision, remainder funding could be used on the Community Safety Workshops discussed or any ward alliance budget remaining could be looked at.

Visit to Exodus Youth Group – Cllr Markham and Dave volunteered to attend the 5.15pm session, Cllr Smith and Cllr Osborne volunteered for the 7.15 session.

Youth Work Training Opportunity – see notes attached

Any other business – agreed 23/24 dates below and a revised start time of 4.30pm to allow members who work enough time to attend

Venue Darfield Community Centre

18th May

15th June (additional meeting for summer planning)

13th July

14th Sept

16th Nov

18th Jan 24

14th March 24

Date and time of next meeting - 16th March 2023 4.30pm

Additional Notes



Youth Work Practice

Level 2 Award

Level 3 Certificate

A great opportunity has arisen for members of the community to undertake a fully funded Youth Work Qualification.

The course covers;

Engaging and communicating with young people

Theory of Youth Work

Young Peoples Development

Safeguarding

Group Work

Challenging Behaviour

Anti-Discriminatory Practice

Work based and reflective practice in Youth Work

Careers and further study

The course blends the academic and practical, as well as portfolio work learners must also undertake practical experience in a youth work setting, such as youth / sports clubs, arts and community groups.

Upon completion of the course you will receive a Level 2 award, you will also be given the opportunity to progress your learning to level 3 and above.

The primary career linked to this course is Youth Work. Youth Workers help young people to develop skills, confidence, resilience and positive attitudes to engagement, enabling them to reach their full potential. A qualification in Youth Work is also considered desirable for other career pathways such as schools, social care, youth offending, housing, community work and many more.

If you are in receipt of benefits the course is fully funded. However if you do not meet this criteria but are already working / volunteering with young people in the South Area then we may be able to secure funding for you to undertake the course.

The Youth Association who will be providing the training are holding two information sessions on the 26th January 2023 in Barnsley Library / The Light Box 11am to 2pm or 5pm until 7pm. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the course, the commitment and expectations and ask any questions.

Please find attached an expression of interest form and a booklet outlining the course. If you would like to attend one of the information sessions then please complete the expression of interest form and send it back to the southteam@barnsley.gov.uk also stating if you wish to attend the AM / PM session.

Kind regards

The South Area Team