

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES – by Secretary Donna Gregory

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| Meeting Title: | Heather Court flat, Carrfield Lane, Bolton on Dearne |
| Date & Time: | Tuesday 24 th January 2023 at 10am |

| Attendees | Apologies |
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| <p>Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Dorothy Coates (local Elected member) Cllr Janine bowler (Local Elected member) Alan George (treasurer) Donna Gregory (secretary) Pat Hubery (business owner/Dearne South resident) Michael Moore (allotment group/veterans' group) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (Salvation army) Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer) Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Caroline Hoyland (B.O.D.V.A.G)</p> <p>Guest Speakers for updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniel Jarvis & Matt Goodman - Active Future Barnsley• Jenny Pitmen - Befriend | <p>Dennis Hogg (local resident) Beth Deakin (project 14)</p> |

1. Welcome and Introductions

DJ & MG from Active Future Barnsley gave a presentation on their projects and what their organisation represents, along with their aims and ambitions for the future.

DJ gave a brief background to who he is, what he knows from growing up within the area, also what he feels he can bring to the area with his groups he runs.

MG gave the ward an insight into his background and what inspired his way of running the organisation for getting the community moving. No matter what age people are.

The AFG work with 25 local authorities throughout England they've a range of activities from dodgeball to freestyle. They gave a brief rundown on their running costs as well.

The ward alliance members asked a range of questions about costings & times and capacity along with staffing ratios and they were answered. The overall response was good and the ward felt they had given a good pitch. Everyone thanked them for coming.

Befriend

JP from befriend gave a presentation on her organisation, what their aims and ambitions are, also the challenges they face with males not wanting to join the group sessions.

She gave an overlay of what a typical pairing would consist of. What a Befriend does when they are paired and what they aren't. They aren't carers so it's a cuppa, chat and hopefully a friendship that is grown that lasts for a long time.

The group sessions have 1 in Thurnscoe and 1 in Bolton upon Dearne. They have Robert Ogden volunteers that help when the groups are running. These groups help combat social isolation.

MB from Goldthorpe Development Group told JP that they have the same issues with men not attending their over 50s club. This is down to many women becoming widows mainly. He also asked if Befriend offered a service to fetch people to their social events. As his group for those less mobile are offered a taxi service.

JP responded that they don't offer a taxi service as people need to be able to get to the social events on their own or with their carer.

The ward alliance members asked JP a range of questions and she answered them all. The ward thanked her for her time as everyone found that her group do an amazing job within the dearne.

2. Apologies as stated above Dennis Hogg & Beth Deakin

3. matters arising

DG pointed out she had misspelt Dennis' name and had written Denise instead

4. Notes from October 2022 meeting & any matters arising

everyone was happy with the notes from the last meeting other than the one stated above was the only issue mentioned

5. Finances

applications - menopause group

over social media the dearne area team ran a facebook poll for if the group was needed. The response was 89% wanted the group and wanted face to face.

It's not just for women but partners too.

-set up costs for venues

-renaissance centre is 180 pounds for rent

-reviewed after 4 months

MS- said it part of the Dearne Area Team action plan for the area.

The ward alliance discussed the application.

MB -discussed his wifes symptoms and the venue to be used

AG- wanted to know from a man's perspective on how to support his wife/daughter family

JB- talked about Davina Mccoll book and programme and that Tesco are being supportive about menopause for their employees

DC -wanted to know on resources needed or what will be needed as the application wasn't asking for enough.

MS- money will be reviewed once we have the numbers attending on a monthly basis. For what tips are suggested because what helps one won't necessarily help everyone but doesn't hurt to try some thing they've not tried before.

PH - asked about rents

The ward suggested leaflets.

Everyone discussed the menopause group and came to a consensus that the group needed more money to cover hidden expenses.

The ward suggested 400 pounds this allows 180 towards rent and 220 towards resources for the next 6 months.

The whole ward alliance approved this application

Brick ponds application

– insurance to set up a youth group to fish

this was deferred as too many questions were asked than able to answer.

everyone agreed for the questions to be answered and the ward would consider in the future.

Embankment application

- easter eggs 150 pounds needed**
- the ward discussed this and agreed that to keep moral up for the children it was a good idea to support this for the easter egg hunt**
- the ward agreed that the embankment would get the funds out of the cash in hand fund**

Bulldogs application

- 1000 pounds**
- to go towards developing the clubhouse**
- the aim is for the bathroom, skirting boards the interior to be developed to be able to be usable for the community.**

The ward alliance discussed this at length on what would the ward actually be funding. The decided they wanted an itemised quotes before approving the funding.

This application was deferred til questions answered.

De fibs application from dearne area team

- replacement pads for the legion defib
- the legion needs a guardian for the defib
- AG offered to be guardian
- DC suggested dearne south have another defib to cover the bottom half of bolton upon dearne
- AS said needs defib training for everyone
- battery and pads needs checking first

The ward agreed that the defib pads need replacing and approved this application of 166.80 for 4 pads

Treasurer's report

**AG- did a detailed report on spending
the total spend came to 6155 in total
match funded by 880**

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| ring fenced money is | ward alliance reactive fund | 4000 |
| library fund.....418 | environmental | 1000 |
| healthy | | |
| holidays.....1195.01 | community projects..... | 1000 |
| mental | | |
| health.....275.54 | youth..... | 1000 |
| | support funds..... | 737.08 |

cash in hand amount is 292.58 but out of this MB was given 150 towards the embankment easter egg hunt leaving 142.58 in cash in hand monies.

AG – mentioned he needs 2 signatories on the account due to one person isn't a councillor and no longer a ward alliance member, plus another one has died so was a matter of urgency this was sorted. Pat Hubery and Michael Moore said they would be signatories to the accounts.

6. Action plan & potential projects for 2023

another meeting would discuss this at a later date due to timing issues with guest speakers as the meeting ran on longer than expected

7. Group Updates

Bodvag – no updates

Snaptin

- AG&MS -bought lights and gazebos for the christmas fayre
- 2 had been taken and cost 114 for the lights so this loss was taken out of the profits for the event for the christmas market.

AG said that the AGM was open to the public for the snaptin if anyone wants to go

Salvation Army

AS - supporting families within the community with language barriers.

- as many are from overseas and language benefits google translate misses a lot and
- miscommunication happens so they need help from barnsley inclusion team. So need a council rep to be in touch to help in these matters.
- halal food need help in supplies for the families religion and diets
- lots of families are sent to the hope church in barnsley on a wednesday because AS knows they have better resources to help but its not enough
- lots of families aren't getting help with warm homes grant if a council tenant
- more money in your pocket she won't be doing again as it doesn't help those its designed to help
- people need access to the hardship fund but people aren't able to access this either
- AS had lots of issues that are overwhelming for the families and is desperately needing help from the council to help with a lot of this for these families.

Goldthorpe development group/ embankment

MB gave an update for the embankment

- working with twiggs to revitalise the old orchard as they're planting trees to make a forrest

MB -also gave an update on the over 50s social club as its a great success and people really

- enjoy this event

Allotment group/Veterans group

MM - said they had issues for the polytunnel for the allotment group

MM- said the breakfast group for veterans had been running for 12 months now and is a great

- success

Dearne playhouse

JM- closed for the new roof

- stage is being stripped
- contractors in from monday 30th jan
- opening in April
- delays on building work for basement
- major project with schools, thurnscoe male voice choir, barnsley brass band.
- A production within the dearne with the kids from the community taking part in the show.

8. AOB

it was proposed that the meetings start half an hour earlier as they always run longer than they should this was agreed by the whole ward they should start earlier

9. Future dates & times of DSWA meetings

**7th march 2023 9.30am til 12pm
venue heather court complex**

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