

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January – 2pm-3.30pm (Rainbow Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe)

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Glennis Lingard – local resident Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Peter Shields (internet problems) Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Berneslai Homes Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park volunteer	Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School (annual leave) Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army

### 1. Welcomes & introductions:

### 2. Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising - NONE

### 3. Finance

WC - Dearne North Ward Alliance **current balance £3082.17** after 10 previous applications been approved 2022/23

Applications submitted – Bulldogs Rugby Club £800.00 to match fund for extension/refurb to clubhouse (all in favour)

CW – **Balance in working funds £2859.49**

- Mental Health & Wellbeing - £0.00 (now completed)
- Healthy Holidays - £413.32
- Thurnscoe Activity Funds - £620.00
- Environmental projects - £448.00
- Menopause Support - £499.16
- Bank charges/room hire charges/Misc. - £879.01

Charlotte reminded everyone that from March 31<sup>st</sup> she would be stepping down in role as treasurer, so someone needed to take over the role. – Suggestions to ask local businesses or colleges for volunteers to gain experience MS to produce flier/poster and put in notice boards for secretary and treasurer roles that are currently vacant

### 4. Action Plan & projects outlined

MS read through the latest action plan with the Ward Alliance members highlighting what had been established and what could be completed against which priority. MS – Also asked the members to start thinking of ideas on planning what events & initiatives they would like to run this next financial year starting with categorising the 4 seasons of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. Adding in what they would like to see in Dearne North and what could be achievable with the capacity of the Area Team and Ward Alliance as volunteers on planning & also on the day – suggestions to be brought to the next meeting in March.

Provisionally Agreed to fund Bowling sessions in Half term or summer holidays/Bulky Rubbish extension/summer Healthy holidays project.

## 5. Group updates

**Thurnscoe Flower Park:** PP memorial service will go ahead this year despite losing the British Legion in the area, Simon to sort service nearer the time. Volunteers working hard and planning the summer events

Magnolia tree has been installed (larger than life) but better as its more stability than a small tree, PP thanked everyone involved for this, really appreciated.

Bulbs have been donated by BMBC which will be planted over the next few weeks

PP has had a meeting suggested by Area Team with community payback James to assist in projects around the park over the coming months on a regular basis to help with the maintenance (Marie gave a brief outline of their work and what they can do in the community)

**Berneslai Homes:** GT - Housing management were having a structure in which Gilli will feedback any updates at the next meeting in March.

**Big Local Thurnscoe:** - GL – The Plaza is finally completed however the drainage system is still a problem with the ground surrounding the concrete still being very wet and sodden, a new contractor has been brought in to complete the works as soon as possible

Sports camps will be arranged bookings only

**Dearne Memorial Group** – Peter has had his laptop cloned and been defrauded out of £2000 from their account from the Credit Union he gave a detailed report into what had happened which has been very upsetting for him and his family. He is trying to keep going but finding no help on tracing his money is making things difficult for him to carry on

**Station House** – CW reported that they are full to capacity on after school club which is a positive incline, the cost of living has had a massive impact on the community pantry that they have for anyone coming inside the porch area dropping their children off, it's been slow take up at first but they have now seen the basket is emptied every day, JK added they can help provide food if necessary to keep it topped up.

The Christmas Feedback form the food vouchers was positive and really helped the families this year

Working with Big Local Thurnscoe with spring project 'Let its shine' giving away cleaning items and hygiene products to all families/individuals that are suffering with the cost of living and just making ends meet, CW asked for helpers from the WA and area team to assist in picking and packing and taking the bags around to the groups/family centres etc.

## 6. AOB – NONE

## 7. Dates & Time of next meeting – March 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm Rainbow Centre