



Wombwell Ward Alliance Meeting

Meeting notes from 27th March 2023

Wombwell Cemetery Community Hub

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- 1. Present: Cllr Robert Frost, Cllr James Higginbottom, Cllr Brenda Eastwood, Sabeena Chaven, Daniel Higgins, Theresa Arnold, Darren Taylor, Chelsey Rigby.**

Apologies: Karen Whiting, Jamie Hinton Wardell.

Guest: Dayna Towns Community Stop Smoking Advisor NHS

Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC).

- 2. Notes last meeting /Accepted as a true record. Matters arising AB informed the meeting that she had met up with Tracey Fitzgibbon (family centre manager) to discuss joint working. A wrap making session and family walk has been planned for the Easter holidays.**

- 3. The chair introduced the Guest speaker Dayna Towns (Stop Smoking Advisor) and introductions were made around the table. Dayna gave a brief overview of her work which covers the whole of the South Area. She currently has drop-in sessions in Darfield and Hoyland which could be extended in the future to Wombwell. She works closely with both GP surgeries in Wombwell. The stop smoking service offers a 12 free programme and people can self-refer. Dayna has been out and about promoting the service at South Area team community events and Ward Alliance events and is keen to engage more with the community by attending community events and visiting groups. Ward Alliance members had the opportunity to ask questions and pass on details of groups where Dayna could attend. Dayna left cards and information about the service for members to circulate.**

- 4. Budget update £1343 left of this year's allocation**

- 5. Funding application –**

King's Coronation £1000

Cllr Higginbottom, Theresa Arnold, and Darren Taylor declared interest and abstained from voting.

Application approved by rest of Ward Alliance members

6. Coronation Event update.

Theresa updated the group on the plans, Limo had been booked and entertainment. Just needed to chase up the schools for nominations for King and Queen consort. Coronation Tea party tickets to go on sale from Jamie's premises from next week at a subsidised cost of £2.50. There will be 60 children at each sitting. Ward Alliance members volunteered to help on the day. Theresa will do the poster and circulate and send to Amanda

There is a major concern that the refurb on the High St will collide with the event. Cllr Higginbottom felt positive that major part of the works will be completed but would send Theresa contact details of the person responsible for overseeing the refurb to ascertain the schedule of work. This will enable the WBC to adapt plans if necessary.

7. Forward planning 2023/24.

A short discussion took place about what the Ward Alliance wanted to focus on during the next financial year. AB informed the meeting about talks she had been having with the social prescribing worker who covers Wombwell Ward. The worker is seeing quite a few young people from Netherwood who are not currently engaging with the school or doing anything. She currently has one to one meeting with the young person in their home and would like to have these meetings in a community setting with a view to setting up a small peer group. The IKIC centre is ideal for this. Members at the meeting supported this initiative and AB will approach youth service to see if this venue is a possibility.

It was agreed that the Ward Alliance would continue to support Healthy Holiday activities working alongside volunteers from Wombwell community groups.

Continue to host and or support local community events on the High St and Wombwell park

Theresa asked if the Ward Alliance could explore ways of supporting young men 20+ who are suffering with MH issues. She explained that there are groups around Barnsley offering drop ins, but they are mostly on weekdays and nothing on a weekend. AB with Theresa's permission to pass on her email address to social prescribing worker. This item will be discussed further in the May meeting.

8. Principal Towns update

Progressing is going pretty much to plan. The resurfacing of the pavement on one side of road now completed. The bricks that have been taken up will be reused for repairs on the precinct side of the High St. Most of the fencing will be removed along with the benches. All benches are to be replaced with new ones. Work commenced on 12th Feb and is expected to finish on time, first week in May. The owner of Burtons building has submitted a planning application to turn the ground floor into business units. BMBC are still looking at a CPO which would take 2 years. BMBC are also putting in a bid to purchase the old toilet block which if successful will be knocked down.

9. A.O.B.

Sabeena informed the meeting on up and coming events planned for Wombwell park

Picnic in the park 26th July volunteers from 9am

Easter event Wednesday 5th April

Coronation event Sunday 7th May

10. Date next meeting

Monday May 15th 5.30pm @ Cemetery Hub

Monday July 17th 5.30pm @ Cemetery Hub

Monday 18th September 5.30pm @ Cemetery Hub

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