

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES - 2023

Meeting Title:	Heathercourt flats Bolton on Dearne
Date & Time:	Tuesday 7 th March at 10am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Dorothy Coates 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) Denise Hogg (local resident) Carole Hoyland (resident) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (Salvation army) Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer)	Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Beth Deakin (project 14)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Darryl Hand from Dearne Area Team CDO (Volunteer passport training initiative)

Darryl gave a brief outline of the training from Adult Skills BMBC are offering to the Ward Alliance members and local community activists against their priority on Information & support by upskilling local volunteers to enhance their training needs and be competent in their leadership roles within their group and the whole community – DH guided them through the training package and exactly what they would gain by enrolling. Training to include the following: Introduction to volunteering, Equality, and diversity, Safeguarding adults and children, First aid, Food hygiene, Mental health, Health, and safety - Venue: Salvation Army in Goldthorpe with sessions 4 hours in total each session – brief conversation took place with information sheets for anyone to sign up, he asked them to email him direct and if enough sign up the courses can go ahead

2. Apologies as stated above

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising - MM and PH true record

Bully Rubbish - MS asked the members of the ward alliance if they wish to go ahead with the Bulky Rubbish as agreed over emails previously to ensure continuity in April for the funds starting in April 2023 – 2024 – all agreed with restrictions of only 4 items per household and each household/tenant only using the service twice per year £1500.00 was agreed signed off by Cllr Danforth Chair of DSWA.

Brickponds application - MS also informed the Ward Alliance embers that the application from Bolton Brickponds for insurance declined due to already been paid had made the group treasurer aware of the decision.

Renaissance centre - Ms also advised the Ward Alliance members that the £1800.00 paid 3 years ago to the Renaissance Centre has been requested to be returned due to the monies no longer been spent on the purpose it was intended for. MS stated to Malcolm that they were more than welcome to reapply in the future for any further works they needed.

Performance report - MS asked the Ward Alliance members that the promotional cheque is now available for them to start to showcase their work and funding to the local groups – MS will make contact with the groups to arrange dates when we can use this (All agreed to wait until after elections)

Menopause drop in café – MS will make contact with Emma from Renaissance Centre to set up coffee morning once per fortnight on a 8 session start

4. Finances

AG – working funds balances £4448.94

1. **£1250.00 Library funds** (committed spends) - £18.33
2. **£2300 Healthy Holidays** (committed spends) - £1195.01
3. **£1500 Mental Health & Wellbeing** (committed spends) - £275.54
4. **£400.00 Menopause drop in café (committed spend MS to seek Renaissance Centre dates/times to help)** - £400.00
5. **£4000 Community Support Working Funds**
 - £1000 environmental – balance remaining £1000.00
 - £1000 Young People – balance remaining £1000.00
 - £1000 events/projects/initiatives – balance remaining £1000.00
 - £1000 community support grants/small funds – balance remaining £198.86

AG mentioned to the Ward Alliance that monies had to be paid from the working funds for more supplies to the Defibs due to the company we have sourced been more expensive than the other defibs in the Dearne, not a lot can be done as the machine is a different model – all agreed for Alan to purchase the right ones and take from the Project budget.

SD – Ward Alliance balance – No applications were submitted due to the end of financial year - the Bulky Rubbish will be taken from 2023/24 budget so will be recorded on the next meetings minutes and finances.

5. projects & initiatives 2023

MS read through the project plan adding instructions and volunteers for each initiative that the Dearne South members could work on over the next 12 months – All Ward Alliance members were happy with the projects that have come forward from their action plan given ideas what they would like to see – MS proposed an action planning meeting separate to keep the meeting on time. (Date planned for Tuesday 18th April)

6. Group updates

Snaptin community hub ...The committee is having a restructure with a new Chairperson – current plans to ensure all event planning is completed and other groups/organisations are fully informed of dates to avoid duplications. Grant funds have been handed out to several groups to run projects in Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne for the Kings Coronation (street parties etc) The Community Hub will be providing a spring fayre as well as helping Julie on Phoenix Park and embankment throughout the year - Scarecrow competition will go ahead again this year as well as Christmas Fayre.

MS enquired what stage the Legacy was in - AG replied will be updated at the next Ward Alliance meeting.

Salvation Army – AS all going well full with foodbank customers actually over prescribed, there is enough funding to help all families and individuals – assisting at the More money in your pocket event – all going well at the moment with agencies all working together. Issues surrounding language barriers is affecting the workload of Alison & Jackie with the foodbank getting heavily used by other families out of the Dearne area, so provisions are in place for appointment only situations no drop ins for anyone outside the Dearne.

Veterans club ...MM the breakfast club is doing well, and they all enjoy meeting up

Allotment Group – MM – all going well with sustainable growing and all the adults with learning difficulties and volunteers learning about growing and sowing their own produce.

BODVAG – Carol informed the group that sadly BODVAG had decided to fold due to lack of commitment from members and she was struggling herself to recruit and commit – the Ward Alliance agreed to help with St Andrews Square and to make sure they get all the events planned beforehand to ensure the area would still be included and get a fair share of the projects.

Embankment Group – MB lots of work is happening on site with spring on the horizon, they are planning the Spring Fayre (anyone who is available to help please do so) Dan Jones the local sculpture artist has designed a promise tree in which is now placed in full sight on the top and looks brilliant – feel free to take a look
They will be planning the Autumn Fayre and hopefully having some summer sessions for the schools and children and maybe looing to open for summer picnics for all at some stage.
They are also hoping to hold a dinosaur day to create models like Jurassic Park with painters/artists coming along – more information needed at next meeting

Goldthorpe Development Group – Bounce into summer is in full swing with wristbands been priced at £5.00 per child all stalls are now fully booked

Older persons event is full and going really well 90+ attendees all positive feedback and all thoroughly enjoy themselves

7. **AOB** – Anything taken from the container needs to inform Alan George (keyholder) so he can run the stock check and also liability forms need writing out so anyone who borrows anything needs to pay/replace if any items get damaged in future
Both tents that are currently in the container have been agreed to let the community have them Bulldogs the big white one, embankment the green – AG to sort direct.

8. Date & Times of next meeting

Event planning – Tuesday 18th April 9.30am Willowcroft

Ward Alliance – Tuesday 23rd May 9.30am Heathercourt