

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 19th May 2016 @ 4.30pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Pauline Markham, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), David Hildred, Geoff Hutchinson, Margaret Barlow, Michael Fenna, Brian Moore, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Colin Ward, Barbara Tindle (Secretary)

In Attendance: Jo Thornton

1. Introductions and apologies

Pauline welcomed Jo Thornton (NCS) and apologies received from Cllr Dorothy Coates, Kevin Osborne

2. NCS – Jo Thornton

Tanya gave a brief outline on the work of National Citizen Service.

Jo handed out a power point presentation to members and gave a brief outline on the role of young people (15 -16 year olds) and the projects they have achieved so far.

She then asked the members if they have any projects that they think the young people would consider doing over the summer (4 weeks). She also expressed that there is no cost to the projects from members because the young people have to source the funding themselves through fund raising. Suggestions from Alliance members:

- Pauline - ‘Pick-up-a-paintbrush’ a project that was being considered by members, where gates and fences could be painted.
- Geoff - painting the railings around Darfield Museum, as well as cataloguing/recording of books inside the museum.
- David - mapping/recording headstones in Darfield graveyard.
- Caroline - Park Hill Project (Autumn event) cutting trees back and general winter tidy up.
- Brian - help at Scout Camp.

Jo thought all ideas were very good and asked members to fill in the Request forms.

Action: Tanya to forward Request forms

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed. Matters arising:

Darfield Cricket Club application – after a site visit the decision was made by the Ward Alliance to fund £2000 towards this project. This decision was ratified. Proposed by Colin Ward and seconded by Brian Moore.

Healthy Active Lifestyles – Cook & Eat sessions – Happy to receive the £420 Ward Alliance funding. The six-week course is being arranged for September and will be concluded by a celebration event to which the Ward Alliance will be invited to.

Training & Development – Tanya has one more Alliance member to meet and then will draw up an action plan on the outcomes.

4. Ward Alliance Fund

An up-to-date Ward Alliance Fund Balance Sheet was viewed by members.

Applications

Darfield Bingo Club £600

Margaret Barlow and Cllr. Pauline Markham declared an interest.

Tanya and Margaret gave a brief outline regarding the application and after discussion the Alliance agreed to fund the project in full.

Billingley Village Community Association £450

Michael and Brian declared an interest.

Michael gave a brief outline regarding the application and also asked the group if it would be alright to have a donation box (money raised to go towards the up keep of the village hall) at this event. After a brief discussion the members thought it shouldn't be a problem and Alliance agreed to fund the project in full.

Action: Tanya to find out if a donation box would be allowed.

Darfield Gala £500

Caroline declared and interest.

Caroline gave a brief outline regarding the application and after a discussion regarding the donation to the Bowling Club for using their facilities, the Alliance agreed to fund the project in full.

5. LWYL Volunteer Month

Tanya informed the group that June is Volunteer month. An opportunity to promote and recruit volunteers. Local press, Dearne FM, BBC Radio Sheffield (Toby Foster) are keen to promote volunteering. One idea is for current volunteers to take a 'selfie' whilst volunteering and say why they volunteer and post on the facebook page. Another idea that is being explored is taking part in the Mayor's Parade on Saturday 9th July 2016, under the 'Love where you Live' campaign – a Notting Hill carnival theme (fancy dress, whistles, banners, flags).

6. Ward Alliance Project Updates

Gala – Darfield Summer Gala in the Park is on Saturday 23rd July 2016 at 11am – 2 pm. Worsborough Brass Band as well as a variety of stalls and the South Area team will be attending. Tanya asked members if they would like a Darfield Ward Alliance stand to promote the groups it has already helped and also explain what the DWA do.

Action: Tanya to email members.

Billingley – an event to be held in July – date to be arranged

Middlecliffe – no information to date.

Action: Middlecliffe - Colin meeting with the club next week

Cenotaph – a meeting has been arranged for next week to assess the area with the idea of looking at what possible work would need to be done and what funding may be available. Tanya to contact Jo Birch (BMBC Parks) to enquiry on who owns the Cenotaph and land surrounding it.

Action: Caroline, Dorothy, Lee and Tanya

Winter Warmers – Deferred until September.

Action: Tanya to bring information to the September meeting

Darfield Christmas Tree – a discussion on cost and placement of the tree was discussed. A tree in the grounds of Darfield Museum was a possibility.

Action: Geoff to consult with his members.

Community Notice Boards – The notice boards have arrived and all but one has been distributed.

Allotment – Tanya gave a brief outline to inform the Alliance members that unfortunately the Darfield Allotment Society has folded and therefore the Allotment Project will no longer be going ahead. It is hoped that another greenspace area can be found and this money used for another project within this financial year.

7. Any other business

Tanya informed the Alliance that the Tidy Team is now working with parents at Upperwood Academy Gardening Group.

Tanya asked members if they would be interested in a Celebration Event to recognise volunteers in the area. This could be a DWA event or a combined event with other Ward Alliances. The idea would be similar to the Pride of Barnsley where volunteers are nominated for their volunteer work within the area. Caroline expressed concerns of the work involved and also that some volunteers don't necessarily want the focus being on them and feel awkward receiving an award. Tanya express that there would be no extra work for members as the work would be done by the South Area Team. The Alliance agreed that they had mixed feelings and would see what the other Ward Alliances were doing with regards to this event.

The date of the next DWA meeting has been changed from Thursday 21st July 2016 to Thursday 14th July 2016 at 4.30 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th July 2016 at 4.30 pm

Pauline thanked everyone for attending the meeting.