

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 2 nd May – 2pm-3.30pm (Rainbow Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe)

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

1. Welcomes & introductions:

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

3. Finance (Ward Alliance budget & working funds)

Applications previously agreed in April 2023: –

- Bulky Rubbish referral scheme £1500
- Ward Alliance & Volunteer Celebration event £500.00
- Community Support funds – enable projects/initiatives in Dearne North £1500.00
- Station House Community Association – replacement patio doors £1000.00
- Thurnscoe Library - activities with young children & adults £365.99

Current Balance - £7,404.18

No applications submitted to the meeting

MS - Balance in working funds March 31st, 2023 - £4064.49

Marie asked for anyone who wanted to take on role of secretary to let her know (no one was interested) MS will keep updating the members in the interim

MS highlighted the monies in the Healthy Holidays £413.32 would be spent this summer on plans in place taking the balance to zero so receipts and evaluation can go to Better Barnsley Bonds.

Summer provisions agreed to be paid through Working fund (money to pay for refreshments only MS to assist groups)

- £205.00 refreshments for Bowling 3 x sessions in Half term or summer holidays/Bulky Rubbish extension/summer Healthy holidays project – 25th July 27th July 8th Aug 10th Aug, 22nd Aug, 24th Aug 10am – 12pm all FOC
- £205.00 Family Yoga x 3 Sessions (to provide breakfast/refreshments) 28th July 11th Aug 25th Aug 9.30am – 11.30am all FOC (age 8+ would need to pre book)

4. Menopause Café support group

Marie gave an update with numbers dropping from the drop in café and asked for advice what they wanted to do to keep them running, 13 turned up for the first meeting with 10 on the 2nd but only 2 on the 3rd it was agreed to see how the 4th one went and relook at the next meeting. **Action – MS will look into getting a specialist menopause & health & wellbeing professional and price up to facilitate this for the next meeting.**

5. Ideas for projects/initiatives for 2023

CW stated the plaza would be up and running soon to enable anyone to utilise the area for summer events, ideas floated around Foods of the world, Alison Vint has been working with some of the BLT members to look at holding a food type festival during the holidays Darryl from the area team is assisting – Chris from Cook crumb at Fareshare alongside fitness & food type initiatives (festival would be nice) **Action - CW to update at next meeting on any potential projects that they are working on.**

6. Group updates

Thurnscoe Flower Park: Volunteers working hard but due to illnesses and lack of volunteers no summer events will be held in the park, sadly 2 trees have been stolen through the daytime by a young man on a bicycle seen on CCTV but no one knows who it is just yet - PP asked if anyone who would like to go and help please do, they really need the volunteers. They are entering into Barnsley in Bloom on a red, white and blue theme so it's all hands-on deck at minute.

Magnolia tree has been installed (larger than life) and beautiful buds are starting to come through

Big Local Thurnscoe: - CW The Plaza - a new contractor has been brought in to complete the works as soon as possible when plans for events will start early summer, Alison Vint has started to plan soe fun activities for the holidays for the young people, adding that Alison is also pulling together funding to ensure the plaza gets fully used and people see the potential it has for a beautiful social space.

The next 12 months will see the end of BLT and the start of the Thurnscoe CIO (the legacy) the aims to make Thurnscoe a better village to live and work, it will also oversee the environmental projects like the planters, raised beds and further develop the area around the plaza as well as keeping the development worker for a further 2 years to help raise funds for the area and make sure the projects in Thurnscoe and the green spaces keep thriving.

Dearne Memorial Group – Peter gave a brief update about the loss of not only his laptop but the £2k stolen form their account, with no monies have been returned he highlighted the stress this has caused him and his family to the point he feels like almost giving up on the project – everyone gave him their full support and empathy.

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 – Salvation Army have now offered to help on this if needed. The community shop on the go is a real success outside station house with many families and individuals now paying for the food items each week but way cheaper than supermarkets can offer.

7. AOB – NONE

8. Dates & Time of next meeting – 20th June - 2pm Rainbow Centre

