

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 2pm-3.30pm (Rainbow Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe)

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Cllr Martin Morrell – Elected Member Glennis Lingard – local resident Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Berneslai Homes Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Jenny Wort – B:friend	Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park volunteer

### 1. Welcomes & introductions:

Cllr Cain welcomed everyone to the meeting with a round of introductions for Cllr Martin Morrell next elected members for Dearne North and Vikki Longden who has come along for an induction to become the future secretary of the Ward Alliance & Jenny Wort from B:friend

MS read out the role of secretary, so everyone understood Vikki's future role on the Ward Alliance.

Action - MS will set up the payment for £125.00 every QTR (full total £500 annually) as per the guidance in the governance framework

Action - MS to meet with Vikki to run through role and terms and conditions etc

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

### 3. Performance report

*WC read out a brief bit of the 2022/23 performance report (emailed to each Ward Alliance members before the meeting) highlighting all the decent work that has happened.*

*MS read out all the up-to-date information on this year's performances so far including Bulky Rubbish for the full year, the celebration event which was an enormous success (Marie thanked everyone that came along), Station house for their new patio doors CW stated this had made a huge difference to the lighting too.*

*All projects so far have been on target and monies spent.*

#### 4. Finance

WC – asked the Ward Alliance if they wanted to agree to cap the limits for £1000.000 per application to ensure monies can be shared around enough – also discussed and agreed one application per group in any one financial year.

WC - Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance **£7,404.18** after 5 previous applications been approved for 2023/24

##### **Applications submitted –**

1. Thurnscoe East Angling Club £687.00 (Q's around how long the Dye would work for, how many platforms, MM stated he could look at fixing the strimmer and use as a spare) - all in favour
2. Thurnscoe Tap £553.00 (Q's around paying for event insurance as this is a new group, they have no surplus funds to pay for this) all agreed this would bring the community together use the green spaces, help a new group, and raise monies for a charitable event.
3. GPCC £260.00 split application with Dearne South WA (Qs around would the snow machine be able to be hired is this a cheaper option? However, MS raised concerns on who would be liable if the machine got damaged and would they be in a place to re-imburse) all agreed in favour to pay the split amount
4. A further project was put forward to the Ward Alliance with limited information on a WAF form for summer provision from Simon Carr on theatre summer provisions at St Helens Church Hall to create drama, musical, theatre and performing arts over the holidays so 10 children could attend the sessions and do something different to outdoor sports/events the Alliance discussed to see if this could be done for £1600 to reduce the food & room rent so to utilise the £600.00 from the community support funds and £1000 application to the Ward Alliance – Action MS to ask Simon if this could be feasible & rewrite the application onto the new Ward Alliance application form for 2023.

Action – MS to speak to Simon after meeting and assist in re-writing and submitting the form (all agreed £1000)

In the absence of a treasurer Marie Sinclair the Community Development Officer will keep updating the spreadsheet, consulting with Charlotte, Jackie, and Pauline (who currently oversee the online banking app and can make payments through debits online) MS happy to report at each meeting the up-to-date balances.

##### **MS – Balance in working funds May 2023 - £4594.42**

- Healthy Holidays - £413.32
- Thurnscoe Activity Funds - £620.00
- Environmental projects - £448.00
- Community support with projects - £1500.00
- Menopause Support - £499.16
- Defib -£500.00(BLT £235.02 / WA £264.90)
- Bank charges/room hire charges/Misc. - £613.94

MS advised the Ward Alliance members to start looking at projects against these priorities to ensure the monies get spent

#### 5. Group updates

**B:Friend** – JW gave a full update on the services that B:friend are commissioned to run in the Dearne 4.5 years have now gone by since its set up in the Dearne commissioned by the Dearne Area Council to tackle the social isolation in the Dearne area - in which both have classes are fully booked for older people in Thurnscoe & Bolton on Dearne, Jenny stated that the befriending service is also going well with many matches of younger people matching with the older members its lovely to see and hear the fabulous stories that get fed back. Brief discussion took place

**Thurnscoe Flower Park:** Volunteers have been limited with illnesses and holidays so they have just been doing what they can and when possible. All bedding plants have now been installed from Markham Grange around the WW1 memorial. Derek has been watering a lot due to the May dry weather the two trees that were stolen they have decided not to replenish. The

Magnolia tree donated by the community is now blossomed but still needs some growing to full capacity. They will be taking part in Barnsley in Bloom not for Gold, but it also adds value to keep the insurance discounted. No events will be done this year due to lack of funds and capacity on the volunteers

**Berneslai Homes:** GT – An update was given on the new Neighbourhood Management Teams which are now in place. If you need to speak to a neighbourhood officer and see them on your estate, just call them over. They will be happy to help. You can also contact your neighbourhood team by using the online form on Berneslai Homes website, or Email [northeastdearneathneighbourhood@berneslaihomes.co.uk](mailto:northeastdearneathneighbourhood@berneslaihomes.co.uk)

You can also phone the general enquiry number 01226 787878 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Thursday or 9am to 4.30pm on Friday.

The customer services team will be able to help you with most enquiries, and if they cannot help, they will take details of your question and a neighbourhood officer will contact you about it within five working days.

**Big Local Thurnscoe:** - DB gave an update on the plaza that the works have all now been completed just a little bit of flooding on the waterlogged areas however these were there beforehand so with heavy rainfall it is still going to happen; planning permission has gone in for the metal artwork around the entrance to the Plaza.

Derek read out all future events taking place over the next few months starting with the following:

- Thursday 22nd June 11-12pm: Eco warriors from Gooseacre School to litter pick and conduct a bug hunt.
- Saturday 24th June 11-2pm: 'What's Your Move' event featuring Archery Tag and Parkour Dodgeball delivered by Grassroots Sports Academy using funding secured by Thurnscoe Regeneration CIO aimed at young people 10+, maximum 44 places
- Summer 2023 school holidays, 3 days per week, 10-2pm: Fusion Camp based at Houghton Road CC but much of delivery taking place at the Plaza. Range of sporting and cultural activities with lunch provided. Delivered by Active Fusion using HAF funding matched with BLT money. Aimed at ages 7+
- Saturday 2nd September 11-3pm: 'Flex at the Hex' delivered by Team Extreme- display of skate, scoot and bike experts followed by have-a-go sessions for any young people attending. TBC
  
- Autumn 2023, date, and times to be confirmed. Event aimed at older people in partnership with B:friend. TBC
- Spring 2024: date and times to be confirmed: Celebration Event to mark the closing out of Big Local Thurnscoe.

The area is available for anyone to use throughout the year

**Dearne Memorial Group** – PS explained the fully story to Vikki regarding the issues with the stolen funds and his laptop and how is struggling to manage the account – discussion around fraud and how he could close the bank account side of things to avoid any more transactions done without his knowledge

**Station House** – CW Cost of living crisis continues to impact our families and our own running costs. Alongside our existing services this summer as part of BMBC healthy holidays we have 4 weeks of play and food for children aged 5-11 years. Additional funding is being sought to enable the children who are not eligible to attend (eligibility is benefits related free school meals)

Station House featured on Calendar news , discussing the cost-of-living crisis and the inequalities of levelling up and what this means to people in this area. There is a video of the transition on our Facebook page.

6. **AOB** – Marie gave an update of the hanging baskets situation highlighting the plaques for the new sponsors are still to be installed, she has been informed by the contractor that they will be in place end of week or beginning of next week

7. **Dates & Time of next meeting** –

- *Tuesday 1st August 2pm*
- *Tuesday 12th Sept 2pm*
- *Tuesday 24th Oct 2pm*

