

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 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 Tracey Hughes - Healthwatch	Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park volunteer Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army

### 1. Welcomes & introductions:

Cllr Cain welcomed everyone to the meeting with a round of introductions for Tracey Hughes from Healthwatch

Tracey gave a brief outline of her role within Healthwatch and the work she does in Dearne North around adult safeguarding as a commissioned service and peoples champion on local health & social care matters, she outlined her main role is around helping local people are heard and their voice on their experiences on GP services, Pharmacies, opticians and hospitals is fed back to the NHS and relevant departments alike. Tracey explained that if you've recently visited your doctor, or local hospital, or used any health and care services in Barnsley then she wants to hear from them and their experiences

She also stated that they are completely independent and impartial and make sure people know that anything they say is confidential. Their service is free, simple to use and can make a real difference to people in Barnsley and beyond – Q & A and leaflets were handed out to anyone who would like to be part of Healthwatch and the work she does.

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

### 3. Finance

WC - Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance **£4,904.14** after 8 previous applications been approved for 2023/24  
**Applications submitted –**

- Goldthorpe Embankment Group £312.50 split application with Dearne South WA (request for 200 pumpkins to be given out to children attending the fayre) – all agreed and in favour.
- 6 Hanging baskets in Goldthorpe £240.00 (as all the spaces were taken in Thurnscoe the plaques were all installed in Dearne North Goldthorpe costing £60.00 per basket – 6 baskets it total) – all agreed & in favour.
- Secretary payment of £500.00 for the 12 months will be split partial paying the secretary £125.00 per Qtr.

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 July 2023 - £4215.23**

- 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. - £348.99

**4. Group updates**

**Thurnscoe Flower Park:** Barnsley in Bloom results will be given in September but a\ll looking positive, Pauline stated she is so pleased with the hard work and dedication that the volunteers have managed with all their own personal health matters and couldn't thank them enough for their help. The Hedgehogs have now had hoglets and using the boxes and food she lays out every night. PS stated they would be looking at putting on events once they have the capacity, she asked if the Area Team would be able to help with this in 2024 or anything in the Autumn. MS to meet with the park volunteers to discuss some fundraising ideas.

**Berneslai Homes:** GT – Update from the management restructure and what this means for Thurnscoe and Dearne North as a whole. A community play bus would be going round to engage in the children and their families in the summer holidays, GT unsure of the dates it will be in the Dearne, for one of the times, but dates and times will be shared on social media. BH Community Engagement Team are also having a “Back to basics” and having a van and touring the borough speaking to people about our services and how to be involved with BH. Our tour van will be at Bolton on Dearne at Heather Court on 22nd August.

**Big Local Thurnscoe:** - DB gave an update on the plaza - Derek read out all future events taking place over the next few months & handed out the newsletter with all events planned during summer and winter on. The Legacy meeting will give more updates to what's happening. The Flex on the Hex is planned for September with many already signed up. BLT have paid for this company to run the project on the Plaza. The Battle of Britain will be held in St Helens Church Hall all invited.

**Dearne Memorial Group** – PS gave an update on the financial fraud situation and is trying to keep busy with what he can do but struggling to cope with the demands due to the issues its caused – he's plodding along best he can online with the families needing help but may need some support at some point.

**Station House – CW** Over the summer holidays there are 12 sessions of Healthy Holidays activities. Due to the restrictions of the government funding (only free school meals children eligible) additional funding has been found to enable ALL children to attend.

There has been some antisocial behaviour in the play area overnight – SYP have been informed and it appears t be part of a larger issue in the village.

£20K grant form Postcode Lottery has been awarded to Station House, this will back fill much of the additional cost of living impact on the organisation (e.g. where household energy bills are starting to reduce business tariffs remain the same)

**5. AOB – NONE**

**6. Dates & Time of next meeting – TBC due to previous meetings Cllr Bellamy & Cllr Morrell no longer available.**