

## Minutes

Darfield Ward Alliance 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

Billingley Village Hall 4.30pm

Present – Cllr Pauline Markham (Chair), Cllr Trevor Smith, Clare (CDO), Denise, Brian, Mike, Colin

Apologies – Cllr Kevin Osborne (medical apt), Matthew Smith (work commitment), Lorna Wilkinson (ill)

Minutes of last meeting – past as a true record

Matters Arising – a discussion took place around current meeting times, all members agreed they would like them to remain at 4.30pm as if they started later some would struggle to attend. If any members find it difficult to get to the meeting for 4.30pm then it would be possible to allow them to join via teams, if the venue allows.

Winter Well Being Event 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – CDO invited all members to the event at Darfield Library, Brian and Barbara volunteered to help on the food stall.

Bids – £3,687 remaining, approved Christmas Sleeve bid via email on 13.11.23 (£684) due to time constraints.

Age UK Christmas Party (£50) Cllr Markham declared interest and did not contribute to discussion. All Ward Alliances across the borough have / will be asked to contribute £50 towards presents for the Age UK Christmas Party. All members agreed a £50 contribution.

Christmas 2023 – 25 mini trees sponsored across the ward these will switch on at 4pm 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Museum Lights Switch on is also on the 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm, all agreed the community tree should be switched on and put on a timer at 4pm to coincide with the mini trees. Darfield Community Events have organised a Grotto on 16<sup>th</sup> December at Darfield Library.

Volunteer 10 year Celebration Event – members given revised date of 15<sup>th</sup> March 24

Any Other Business – CDO has received a few requests from people interested in joining the ward alliance. They have also asked if they can attend the meeting in January as observers. Members were asked to refer to the ward alliance governance which does contain guidance on membership and representation from groups. It was agreed that one member from each of the groups interested could attend as an observer in January. CDO would then speak to them about membership and completion of necessary paperwork if they were still interested. All members agreed that no one group in particular should be over represented and that we should try to attract new members from Low Valley and Broomhill.

Dates and times of future meetings;

18th Jan 24 4.30pm Darfield CC / 14th March 24 4.30pm Darfield CC