

## Dearne South

### MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Dearne South Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 10am
<b>Location:</b>	Willowcroft Flats, South Drive, Bolton on Dearne
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Janine Bowler
<b>Minutes:</b>	Cllr Abi Moore

Attendee's:	Apologies:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Janine Bowler (Chair)</li> <li>• Cllr Abi Moore (note taker)</li> <li>• Alan George (treasurer)</li> <li>• Pat Hubery</li> <li>• Carole Hoyland</li> <li>• Alison Sykes</li> <li>• Julie Medlam</li> <li>• Marie Sinclair BMBC Community Development Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Hogg</li> <li>• Michael Bunting</li> </ul>

Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<p><b>1. Welcome and introductions.</b></p> <p><b>2. Apologies</b> – noted above</p> <p><b>3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</b> AG stated he was happy to continue as treasurer for the time been</p> <p><b>4. Re-affirmation of existing members</b> MS handed out letters for all members to resign for 2024-25</p> <p><b>5. Finances</b></p>	<p>MS to meet with AS, KJ to run</p>	

<p>MS presented ward alliance funding allocation and up to date finance sheet. No discrepancies raised by members. Two applications: Salvation Army for a migration meet thy neighbor and rolling program around the community – quick discussion took place with members requesting more information from Alison Sykes &amp; Jackie Kenning. It was agreed to re-write the application and submit for extension if required.</p> <p>DSWA – 20ft storage container to allow items to be stored from the Ward Alliance &amp; Area Team for flood store items, event equipment, tools, and PPE for the community. MS stated she had agreed with Park Services to allow the container to be placed in the car park at the brick ponds and the team would hold the keys – a brief discussion took place. – all agreed to support &amp; recommend the application.</p> <p>Urban Self Defense group – application submitted for equipment and uniforms for training. Ward Alliance members agreed to fund the equipment but not for the clothing. MS to help &amp; support the group to apply for alternate funding for the remaining part of the application. – All agreed to part fund.</p> <p><b>Remaining WA budget: £349.39</b></p> <p>AG gave an update on the working funds. A full audit for 2023 was carried out in January 2024 with assistance from MS and all paperwork signed off for new financial records 2024.</p> <p><b>5. Allotment update</b></p> <p>MS updated the ward alliance on the latest update from the Dearne Allotment Group on the closure of their group. Andrew King, who is the treasurer, has advised the site caretaker and area team of the closure from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in August 2023 with all finances been transferred to the DSWA this was monies from the surplus selling off site all</p>	<p>through ideas and what is required for further fundin</p> <p>MS to speak to team on shelving, locks, and whiteboard</p> <p>MS to advise Russ on alternate funding organizations</p> <p>MS to visit site to review the assets on site with AK</p>	
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remaining funders have been notified of the equipment loaning and distribution of its assets. MS visited the site in November with Andie Nixon from BMBC who runs the allotments. MS to arrange a visit to site to conclude the assets and any other issues. MS advised the members of the current issues and that no one had come forward to run the allotment as a new entity. Anyone could take over but would need a new contract and service level agreements drawn up with BMBC and new insurance taken out for public liability, equipment etc.

**6. Group Updates**

Snaptin Community Hub: AG gave update on the projects that have been discussed around the legacy. They have a meeting next month that will identify and confirm future plans. The housing issues are still ongoing.

Dearne Playhouse – JM gave update on how wonderful it has been to see the major roof renewal and inside how the theatre now looks and its stunning best she has seen it, they are full of bookings up until the 2<sup>nd</sup> closure to help with the underground works to the basement.

Salvation Army – AS gave her update on the full capacity of the foodbanks and the need for family support and how their footfall has increased, they are having problems with language barriers as many of the clients requiring the foodbanks have limited English understanding which is causing herself and Jackie more time on interpreting to understand their personal needs and who and where to signpost them to.

**7. AOB - none**

**8. Date & Time of Next meeting:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

**Minutes Approved By:**

**Date:**