

# Dearne South Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

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| <b>Meeting Title:</b>   | <b>Dearne South Ward Alliance</b>                    |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 10am</b>              |
| <b>Location:</b>        | <b>Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe</b> |

| Attendees  | Apologies   |
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| <b>Cllr Charlotte Johnson (acting Chair) Alan George (treasurer), Vicki Cumming (note taker), Alison Sykes, Suzanne Storey, Cllr May Noble, Graham Jarvis, Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team)</b> | <b>Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Terry Walton &amp; Angie Kelly,</b> |

|  | Action/Decision | Action lead |
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| <p><b>1. Welcomes &amp; introductions (Apologies – as above)</b></p> <p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting &amp; any matters arising that are not on the agenda</b></p> <p>Marie updated the situation on the container at Bolton on Dearne, after contact from Cllr Sixsmith the Area team made arrangements for payment by hand. Lidsters then confirmed delivery been the week after. Pleased to inform you it's now in place, the members had a short discussion regarding organising of the contents i.e. flood store, winter warm products, environmental equipment etc can now be sourced. The Area Team &amp; Alan George agreed to be key holders as he lived directly across and can keep stock of what is taken out and put back etc. Alan asked if they wanted him to purchase a padlock paid through the working fund – <b>all agreed.</b></p> <p>Cllr Noble stated that she had never made any agreements with Prospect Road with free rent for any group/organisation. Prospect Road have to be sustainable to keep the building costs running hence charging anyone who uses the room £11.00 per hour. The members agreed to hold the future meetings at Goldthorpe library until any other rooms could be sourced FOC.</p> <p><b>3. Financial update</b></p> <p>Alan George gave the breakdown of the finances to the members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working fund current balance <b>£2845.88</b></li> <li>2. Balance from Ward Alliance <b>£11160.00</b></li> </ol> <p>Marie explained about the 50/50 split update on financial information that's been fed back from the Dearne Area Council this week, from April 2016 the funding criteria for the Dearne North Ward Alliance is as follows from the £10,000 allocated to each Ward - 50% of this funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities, whilst the other 50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, bins, gates etc.</p> <p>This basically means that when an application comes in if they are struggling to get match funding with volunteers then you can place it against the 50% non-match.</p> |                 |             |

| <b><u>Funding applications</u></b>   |   |   |
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| <p><b>1. Dearne FC (Comrades)</b> Tidy up of training area <b>£650.00</b> – Marie spoke to Twigg to clarify exactly what reason they were unable to help the group with their problem, resulting in they didn't have the right equipment for such a large piece of land, Marie arranged a site visit with Gary to look at what needed to be done, photos were handed out with an explanation of the reason why the ground looked the way it did. Gary will take full responsibility with the volunteers from the group once the ground is cut and more manageable.<br/> <b>Decision – (accepted)</b> with the condition that further sustainability with this group needs to be sourced in the future.</p> <p><b>2. Swim sessions</b> –170 family sessions <b>£250.00</b> (costing £500 split 50/50 with DN) many of the members agreed that inclusion of all families in the area including working ones on the breadline would be advantageous, the WA members agreed that the Area Team sort out the ticket distribution keeping records from referrals to avoid duplication to some families. <b>Decision (accepted)</b></p> <p><b>3. 8<sup>th</sup> Barnsley (Goldthorpe) Guides</b> extra community uniform total cost of application requested was £805.00, after a short discussion it was agreed to contribute to the neckers <b>£160.00</b> Cllr Noble stated that as the location on the Scouts building is in Dearne North could this be something that could be split – all agreed on splitting the cost if accepted with Dearne North <b>Decision (part accepted £81.00 from DS)</b></p> <p><b>4. Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group:</b> use of equipment for environmental across the Dearne South <b>£3200.00</b> – the original application was adjusted and the lawnmower request was taken off (Vicky, Graham &amp; Charlotte declare an interest and left the room whilst the remaining members discussed the application). It was agreed to fund the equipment as they all felt this was a brilliant and enthusiastic group that deserved support both financially and physically. <b>Decision (accepted)</b></p> | <p>Letter to be sent with confirmation to Gary explaining conditions of approval.</p> <p>Posters/fliers will be created &amp; sent out to relevant organisations</p> <p>Email to be sent out to Dearne North members asking for split</p> | <p>Marie</p> <p>Ann Toy – Dearne Area Team</p> <p>Marie</p> |
| <p><b>Balance remaining in the Ward Alliance funding = £6979.00</b></p>  |   |   |
| <p><b>4. Groups &amp; any additional updates not on agenda</b></p>   |   |   |
| <p><b><u>Salvation Army</u></b></p>  |   |   |
| <p>Job club is running with plenty of volunteers with over 15 people attending regular to seek local employment. Alison has been to see Rory at DECV in which she felt was a fantastic meeting with lots of ideas and initiatives that Alison can now run herself with the help of the volunteers but may need help with funding of equipment if the numbers attending keep been this high.</p> <p>Alison is now a fully pledged qualified walk leader, so if anyone on the area wants some walkers training up, please speak to her. She has completed her first walk along down to the brick ponds, Bolton on Dearne with great success</p> <p>The food bank is still heavily used in the Dearne by over 100 families, fare share have been a big help as well as Asda, Tesco and some local businesses. The Dearne Allotment Group will be supplying surplus produce that's fresh, with Alison agreeing to pick them up for easier access. Alison also is in the process of setting up a Saturday morning food-bank for the working families who are on the breadline; this will encourage people in the area to use the salvation army on evenings and weekends.</p> <p>The cook &amp; eat sessions will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks in total working with Be Well team, Dearne Allotment Group (who funded the project) to help families attending the Salvation Army and facing food/fuel poverty help learn how to cook on a budget using a microwave to help with energy efficiency. Alison is also keen to work on personal, oral &amp; food hygiene. This initiative works within the remit of the Action Plan on quality of life. Everyone agreed this was a fantastic programme and would look to try and continue this in the future.</p> <p>Alison informed the members that an open day is planned with MP John Healy attending to showcase the new kitchen that they are having installed to help improve the café/cooking side. Lots of volunteers will be on board helping with the renovations over the next few weeks, so please pop in and help if you can.</p>   |   |   |

Alison wanted to say a big thank you to the ward alliance for the help that she gets from them and it's a pleasure been a part of it.

### **Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group**

Graham gave an update of all the events that the group have had with over 20-30 local residents helping out at each one, he wanted to say a big thankyou to Goldthorpe Development Group for leading a good example in the community and helped BODVAG reach their milestones every time, it's nice to see communities working together and that it was also lovely to see how the different generations all come together and get on with the street cleans, parks, paths, ginnels.

### **Be Well**

Suzanne updated all the health initiatives in the area; they are currently working on cook & eat sessions, promoting healthier lifestyles with groups, individuals and local schools. Having sessions with the allotment and Salvation Army on helping the families with food & fuel poverty learn how to cook on a budget (microwave cooking), healthier lifestyles, hygiene food & personal, with a trip to the allotment to show them how the families can grow their own food for a fraction of the price in the supermarkets. It's all about raising the awareness of health & wellbeing in the Dearne.

### **St Andrews Square**

Alan gave an update on the events; they are hoping to hold another Christmas event in which he will feed back at the next meeting.

#### **5. Date for your diaries**

3<sup>rd</sup> July Painting of the fence & benches at mansion fields, Bolton on Dearne 10am

31<sup>st</sup> July Yorkshire Event, Mansion Fields, Bolton on Dearne 11am – 4.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> August Bounce into Summer, Welfare grounds, Washington Road, Goldthorpe 12pm – 4pm

#### **6. AOB**

Twiggs Quarter 3 report was handed out for everyone to see the kind of work, a small discussion about the work in the area took place – everyone happy with the work Twiggs are completing.

#### **7. Date & Time of next meeting**

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