

Dearne North Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Thursday 9th June 2016 – 1pm
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Annette Gollick, Derek Bramham (Big Local Thurnscoe), Alison Sykes (Salvation Army) Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team CDO), Charlotte Williams, (local resident), David Perry (local resident)	Cllr Pauline Phillips, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Stephen Hurd (local resident)

	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions</p> <p>In the absence of 2 elected members Derek Bramham agree to chair the meeting until a new Chair is elected next time.</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p>Charlotte asked if there had been any feedback from the NCS with projects in our area that had been submitted, Alison agreed as the Salvation Army had made enquiries too.</p> <p>Proposed: Alison Seconded: Cllr Gollick</p> <p>3. Financial update</p> <p>In the absence of a treasurer Marie explained about the 50/50 split update on financial information that's been fed back from the Dearne Area Council this week, starting 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, hanging baskets or other street furniture.</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> <p>Applications submitted:</p> <p>Goldthorpe Scouts – litter pickers/clean up equipment £350.00, agreed that the scouts group application was good for getting everyone involved in cleaning up the area and also helping them to work with other groups in the area who are all actively helping towards the LWYL campaign. Result: (accepted)</p> <p>Swim sessions –170 family sessions £250.00 (costing £500 split 50/50 with DS) 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. Result: (accepted)</p>	<p>Alliance to arrange a date to work with future litter picks</p> <p>Area Team to produce fliers/tickets and promotional work.</p>	<p>Alison will speak to scout leader.</p> <p>Ann Toy</p>

<p>Thurnscoe East Angling Club – Re-stock of fish, weed cleaner £1990.00 – Warren has been working alongside other groups in Thurnscoe to ensure that fishing around the reservoir is open to all families. Result: (accepted)</p> <p>Thurnscoe Amateur Dramatics – £3000.00 Due to an inspection from South Yorkshire Fire Service earlier this months they are requesting improvements to the inside safety of the building, fire doors, alarm systems etc. Reservations were met on this application due to the timing of the application, the running of the management and routine fire assessments inside the building. The society had mentioned to Derek that unless these were replaced SYF would have no option but to close down the facilities and the usage of the theatre, Derek said that the theatre is 100 years old and we should be looking at helping them to keep a historical piece of the community open. Action - Visit is required with Jean Carr for more information so the members could get a better understanding of what is needed and how we can help. Result: (deferred)</p> <p>Marie informed the group about the shortfall from the Thurnscoe Big Local funds to install a dipping pond platform at the small dipping pond area of Thurnscoe Reservoir at a cost of £4000 – it was agreed to pay £800 to Big Local Thurnscoe for the erection of a dipping pond platform to help the families, encourage smaller children to go pond dipping under supervision.</p>	<p>Meet with member of the Thurnscoe Amateur dramatic society</p> <p><u>Not required as DVLP has agreed to pay it.</u></p>	<p>Marie Sinclair</p>
<p>4. Updates from Community Groups</p> <p><u>Salvation Army</u></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 & eat sessions will be held on 16th 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 & 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> <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.</p> <p><u>Thurnscoe Park</u> –</p> <p>Pauline gave an update to Marie – They have just sent an order for shrubs for the park that will be paid for by the RHS. We are looking to do a project with the Robert Ogden school on a Wednesday after noon replenishing shrubs. A couple of people from the RHS want to be actively involved in this.</p> <p>Judging day is 6th July so Cllr Phillips stated she will be in the park loads when on return from her holidays to ensure the park is looking its best all summer.</p>	<p>Apply for future funds for equipment for further usage</p> <p>Open invites to be sent out to individuals on social media</p>	<p>Alison Sykes</p> <p>Area Team to share on FB</p>

The fencing will be ordered shortly and as soon as we have the container in place we can arrange a volunteer day to erect the fence, the changing rooms are gone and they are taking away the concrete base as we speak so hopefully this will be landscaped when I get back but the surrounding area will want Twiggs to trim all around the trees in that area as they are full of allsorts

On July 7th the History Group along with the British Legion have arranged a "battle of the Somme" day, both schools will be taking part.

Reminder for Thurnscoe 'Beach party in the park' is the 6th august 2016 everyone is welcome to volunteer on or before the event, see Cllr Phillips for more information.

Big Local Thurnscoe –

Derek updated the group with the Green space activities, planters on the high street, work with the reservoir and making everyone aware of the fishing competition that will be starting again in the summer holidays for children, to ensure that our younger generations get the chance to enjoy and learn a new sport.

Work is underway to fund and install a dipping pond platform in the small reservoir, with the help from Marie (Dearne Area Team), Warren and his family (Thurnscoe Reservoir) and members of the Angling Club, Twiggs and local residents, the area has been cleaned and trimmed to allow this to happen.

Incredible edible official launch was on Monday with a decent turnout, Twiggs dug over the ground on the raised beds adding compost where necessary they have completed the seed sowing on Houghton Road, Derek has planted some tomatoes/beans/peas for everyone to enjoy once they start to flourish.

Station House –

Charlotte thanked everyone for turning up to the open house 60/70 people attended, thanked Twiggs for their wonderful work helping to clear the path & weeds around the Station House premises. The children are actively encouraged to be outdoors in this lovely weather, and are keen to walk around the fields to participate in bug hunts and nature walks. Charlotte added they would be really keen to support the dipping pond with regular activities in the spring and summer months.

Reminder for the AGM is Tuesday 28th June 1.30pm – everyone welcome.

James is the intern that is helping Charlotte with the social media, marketing and admin, he will be helping Charlotte to promote Station House as much as possible, to keep everyone in the area up to speed. Marie added to make sure all updates are fed to the Area Team to be added to the neighbourhood network and shared through their own team page.

5. 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.

Discussions around the Micro pub on Barnsley Road next to Company Shop, which is up for planning at the moment could this be a disaster, many of the members felt this would probably not be too much harm as its quite expensive more of a coffee/pub feel. Also Yorkshire Bank planning to be used as a Weatherspoon's, it was decided to wait and see panning before any more discussions.

Marie asked the Alliance members to consider working with each other in a more supportive role, during activities that groups were working on i.e. – members were asked to help Derek (BLT) with the running of the children's fishing competition during the summer, David agreed to help as he enjoys fishing too!

6. Dates for next meeting –

Thursday 21st July, Thursday 18th August, Thursday 29th all 1pm at Goldthorpe Library.

Organize fishing competition

Derek to speak to David