

Dearne North

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 14 th May (2pm-3.30pm)
Location:	Church Street Flats, Thurnscoe
Chair:	Cllr Sue Bellamy
Minutes:	Marie Sinclair CDO

Attendee's:	Apologies:
Cllr Sue Bellamy (Chair) Elected Member Cllr Martin Morrell – Elected Member Charlotte Williams - Station House Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Park Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Gillian Totty – Berneslai Homes Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair - CDO	Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Michael Cutts – BPL Jenny Pitman – B:Friend Vikki Longden – Secretary Jackie Kenning - Salvation Army

Discussion Points:	Action / Decision:	Who By:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and introductions / Apologies 2. Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests Non pecuniary or pecuniary interests declared. 3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising - none 4. Finance <p>Dearne North Ward Alliance CF balance £1490.13 + £10K from 2024/25 – total spend for 2024/25 £11,490.13</p> <p>Working funds remaining balance £3150.68 - Thurnscoe Activity Funds £763.32 Environmental £448.00 Community Support Funds for Dearne North £1500 Thurnscoe DEFIB £235 / Goldthorpe DEFIB £150.74 MISC – bank charges & room rental £53.62</p>		

Monitoring for 2023/24 is ongoing due to lack of forms been returned MS to send out email to ensure the groups get the information back and complete their projects ASAP

5. Proposed Projects / Action plan update

Action plan was discussed to look at simplifying as seems to be same actions going over same plan and nothing been improved on – discussions took place to work on new plan to just look at what projects needs to be covered & when

Discussions around:

- Brass on the grass **working funds (TAF budget)**
- Pictures in the park (WAF)
- Healthy holidays – **working funds (TAF budget)**
- Older people’s health initiative (sloppy slippers)
- Winter warmth looking at afternoon tea (WAF)
- Marketing for events (gazebo) – **working funds**
- Meet thy neighbors support to Salvation Army (no budget needed just volunteer help)
- Seed swap – **working funds (environmental budget)**
- Hanging baskets (**Team budget for new brackets for 2025**)
- Defibs – **working funds (DEFIB budget)**
- Bulky rubbish if needed

6. Group Updates

6.1 Station House

Both Playgroup and Afterschool club is full to capacity. There is lots of evidence that more and more families are accessing our service as they are starting work or increasing their hours. We also acknowledge that even working families are living close to the poverty line. Work is insecure and often low paid. This causes families to be financially insecure, therefore we need to keep our services subsidized to make work viable. This means that we have to find income from elsewhere: currently existing funded are equally overstretched. We do have a small food pantry in our porch that helps families who just need to access a bit of support. We are still hosting Shop on the go, a biweekly staff distributing fruit and vegetables at a heavily discounted cost. This summer we will host Healthy Holidays provision, the free school meals children are funded by Healthy Holidays scheme vis BMBC, and we have some independent finding to allow us to host for children who are not receiving free school meals.

6.2 St. Helens Church

MS to work on new simplified plan

MS to work on budgets and send via email to all members of WA before next meeting, so plans can be made and set up if agreed.

<p>The church is hosting First aid training July all welcome</p> <p>Café church 1st June 3pm open to all</p> <p>Thursday prayers – candles</p> <p>Coffee & bingo 7.30pm pie & pea support May 8th</p> <p>Sat 29th June MND 2pm free to all</p> <p>Scarecrow event</p> <p>Mother & toddler group</p> <p>6.3 Thurnscoe Park</p> <p>Bench relocation – base to be completed funded by Big Local</p> <p>Steam cleaning to be worked on block paving</p> <p>Not many volunteers due to bad weather which is taking its toll on the current volunteers in the park</p> <p>Crosses for the poppies all in place</p> <p>Artificial grass donated by local business</p> <p>Ideas on cinema but team others would have to run & plan event due to capacity and health on volunteers</p> <p>Brass on the grass would be nice but again would need planning by team/WA</p> <p>7.4 Thurnscoe Regeneration CIO</p> <p>Take Action live longer event planning for checking for cancers in older people (Rainbow Centre) early stages more to follow – goody bags to be given out with PH team</p> <p>Summer sports day family invitation to all services/partners hoping for team effort working with Julie Turner (Churches together) MS informed no capacity from team with short staffed but happy to support on advice and signpost to sports provisions within BMBC (Sports van, active sports, grassroots etc)</p> <p>7.5 Berneslai Homes</p> <p>Action day on TARA/Lansdown area</p> <p>Work capacity is low due to staff been off and restructure.</p> <p>Berneslai homes complaints campaign</p> <p>BH tenants together</p> <p>7. AOB – MS informed the Alliance of Nigel’s workload and projects he had coming up multi agency one in Goldthorpe may need finance for large skip</p> <p>8. <i>Date & Time of Next meeting:</i> 9th July 2024 Church Street Flats</p>	<p>MS to do logistics and costings ASAP</p> <p>NR will ask for support if required – MS to look for skips (XL)</p>	
--	--	--

