

Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	(Joint) Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	2 nd March 2017 at 12.30pm
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Alan George, Vicky Cuming, Cllr May Noble, Marie Sinclair, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Terry Walton, Dave Perry, Alison Sykes, Claire Milne, Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Derek Branham, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Phillips & Cllr Johnson observer Pete Finnegan.	Stephen Hurd, Suzanne Storey

	Action/ Decision	Action lead
<p>Welcomes & introductions took place.</p> <p>1. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p>Marie has been to see Ian Chappel at Prospect Road & took photographs of the kiln, all boxed up and brand new with model and serial number attached. The kiln will probably go to the Dearne ALC Cllr Noble to update at the next meeting after meeting with the principle and teacher at the school.</p> <p>No other matters arising.</p> <p>2. At the last meeting 2 applications were deferred until more details were provided, both Hickleton Bowling Club & members from the Snap tin had arrived to answer all questions from feedback this was brought onto first item on the agenda.</p> <p>The Snap Tin application (£1521.60 for a display cabinet)</p> <p>Questions from the WA – who would be the clientele? Have they consulted with local businesses, would they be working with other community groups? Have they adequate insurance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target audiences are people with learning difficulties, with a plan to train up anyone from schools/colleges with learning difficulties or mental health disabilities as well -they would be working towards a level 2 basic food hygiene course. There would be taster courses which would be free for anyone wanting to assist in cook & eat sessions, also linking in with dementia groups & adults with learning difficulties that attend local groups Dementia services would send a support worker. The main focus would be unemployed. They would be working with northern college to help build their confidence and motivation. All profits will go back into the café for the sustainability and business plan. 	meeting with principle of Dearne ALC	Cllr Noble

<p>Anita stated that they were not expecting huge volumes of footfall from passing trade but the training for the younger generation is the key aim, and larger groups of individuals i.e. HOurbank, social services, salvation army foodbank, nursery/schools etc all using their services to help with the health & wellbeing of the Dearne families. – After a short discussion: decision - unanimous YES</p> <p>Hickleton Bowling club – £450 increased to £1107.74</p> <p>Questions from the WA - Do they open their doors to the wider public, can children be part of the group, and would they work with other community groups?</p> <p>Hickleton bowling green is really run down with several volunteers falling by the wayside some new members have taken over the running of the club and would like help with finances to bring the area back to life. The group have been working hard these past few months to keep the area looking clean and tidy. They informed the WA that monies would be spent on upgrading the window spectator's area to enable members of the pubic with disability problems a better view when sitting indie. The group asked if they needed help with any other matters and that they would be prepared to help.</p> <p>Children are not currently allowed on site without parental consent as none of the members are DBS checked and they wouldn't want the responsibility if anything went wrong also their insurance wouldn't cover this either. They are more than happy to work with schools & children over 5 where there would be adult supervision. Logistics of appropriate footwear and bowls would need to be looked at beforehand.</p> <p>Financial help is also needed for access to the bottom bowling green for wheelchair or mobility scooter users. Marie will meet with the group to run through alternate funding options maybe Dearne Development Fund application to help on this matter. The bowling 2017 sessions start in April, they had 18 members they now have 28 members in 12 months with increase of 64%. They did put an advert in the weekender but unfortunately it went under Hickleton instead of Thurnscoe so didn't get much interest. They are looking at another open day to let members of the public come along and have a game of bowls to see if they can put this sport back on the map and get interest from Thurnscoe residents once more.</p> <p>Marie said she would introduce Twiggs to help with cutting back the hedges and assisting with the bottom half of the bowling green.</p> <p>Derek advised them to bring any information to the big local and he would advertise for them. Cllr Gardiner stated that this bowling green is in the heart of the village so why not the Ward Alliance try and help them to revitalise the greens and get the community involved. - After a short discussion: decision - unanimous YES</p> <p>3. Financial update</p> <p><u>Applications received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dearne Playhouse - £500 <p>Monies was requested for the Princes Trust to help with re-decorating the changing facilities and corridors at the Playhouse – everyone agreed it's a worthy cause with local young people - decision - unanimous YES</p>	<p>Set up meeting with group to access financial needs – DDF</p> <p>Liaise with Twiggs to assist volunteers</p>	<p>Marie (CDO)</p> <p>Marie (CDO)</p>
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- Parks service – concrete blocks for gate area of car park / entrance to field - £2000

Concrete blocks have been requested to help combat the unauthorised vehicles accessing the site around Thurnscoe East Reservoir. Russ Boland from parks has been on a site visit where there has been a lot more fly tipping recently so the only option now is to try and stop any vehicles accessing the site completely - **decision - unanimous YES**

- Dearne Ward Alliance Health event - £3000

Renaissance centre Wednesday August 9th 2017 12pm – 4pm

This event is for the Ward Alliance to throw their own health event whole community to benefit from advice & guidance and interaction from health professionals in the Dearne, with a bit of fun thrown in too. Advice will be given on Blood Pressure, weight management, dementia awareness, change 4 life, local GP's & dentists in the area will also be invited to come and speak to the community about what they offer at the surgeries etc. Be well team at the Factory will be attending giving their own work programmes and what's happening with their services too. There will be fitness machines & interactive apps for members of the public to use the facilities that's on offer to check their own health - **decision - unanimous YES**

- BODVAG - insurance & breakdown cover for community used van - £2700

BODVAG – can insurance for the whole community to use on different occasions i.e. events, food banks, picking up items too big for a car, rubbish collections after litter picks, dropping materials for allotment – general run around for anyone in the community to use as with one condition that the driver must be over 30, clean license and adequate driving experience. Alan George will create a mileage sheet for inside the van so if anyone uses this they must log there mileage, usage and put their own petrol in. **decision - unanimous YES**

After all these final applications have been approved the balances on both wards:

Dearne North:

BMC Tudor Street Car Park (concrete blocks)	Russ Boland	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Pride in Dearne North
Hickleton Bowling Club	Margaret Hall	£1,107.74	£1,107.74	Pride in Dearne North
Ask Attain skills & training	Walt Bridgen	£3000.00 split 50/50 DS	£1,500.00	Jobs, training & skills
Thurnscoe Park	Cllr Pauline Phillips	£150.00	£150.00	Pride in Dearne North

End of year balance 2016/2017 - **£1050.53** Working fund £1443.48

Dearne South:

Dearne Playhouse - princes trust	Julie Medlam	£500.00	£500.00	Quality of life, training, youth provision
Dearne Health Event	Dearne Ward Alliance	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Quality of Life, youth provision
Ask Attain Skills & Knowledge training	Walt Bridgen	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	Jobs, skills & training
Bodvag	Johnny Wilson	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	Pride in Dearne South, Quality of Life & Youth

End of year balance 2016/2017 - **£1724.90** Working fund £1149.94

4. Group Updates

Big Local Thurnscoe

Spring show this year is 30th April from 12pm until 3pm, the show will include walking from miners' union, banner from the northern college, marine cadets, fire eater, and stilt walker. .

The 2 coal tubs will be situated at different ends of the village after final talks and permission from

Barnsley Council, Highways and other external agencies Derek is hoping the tubs will be in by summer. The dipping pond platform is almost ready for installation in the summer holidays, the final pieces are getting completed now, Derek is meeting with RSVB & officers from BMBC to ensure adequate DDA regulations and permissions have been sought correctly. The big local have purchased two houses in grange crescent, Thurnscoe East with a look at recruiting apprentices and a supervisor locally for building work and further employment.

LGC awards –after the recent visit to London to submit the application for recognition of the heard work and dedication that Barnsley Ward Alliances have put in, Barnsley has now been shortlisted in this category which gives a great opportunity to showcase all the work that Barnsley’s volunteers have achieved through activities led or paid through the Ward Alliances and the community involvement this brings with it. Derek will update at the next meeting - everyone agreed that this is a fantastic result just to be shortlisted so fingers crossed.

Salvation Army

Mondays and Fridays are very busy at the salvation army with the foodbanks & job Clubs been a major priority in this area. Alison gave praise to her wonderful volunteers stating she wouldn’t be able to do her job so well if it wasn’t for the dedication of these hardworking volunteers that help her to run the salvation army every week.

Alison has donations from Morrison’s & Tesco’s twice weekly now. The next working food bank is on the 18th March 9:30 until 11 on a Saturday. The recent jumble sale raised £140 which is going back into the food bank. Alison will look at alternate sales, with these around certain times of the year, Christmas, Easter, new school term to ask for uniforms.

Cllr Gardiner asked if there has been any increase of membership to the job club or issues from anyone regarding the closure of the Goldthorpe branch as John Healy had wrote about this on social media, reports have come in from different sources stating that Mexborough has been undated with new clients from this area. There is also no parking in Mexborough around the location so worries regarding parking in the town centre could cause sanctions making matters worse for people unemployed. Alison stated that there hasn’t been a change in the job club attendance she averages 8 – 10 people each session.

Station House Community Association

Charlotte wanted to thank everyone for the artificial grass monies. It’s checked on a regular basis and the children absolutely love it, it has made life a lot easier and the children can play out in all-weather now. There has been an increase in working families applying for placements, which is really good for the area and shows that working families is improving too.

Thurnscoe park

6 litter picks with all the primary school, Robert Ogden are running regular Had a new volunteer that has now joined the group to seek funding opportunities, Pauline will introduce when people go down to the park. Planning of the summer event is well on its way. Planting of the summer seeds is in the next few weeks, regular clean ups and work in the park is ongoing with the same volunteers, anyone wishing to help just turn up and lend a hand – everyone welcome!

<p>5. AOB</p> <p>Marie informed the members that Derek Bell has now left Barnsley Council. Hopefully someone will be in this post to finalise the flood plans for Bolton on Dearne. Information regarding who is paying for the leaflets and the distribution needs to be agreed.</p> <p>Pauline updated the group regarding the smoke free play parks programme launched at Locke Park in January 2017, the scheme is part of Breathe 2025, Barnsley's vision in which the next generation of children are born and raised in a borough free from tobacco and where smoking is rarely seen. The ambition is for smoke free play parks in each of the six area councils with all 24 key play parks across the borough becoming smoke free. The smoke-free zones will be managed through a voluntary code and there will be no enforcement action. Pauline will update when Thurnscoe Park has started.</p> <p>6. Date & Time of next meeting: Thursday 27th April at 12.30 Goldthorpe library</p>		
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