

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 18th May 2017 @ 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Dorothy Coates, Geoff Hutchinson, David Hildred, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), Michael Fenna, Colin Ward, Barbara Tindle (Secretary)

1. Introductions and Apologies

Fiona O'Brien from the Principle Towns was introduced and apologies from Cllr Pauline Markham, Margaret Barlow and Brian Moore

2. Fiona O'Brien from (Principle Towns)

Fiona gave a brief outline of her role within the Principle Towns. It is a 3-year scheme that highlights and helps improve certain areas within the borough with the aim of increasing footfall and spend within our local shopping areas. Darfield has been chosen and the area highlighted is Church Street and the surrounding area including the shops.

There was a discussion regarding car parking within this area and the possibility of resurfacing the All Saints Church car park. This is an area of conservation - Geoffrey to forward a copy of the map outlining the boundaries of the conservation area to Fiona. It was suggested that a separate working group be organised to pool ideas and knowledge of the area - to be arranged as soon as possible. The deadline for registration of interests is Thursday 6th July 2017. Anyone wanting to be part of the working group please let Tanya or Barbara know as soon as possible.

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed

- Greenspace Volunteers – Tanya informed the Alliance that Highways have approved the planters. The application has now gone in for processing.
- Darfield Community Centre – Tanya informed the Alliance the relevant insurances are in place

4. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received

Tanya gave a brief outline on the balance sheet - a carryover of £2,112 giving this year's balance £12,112. The Alliance approved costings of £180 room hire for WA meetings and £500 for Secretary Reimbursements. The starting balance for 2017/18 therefore is £11,432.

Children's Lego Club - £300

Tanya gave a brief outline regarding this project and informed the Alliance that the volunteers are all new. Dorothy raised concerns over relevant insurances and DBS checks. After a brief discussion the Alliance agreed to fund the project in full and to advise the Club that relevant insurances need to be in place.

BMBC Parks Services £930

After a brief discussion regarding mobility scooters Tanya informed the Alliance that she had spoken with Pat from Park Services and the smaller mobility scooters can get through the gate when closed. The Alliance was concerned with regards to the Disability regulations. Tanya to speak to Park Services to get clarification that they are following the correct guidelines. The Alliance agreed to fund the project in full on proviso that they are following the Disability regulations and not discriminating.

Darfield Library Children's Out of School Activities £400

After a brief discussion, the Alliance agreed to fund the project in full.

Little Houghton Parish Council £750

Colin and Dorothy declared an interest. Mike queried funding the Website, informing the Alliance that the Parish Council could apply for funding from YLCA for a free website. The Alliance agreed to fund the £500 for the second part of the application (Park area) and to advise the club to apply for website funding from elsewhere. Tanya to ask Pauline for her vote to make the agreement quorum.

4. Ward Alliance Project Updates

- Darfield Cenotaph – Tanya distributed photographs of the clean-up and everyone agreed that it was looking good. A planting of flowers/shrubs/seeds has been arranged for Wednesday 14th June 2017 starting at 9.30. Year 3 children from All Saints Academy and parents will be coming along. A donation of flowers/shrubs/seeds are welcome and any volunteers on the day would be grateful. Colin to speak to Paul with regards to donations of plants.
- Flood Plans – the plans have now been sent out to all Wardens - awaiting replies.
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline updated the Alliance – the keep fit classes to be finalised by the end of May, then posters and advertising can begin. The taster event to be held at Darfield Community Centre, Tuesday 2 pm – 3.30 pm - date to be finalised.
- Darfield Ring – exploring options and on going
- Darfield Gala – the first planning meeting was held today. Ideas discussed include community group stalls, Sea Cadets Brass Band, inflatable rides, scarecrow competition, use of bowling clubs facilities and approaching local business' for sponsorship / donations of raffle prizes. The date of Saturday 22nd July 2017, 11 am – 2 pm has been arranged. Dorothy asked the Alliance if they would agree in principle an application of £800 and would be willing to receive this when they next met in June to look at action planning. The Alliance agreed to an £800 max budget. WAF application to be prepared for the June gathering.

6. Alliance Priorities

- Tanya handed out a excel spreadsheet of the results of the Consultation forms for the Alliance to view and it was agreed that the new priorities are welcome.
- Action plan workshop – a workshop to be arranged for June to set a timeline for the Ward Alliance projects. Date and time to be arranged.

7. Any other business

Tanya has circulated an email today with regards to June being Volunteer month. The ***Love Where You Live*** roadshow van will be outside Darfield Library on Thursday 1st June to promote and encourage people to volunteer and give information and freebies. Mike informed the Alliance that Billingley are holding their event on Sunday 25th June at 10 am. Geoff also informed the Alliance that he will be contacting the Barnsley Chronicle to come and highlight new volunteers for the Museum especially the need for managerial positions.

Tanya informed the Alliance about a new initiative from BMBC Stronger Communities. Volunteer recognition cards have been produced which can be issued to volunteers to allow them to record how many hours they put in. It is hoped that incentives can be developed and awarded for those who volunteer 100+ hours, 500+ hours etc.

Tanya has been approached by Lee Glover from Virgin Media who would like to come along and give a presentation to the Alliance. Lee is to be invited to attend the July meeting.

The next edition of the Community magazine is being prepared for printing. Darfield Youth Group was put forward as an article suggestion.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th July 2017 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre