

Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	27th April 2017 at 12:30pm
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Alan George, Vicky Cuming, Marie Sinclair, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Dave Perry, Alison Sykes, Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Derek Branham, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Suzanne Storey, Charlotte Williams, James Malone, Tina Brooke, Daniel Dvelys & Amber Goddard.	Cllr May Noble, Cllr Charlotte Johnson and Terry Walton

	Action/ Decision	Action lead
<p>A round of welcomes & introductions took place.</p> <p>1. Presentations from Social prescribing team & Digital champions</p> <p><u>South Yorkshire Housing Association presented the information on Social Prescribing</u> The idea behind it is to help patients with long term health conditions access further support, trying to cut down on visits to GP's and other medical organisations, for example, a patient with low self-esteem might be visiting the doctors every week just because they are isolated and feel alone and depressed, the GP's would refer them to Social Prescribing team who would then put them in touch with others in a community venue or community group who may be able to help. Sometimes the problems people are dealing with, like debt or loneliness can have a huge impact on their health. Social prescribing offers GP somewhere to signpost people to, so they can get the advice and ongoing support they may need.</p> <p>GPs work closely with voluntary and community sector partners who offer a wide range of support, and this service will take that to a new level.</p> <p>Questions then took place about how and when this would be working in the dearne with offers from Salvation Army & Station House to support where necessary.</p> <p><u>The second presentation was by Daniel Dvelys for digital champions.</u> This service is here to reduce online exclusion, there are still a lot of older people who don't know how to use the internet and a lot of services are online now. They offer 1 to 1 sessions and these will help build your confidence on the internet learn you how to do the basics email, browse the web, online shopping, social media, paying bills online and the basics. These will be short courses that run for 6 weeks. There will be tailored sessions supporting the job Centre for when the new universal credit gets rolled out.</p>	<p>Salvation Army & Station House to get in touch with Amber if required</p>	

2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising

Alan asked about the latest on the kiln, Marie said that Dearne ALC have sadly declined the offer as they don't have capacity in their curriculum to train staff and do any work. Cllr Sixsmith informed the group he was still willing to train people and help at sessions if required.

Deferred until interested parties come forward.

3. End of year update/monitoring and performance report

Marie handed the performance report which outlined all the applications and volunteer time spent against each applications. The Alliance all gave positive remarks and said they would definitely like to see these every year.

4. Funding applications

Panda - £760.00

To provide the young people who attend the Panda Youth Club (Goldthorpe Youth Centre – near Dearne Playhouse) with a variety of resources to help them to complete several I Know I Can Challenges and Projects. The projects will include a Volunteer element in order to ensure that the young people can take a meaningful part in Active Citizenship activities in the local community.

In addition to Volunteering as part of the Intergenerational Project, the young people will regularly litter pick around the vicinity of the Youth Club premises to help keep their local environment clean and to encourage local residents to take a pride in their local community. The project will allow young people and elderly people to learn from each other, and improve their respective communication skills. It will also teach the young people the values of Active Citizenship, and volunteering skills, which will ultimately lead to them completing the I Know I Can challenges. All agreed this project for the young people was needed in the area – **decision unanimous YES**

Willow tree mindful yoga application - £400.00

Application for yoga sessions in the community for people suffering from any kind of mental health conditions. Issues were raised around the fact these sessions were already been held for free at a local sheltered housing association with not many people turning up, also the posters were already advertising sessions at the Factory already running. All Ward Alliance members had concerns regarding who was paying for the ones already, short discussion took place – **decision No.**

South Yorkshire Probation Service - £332.78 increased to £589 due to requiring more paint – alliance agreed to fund.

Application submitted from SYPS to enable their service users to paint the Houghton Road fencing from Hickleton Bowling Club to Houghton Road running track, improving the look of the entrance before the high street - **decision unanimous YES**

Bf balances from 2016/17 & money allocated this year

Working Fund

Dearne North - £1050.53 + £10,000 2017/18
- SYPS £588.80 balance available **£10461.73**

£1433.68

Dearne South - £1724.90 + £10,000 2017/18
- Panda £760.00 balance available **£10,964.90**

£1149.94

Marie stated that monies in the working funds needs to be spent against projects, advised members to think of ideas for next Ward Alliance on projects they could all help in.

5. Group updates:

Thurnscoe Park

The war memorial has been steamed cleaned and looks remarkable. The park volunteers have been working tirelessly in preparation for barnsley in bloom. Anyone wanting to help please just turn up and help out!

Salvation army

Mondays and Fridays are extremely busy for Alison help is needed if anyone is free please go and help. Doctor bikes is returning to the Dearne holding 5 sessions at the salvation army starting from may 18th through to September where the aim is to assist anyone with a bike to maintain it for free. Alison has been asked to open the Tesco's express in Bolton on dearne when the opening has been announced.

Be well Barnsley

The fit me course that has been running for 6 weeks has been completed, 22 attended. There was 10 that had a weight loss success and 9 that succeeded in nutrition and exercise.

The fit sticks at the salvation army is really good there has already been a course completed and is carrying on it's on a Tuesday from 5 till 6.

Big Local Thurnscoe

Derek promoted the spring event on Sunday the 30th April; the parade is marching from Thurnscoe East Post Office through to Houghton road. Lots of things to do.

The beach party is Saturday August 5th at Thurnscoe park reminder for everyone's calendars. The new multi gym has now been fitted on the sports ground lots of interest.

Station House Community Association

Charlotte said they are still busy, the spring term holidays have been a little quieter than normal. The redevelopment of the outside area is now complete; Charlotte wanted to say a big thankyou to Twiggs for all their help over the past 6 months. The co-op has nominated them and they have collected £2,000.

BODVAG

The litter pick down Dearne road has been completed and went well. Yorkshire day on the 30th July everyone welcome, the van is having the logos of the Alliance & Big Local signwriting next month.

6. Any Other business

Marie gave a reminder for the health event on the 9th August from 11 till 4 it will be at Renaissance Center, we need lots of people to help with several jobs on and before the day. Contact Claire or Ann for more information.

7. Date and time of the next meeting: Thursday 29th June 12:30pm