

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 @ 4.00pm**  
**At Darfield Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr Pauline Markham, Brian Moore, Cllr Caroline Saunders, David Hildred, Michael Fenna, Geoff Hutchinson, Cllr Dorothy Coates, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), Barbara Tindle (Secretary).

- 1. Introductions and Apologies** – Pauline welcomed Karen Walke from South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau. Apologies from Margaret Barlow and Colin Ward.
- 2. Karen Walke – South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau**  
Karen gave a brief outline of her role and handed out an information sheet. Her role is to help and support the community and voluntary groups get the funding they need. A free website with up to date information can be accessed, once registered, with a database of 200 funders. They are also piloting a 2-week online training course for relevant groups to participate in; which will be rolled out in 2018, giving better access for people to learn in their own time and not having to go into the centre on a specific training day. Karen is based at the Core with the V.A.B. team. She is also going to work with the Darfield & Wombwell Area team and Tanya will filter information back to the Alliance.
- 3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**  
Tanya contacted Lee Glover from Virgin Media on the delay on works to be carried out in Darfield. He informed her that the delay was because new contractors were needed as the old ones had pulled out. They are currently working in Cudworth with Darfield to follow in February/March.  
Tanya informed the Alliance that there is to be a public consultation on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4 pm - 6 pm at the Community Centre around Principle Towns.  
Tanya contacted Darfield Wesley Almost New Group regarding their application. They have purchased their own heater. Tanya informed them that if they needed any further help regarding funding then the Alliance are happy to help.
- 4. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received**  
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Balance Sheet - £4,113  
  
Applications:
  - Darfield Cricket Club £600  
After discussion it was agreed to pay in full. However, confirmation that it is for Darfield Children and how many children do they anticipate attending.

- Plevna & Parya Volunteer Community Group £350.29  
Dorothy declared an interest and left the room. After discussion it was agreed to fund £284.42 the Alliance did not think a raffle and trophy should be included.
- Houghton Main Miners Welfare Sport & Social Club £566  
After discussion it was agreed to defer this application as more information is needed and confirmation that the committee is aware of the application and support it.

## 5. Ward Alliance Projects

- Darfield Cenotaph – the clean up day went very well and compliments were received from various residents on Remembrance Sunday. A thank you from the Ward Alliance for all who helped. Tanya met with Year 3 children from Upperwood Academy on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November where they tidied and planted bulbs. The school is eager to help out in the community. A litter pick to be arranged for January 2018. Brian asked if Beavers can be informed of activities in the area. Tanya confirmed that a scout representative is on the network mailing list however more contacts can be added. Those interested should contact Tanya and she will arrange for them to be added to the list.
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline updated the Alliance. The Yoga, Body Posture and Be Well classes have been successful. Hopefully, the yoga and posture classes will continue into the New Year. The Craft and Games, although not hugely attended, have gone well. A Wreath making workshop has been organised as an extension of the project for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 1 pm with a contributory £2.50 charge. Places are limited to 20 and need to be reserved. Dorothy suggested helping the exercise classes to continue by maybe subsidising the fee with some of the under spend. Caroline and Tanya said they will look at the budget.
- Community Noticeboards - ongoing
- A Tree for Darfield – Geoff informed the Alliance the tree had arrived; the hooks were in place on the wall to anchor the tree once up. All lights are working, presents set aside. Tanya said the Santa suit is booked. David to contact All Saints Academy for the children to come along on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4 pm.

## 6. Sharing of Communication

- Communication Plan – Tanya has met with Jonah who has done communication work in Africa. He is keen to do something for the Alliance. At present he is busy working on a Communications Strategy for the Ward Alliance. He wants to know what key message the Alliance would like to promote. The Alliance suggested ‘Be involved, be supportive’, ‘Care in your Community’ and ‘Dare to Care’. The Alliance asked Tanya if he would like to work with it. Tanya is meeting Jonah on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December as they are preparing information boards for Principle Towns event. Anyone wishing to come along are more than welcome.
- Information sharing between working groups – It was agreed that it was important to share information between each other as the Alliance only meet

every 8 weeks so it's important to keep everyone informed on activities. All information passed to Barbara so that she can forward to all members.

**7. Any other business**

A thankyou has been received from Barnsley Leaders Basketball Club and Billingley Ladies Group.

There is to be a Libraries Review – an officer to be invited to attend January meeting.

Tanya meeting with Better Homes - Pop-Up Shop. Darfield is a high fuel poverty area. Tanya to feed back to Alliance.

Dorothy asked Tanya if we could have a list of all projects funded for this year to put in notice boards.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre