

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 25th January 2018 @ 4.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Pauline Markham, Margaret Barlow, Brian Moore, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Michael Fenna, Jonah Mulunda, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), Barbara Tindle (Secretary).

1. Introductions and Apologies – Pauline welcomed Jonah Mulunda who has applied to be a Ward Alliance member. All the members agreed and welcomed him. Apologies from David Hildred, Colin Ward and Cllr Dorothy Coates. Geoff Hutchinson has become an affiliated member.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
The minutes were agreed. Matters arising – The South Area Team have met with Karen Walke (SYFAB) with regards to a Funding Advice Workshop. A workshop has been arranged for Darfield & Wombwell community groups looking for funding on Thursday 22nd February 2018, 5pm – 7pm at Wombwell library. If anyone is interested please contact Tanya as places are limited to 20. One-to one sessions are being organised on Thursday 22nd March at Darfield Library as a follow up. Tanya met with Better Homes – Pop-Up Shop and there is various support they can offer from heating to wrapping up warm. The libraries review drop in session looking at how libraries will look in the future is being held on Wednesday 21st February 2018 4pm – 6pm. **Alliance members are encouraged to attend.**

3. Ward Alliance Fund -Balance Sheet and Applications received

Balance sheet – £3,228

Applications:

- Houghton Main Miners Welfare Sports & Social Club £566
After discussion it was felt that it is not a strong enough match to our current criteria so unfortunately the application was declined.
- Darfield Cricket Club £600 – Junior Winter Programme
The Cricket Club have confirmed that there will be 90% of children from Darfield attending the winter programme. The decision to award in full was ratified.
- An application from IDAS £400 regarding Safety packs for families within Darfield was discussed. Tanya to send the Application out to the Alliance members to read and if approved to ratify at the next Ward Alliance meeting in March.

4. Ward Alliance Projects

- Cenotaph – Pauline has met with Smart Door Solutions who regularly litter pick around the Cenotaph. They are happy to support any projects within the Cenotaph whether it be sending a couple of staff along to help or supplying refreshments.

Tanya informed the members that the National Tidy Up Campaign is on Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March and do the Alliance want to participate in it. A suggestion of areas to tidy are West Street/South Street and St. Barbara's Road/Margaret Road. Tanya to contact the Tidy Team and any volunteers from the Alliance would be appreciated. Michael informed the members that Billingley have organised their own tidy up days to coincide with the National Tidy Up Campaign.

Pauline spoke on behalf of all the Alliance in thanking Tanya for all her hard work especially working alongside children from Upperwood Academy and the tidy days they have participated in.

- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline updated the members – the craft & games workshop although not hugely attended was enjoyed by those who attended. The Posture & Balance and Yoga are continuing. Caroline, Tanya and Geoff to meet regarding on funding that is still available.
- A Tree for Darfield – Margaret gave a brief update on how successful the event was and well attended. The local shops in the area would have liked to have been asked to support the event, something to keep in mind for December this year.
- Darfield Ring – Netherwood ALC would like to adopt the Ring and conversations are taking place for them to maintain the roundabout on a regular basis. The school is exploring possible qualifications that this work could work towards for the students helping out. They are also looking at the possibility of their DT department producing artwork which can be used to decorate the roundabout at key times of the year i.e Christmas, Easter etc. In return, Netherwood would like a plaque/sign to be on the Ring to give the school some recognition.

5. Communications Strategy

Jonah has put together some community strategies that can be developed further. The message of 'Be Involved, Be Supported' was agreed by the members. Tanya handed out an information sheet showing key ideas which are going to be explored further.

Action: Jonah, Pauline, Tanya.

6. 2018-2019 Action Planning

Tanya handed out the Action plan for 2017-2018 – most of the projects are now complete or on target. An action planning workshop for 2018-2019 will take place during the March meeting however, a project idea needed to be selected tonight to absorb the underspend of the Ward Alliance Fund. Looking at the project ideas which were on the reserve list from the last session and after discussion it was decided to explore the Sloppy Slippers project now. Action: Pauline, Michael and Tanya all to meet to work up the detail.

Pauline and Caroline discussed the problem that the area has with ‘fly tipping’ a suggestion that we have a Keep Darfield Tidy day with skips placed around Darfield for residents to dispose of large unwanted items was suggested. Action: Tanya to add this to the list of possible project ideas ahead of the action planning workshop in March.

7. Any other business

A resident from Attlee Crescent, Darfield has been in touch with the South Area Team to see if the green space in that area can be tidied up. The Tidy team and the Darfield Scouts have been asked and Tanya awaiting a reply.

An enquiry regarding funding for Cook & Eat sessions within schools was discussed and it was felt that this does not match our current criteria.

The Good Gym, Barnsley have asked if anyone needs their help. They are volunteers who run with a group to help community projects, run to see an isolated older person and also run to help older people with one off tasks.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th March 2018 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre