

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 4.00pm**  
**At Darfield Community Centre**

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

**1. Introductions and Apologies** – Pauline welcomed Nicola Farrar (Observer). Apologies from Cllr Dorothy Coates.

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed. Matters arising –

Karen Walke held a Funding Advice workshop at Wombwell library which was attended by 4 groups with excellent feedback received. Karen will be holding one-to-one sessions on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Darfield Library. If anyone is interested can they let Tanya know? Can members please share to any groups who you think may benefit from this.

The libraries review was well attended especially by groups. The session outlined a number of potential proposals for the future of Barnsley libraries but made it clear that they had no plans to close any of them.

The Great British Clean Up campaign had to be cancelled due to the weather new dates to be arranged.

**3. Ward Alliance Fund -Balance Sheet and Applications received**

Balance sheet – £2,828

Applications:

- IDAS £400 – this project was ratified.
- Friends of Darfield Churchyard £438  
David declared an interest and left the room. After discussion it was agreed to fund this project in full.
- Greenspace Volunteers £455.50  
Colin declared an interest and left the room. After discussion it was agreed to fund this project in full.
- Plevna & Parva Volunteer Community Group £600  
A discussion took place about galas and fun days in general. There was a strong desire around the table to continue to build on the success of last year's Darfield Gala and further invest in this year's event making it more successful and a real focal point for bringing together all sections of the community. The Alliance also felt that it was important to show support to community groups wishing to run their own smaller/satellite events but recognised that there wasn't enough money in the pot to be able to fund all community galas in their entirety. The decision was made to fund just the one main gala per year (Darfield Summer Gala) and offer a £200 funding contribution to community

groups wishing to put on their own satellite events (limited to one event per group). A contribution of £200 was agreed for this application.

- Darfield Summer Gala £835

Following on from the above discussion, it was decided to allocate an upper limit of £1000 to this year's gala to allow it the opportunity to grow further. A date and time to be arranged as soon as possible so that activities can be booked. Action – Pauline, Jonah, Barbara, Tanya

- Balance from the Healthy Lifestyles Project - Caroline, Geoff and Tanya had a monitoring meeting. There is £1,400 left from the funding allocated to this project. After seeking advice, this balance can be kept by the Alliance providing that it is ring fenced for other social isolation / health related projects. The Ward Alliance were in agreement to do this and also agreed to use £350 of this balance to fund 10 additional Table Tennis sessions offered by Age UK to compliment those being offered by Darfield Community Centre.

#### **4. Ward Alliance Projects**

- Cenotaph – ongoing project.
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline updated the members –The Posture & Balance and Yoga are continuing successfully.
- Darfield Ring – Netherwood ALC have started their monthly visits supported by the Tidy Team.
- Sloppy Slippers – Tanya informed the Alliance that an organisation can be brought in to run a workshop advising people on trips and falls, keeping well in Winter and to run a slipper exchange. It was agreed that the WA would then fund 4 smaller satellite sessions around Darfield to complement this main event. Action -: Pauline, Margaret, Michael and Tanya

#### **5. Communications Strategy**

Tanya and Johah met on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and discussed inviting Dearne FM along to the Darfield Gala (date to be arranged) to not only promote the Gala but also local groups and their organisations.

#### **6. Any other business**

Geoff Hutchinson would like to retire from being Treasurer of the DWA, if any Alliance member is interested in the position can they please let Tanya know.

Tanya handed out an information booklet from the Ward Alliance Celebration Event that took place at the Metrodome on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for members to read and give feedback with discussion at the next WA meeting.

**7. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre

**8. 2018-2019 Action Planning**

The Ward Alliance considered all their ongoing projects as well as potential new project ideas and discussed whether they wished to keep or scrap them. The attached Action Plan outlines the outcome of this discussion. Lead names have been kept the same for ongoing projects. Some of the new projects require lead names and so please can Ward Alliance members have a think about which of the projects they can commit to and make contact with Tanya