

Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance Minutes

7 March 2018

Hoyland Centre

Present	
Cllr Chris Lamb	Rockingham Ward (Chair)
Cllr Nicola Sumner	Rockingham Ward
Cllr Jim Andrews	Rockingham Ward
Cllr Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton Ward
Cllr Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward
Cllr Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward
John Lang	Hoyland Job Club
Neil Spencer	Forge Community Partnership
Pat Gregory	Walderslade Surgery
Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
Janet Cartwright	Friends of Elsecar Park
Ian Warhurst	HAG
Joan Whittaker	Federation of Tenants (Secretary)
Jenny MacPhail	BMBC
Stephen Miller	BMBC
Dawn Grayton	BMBC
Apologies	
Danielle Gill	Tesco
Rob Hargreaves	Berneslai Homes

1. **Welcomes and Apologies.** The Chair welcomed Jenny McPhail and Stephen Miller.

2. A presentation was given by Jenny McPhail from Barnsley Council Warm Homes Scheme. The effects of cold homes are poor health; increased costs to the NHS, increased social isolation, it impacts on mental health and is an indicator of levels of fuel poverty within the area and excess winter deaths. The team work closely with the Comms Teams to promote initiatives on how to keep warm and well, Age UK and CAB offer support with their switching services.

Better Homes Barnsley have a scheme to help residents who are owner occupiers or rent from a private landlord and have no gas central heating in their property may be eligible for gas central heating installing in their property. For those whose boilers have broken down, residents aged over 70 years and some health conditions may be eligible for a grant. The NHS also produces information on how people over 65 with long term health conditions can stay well.

The Ward Alliance asked Jenny if she had met with the Private Sector Housing Officer, Jenny confirmed that she worked very closely with that officer. Jenny's contact details will be circulated to the Ward Alliance meeting after the meeting.

3 Stephen Miller gave a short talk about the Tour de Yorkshire which comes through Blacker Hill, Hoyland and Elsecar on Friday 4 May 2018. Last year the Tour de Yorkshire went through Penistone. It was estimated that the event attracted 25,000 people to the town and this around £500,000 was spent in the town during the day.

This year Barnsley Council has secured more of the race and they have given a huge commitment to services such as health and safety, and road closures.

The Hoyland area is attracting both the women's race (which is a shorter race) and the men's races. Although timings are yet to be confirmed the women's race is expected to leave Barnsley Town centre at around 9:00am and the men's race will leave around 2:30pm. Timings are subject to confirmation by the television companies. Barnsley Town Centre will be closed all day but elsewhere will be subject to rolling road blocks which will be confirmed nearer the event date. The area has the only official climb with the Cote de Blacker Hill. Information is available from [www.barnsley.gov.uk/Tour de Yorkshire](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/Tour%20de%20Yorkshire) or the Welcome to Yorkshire website. The Ward Alliance is asked to communicate information to local residents to let them know what is happening.

The event planning committee have liaised with public transport providers and are looking at car parking solutions. They are currently looking for schools and groups to provide some land art, possible themes are Kes. If the Tour de Yorkshire planning group or Welcome to Yorkshire knows where they will be in advance they can arrange for them to be shown on television as the helicopter will be asked to locate them as they fly over the area.

Questions were asked about the fly tipping and the potholes on Blacker Hill. This matter is being addressed and Neighbourhood Services will be closing the road about a week before to clean it up. Highways have got this work scheduled to complete. A Ward Alliance member recently attended an information briefing session at Elsecar Heritage Centre and assurances were given there by Council officials that these issues will be addressed.

4. Notes from the Ward Alliance Meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2018. There was some discussion about item 10 on the minutes. The Chair confirmed that there had been consultation about the yellow lining around Hoyland town centre. Signs had been displayed on the lamp posts around the town and consultation had been completed during the construction work which had recently taken place.

Parking around the "ring road" causes hazards and this item is not appropriate for discussion in Ward Alliance meetings. Illegal parking has and delays the buses and if they stop coming into Hoyland Town Centre then people will stop visiting and businesses will fail. It was generally accepted that only one business was adversely affected by the work and the Council was working with that business to find an acceptable solution.

The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2018.

5. Tidy Team Update. The team are continuing to support community groups; they were booked to help several Great British Spring Clean events as these were all cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The team are now actively trying to engage with schools and local businesses. A small funding pot has been created from money received from recycling.

Fly tipping should be reported to Neighbourhood Services but if it is reported in to the Tidy Team then they report it in before the team takes any action. Fly tipping costs Barnsley residents around £1 million per annum. It is very difficult to bring successful prosecutions.

The Alliance passed on their thanks to the Tidy Team.

6. Promotion of Ward Alliance spending including Governance.

Discussed how much money is currently been held in the Ward Alliance Fund.

7. Ongoing Projects.

Stars of Hoyland most of the accounts are now in and paid. There is just one outstanding invoice so this will be chased and actioned as appropriate.

8. New Projects.

The Friends of Elsecar Park Spring and Summer Floral Display. Jo Birch was unable to attend to speak to the Ward Alliance as noted on the Agenda. The application was successful and Jo will be invited to the next meeting.

Rockingham Colliery Cricket Club. Unsuccessful as the application was retrospective.

IDAS Staying Safe, Staying Put. Unsuccessful. This is a project that is borough wide and the alliance considered that they could not be sure that the funding would be used exclusively in the two wards. The applicant was referred to two other funding pots that were considered more appropriate.

9. Feedback from the Ward Alliance Network and Celebration Event. Ward Alliance members were asked to consider the report particularly part 3 which looks at Ward Alliance development. We will be looking at it at the next meeting, some of the items cannot be changed at Alliance level, some will take time and some can be considered immediately.

10. Any other business. The Reverend Alison Earl has now moved to a different parish, a letter of thanks should be sent to her. Dawn will send this.

11. Date of next meeting. Wednesday 9 May 5pm at the Hoyland Centre.