

Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	6 th September 2018 - 12.30pm
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Cllr May Noble, Cllr Anette Gollick, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Sadie Youel, Donna Gregory, Alan George, Tina Brook, Terry Walton, Marie Sinclair, Vicky Cuming, Derek Bramham, Charlotte Williams, Wendy Cane and observer Christie McFarlane from North east Area Team</p>	<p>Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Suzanne Storey, Alison Sykes, Dave Perry.</p>

	Action/ Decision
<p>Welcomes & introductions took place.</p> <p>1. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising No matters arising.</p> <p>2. Summer fun evaluation Sadie gave a brief evaluation on the events went really well excellent attendance with over 700 children altogether 6 events covering all areas of the Dearne, every child and family member accessed a free meal at each event. All the service users that came to help and support the programme gave excellent feedback in particular the Dearne family centre that has had 45 new registrations. All in all a fabulous event that has been well received in the community. Marie added a massive thank you to all the Ward Alliance volunteers and the community group individuals that came to help without these there wouldn't have been an event. Charlotte Williams said she has heard a lot of positive feedback about the family events people was saying it feels like a community again, it feels like the good old days.</p> <p>3. Finance update Nothing has been spent from the working funds on both Wards from previous meeting same balance - £348.51 Dearne North / Dearne South £1,206.78 in which £941.84 is restricted for the prom.</p> <p><u>Ward Alliance Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation Army - £500.00 	<p>Sadie to present full evaluation/case study at next meeting</p>

'Feeding the Dearne' the application was to assist in a cook & eat project around feeding not only the families that attend the Dearne built also the elderly and those in isolation, working families and teaching anyone in the dearne about how to cook a meal on a budget or from scratch, wholesome healthy meals. Everyone agreed to this application going through. **Unanimous yes**

- **Oral health - £470.00 split 50/50**

The application was to provide dental packs within the community to Dearne family centers, schools, salvations army and to individuals who need it the most. On deletion of the stickers the application was then agreed by all.

- **Libraries arts & crafts project - £1250.00 split 50/50**

Derek mentions that Thurnscoe library gets the same amount as Goldthorpe library. Everyone said yes to this application. A condition was set that the funds were equally split between both libraries at £625.00 each one - **Unanimous yes**

- **Dearne Kids activity group – £ 720.00 split 50/50**

Application submitted for First Aid Training for a new activity group in Thurnscoe. The funding is required to enable their volunteers to take younger members on educational trips. There was a discussion and everyone agreed it would be best to invite Ian Ball to the next meeting to explain a bit more. – Marie mentioned that she had met with the adult education dept. from BMBC who can run a course in the dearne for a cheaper price and have more students on the course which would benefit the wider community. – Decision was a deferred but takes up offer of First Aid at Work through different provider and invite the persons in application onto course for Free was agreed. Ward Alliance to look at funding this course under the Jobs, Training & Support priority.

- **Bulky rubbish**

This bulky rubbish scheme is not open to the general public – referrals only from landlords, Berneslai homes etc. May asked Marie for further breakdowns of the referrals to see if the same address keeps popping up time and time again. The scheme is for people in need and not for people abusing the system. - **Unanimous yes**

- **Station house - £255**

Christmas party for Station House children and the volunteers. Charlotte has left the room for this application as she has an interest in this. Everyone has said yes to this application going through - **Unanimous yes**

- **Friends of Bolton on Dearne war memorial (Dearne south)**

This application has been asked for more information as the group wanted to know about the opening times, if they had adequate insurance, when the wall was to be built. – Deferred. Marie is to send an email out requesting the information and will send out to the Ward Alliance members for a decision as soon as the information comes back in.

Marie to email Sally and get further information for the next meeting.
Marie to inform Ian Ball of the decision.

Marie to Email Dawn Robinson for facts & figures of users of the bulky rubbish scheme.

Marie to send an email out requesting the information and will email all members.

- **Thurnscoe East Angling club (Dearne North)**

New cleaning materials requested for Thurnscoe Reservoir. - *Unanimous yes*

- **Highgate football club (Dearne South) £500**

To provide training equipment for a football team to encourage young men ages 19-27yrs to activity play football for the local community. Questions came up around Which football club is it Highgate sports and social club or is it a new club? More information required before a decisions could be made.

- **British Legion (Dearne North) £150.00**

To provide a marching band sea cadets to the remembrance Sunday 2018
Unanimous yes

4. Group updates

Big Local Thurnscoe

Houses - one has been sold they are just waiting on the paperwork to go through. They have ordered the lights for the Christmas illuminations and for the Christmas tree which will be going outside Thurnscoe Library. Thurnscoe male voice choir charity concert in St Helens church is on November 24th at 7pm, it will be £8 a head and that is including food.

In the spring There is going to be a 'Thurnscoe goes wild' event happening where there are hippos, giraffe and elephants figures placed in different places around Thurnscoe - these will be delivered plain white so the local school children can paint them.

Bodvag

There will be a Halloween party coming up in Bolton on Dearne and a Christmas fair/lights switch on dates are to be confirmed.

Goldthorpe Development group

Bounce into summer went well, the over 50s group is going very well more and more people than ever are attending. Special events at the Dearne playhouse will be happening to combat social isolation. The group has now become sustainable for all their projects to run each year; everyone agreed that this is a huge well done to the group.

Station house

The staff have been extremely busy over the summer holidays ensuring that all the children have seen & been to local amenities, walking to Thurnscoe park, Phoenix park, the reservoir lots of little local trips out and about doing lots of nature trails/bug hunts and just general exploration of the Dearne. Two afternoons a week in the summer holidays they have been looking after children with disabilities, allowing the parents to have a rest bite and to have time with other parents in similar situations.

Marie to send an email out requesting the information and will email all members or bring to the next meeting.

Thurnscoe park

Balmoral tanks have donated a waste water storage tank so they will be able to water the park a lot more easily next year. Cllr Philips is awaiting the results from Barnsley in Bloom; results will be on social media.

5. Health ideas for winter/spring.

Cllr Noble suggested a looking at a pilot scheme where families could donate their latest school uniforms at the end of the year or when their children have grown out of them as some families are struggling with buying new ones. This could be a scheme where you could recycle your school uniform once the child has grown out of it you could bring it into school or wherever the school uniform is being held. We would have to get involved with the school as the school would know the most vulnerable family's, Charlotte is happy to be involved we could trial it out on the next summer fun events. The Ward Alliance members agreed to look at a working sub group next year, Donna, Charlotte W, Cllr Noble and Vicky all agreed to be involved.

The general idea was trying to make sure children had warm winter coats, hats, gloves, wellington, boots, working with Salvation Army & local schools could be a start on this. Everyone agreed to have a more in detailed discussion when a representative from the Salvation Army was present.

It was mentioned in the meeting that the Salvation Army are looking to hold cooking sessions over winter to teach people how to cook from basics - Cllr Sixsmith mentioned that there are courses already where local people can learn to cook a meal and they get a slow cooker at the end of it all.

6. Any Other business

A short conversation took place around the impact of Brexit and the families in the Dearne. Cllr Gardiner said Barnsley council is aware of this and they are going to set up a working party if it's required.

- Christmas meal

The date has been decided the 13th December, it was suggested to try the Manvers Arms/Crown at Barnburgh and local pubs.

7. Date & Time of next meeting – Thursday 18th October 2018.

Marie/Sadie to work with Ward Alliance sub group to set up School uniform swap shop idea. Jan/Feb 2019