

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 4.00pm**  
**At Darfield Community Centre**

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

**1. Introductions and Apologies** – Pauline welcomed everyone. Apologies from Cllr Caroline Saunders

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**  
The minutes were agreed. Matters arising – The Darfield Gala was a great success, we raised £116. A review meeting is still to be arranged. The Posture class thanked the Alliance for the extra funding agreed at the last meeting. The Bank Account paperwork has been completed.

**3. Ward Alliance Fund -Balance Sheet and Applications received**  
Balance sheet - £6,611 Ward Alliance funding available and £784 ring fenced for health activities.

Applications:

- Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club £250  
After discussion it was agreed to fund the project in full.
- Houghton Main Cricket Club U9'S Team £890  
Colin left the room.  
After discussion it was agreed to fund the project in full on proviso the kit bags are full of kit.

**4. Ward Alliance Projects**

- Sloppy Slippers – It has been received extremely well throughout the Darfield Ward and has been the most popular event that the Alliance has organised. There are slippers left and a suggestion of holding another event at Broomhill was agreed and needs to be arranged. A review meeting will also need arranging as well as feedback obtained from the service providers. **Action: Tanya Colin, Michael, Margaret**
- Cenotaph – A discussion on arranging a tidy day before Remembrance Sunday was discussed. Tanya to liaise with Parks regarding work that is ongoing with the 106 money. There is £30 left from a donation from Smart Doors Solutions and it was suggested that children from the local area could help plant winter pansies.

- Darfield Ring – A discussion on arranging a tidy day before it gets too overgrown was agreed – date and time to be arranged. Dorothy has emailed Highways and asked if the grass can be cut. A suggestion of ground covering plants that would need minimal attention. Tanya to contact Netherwood Academy to arrange dates that the children would be available. Dorothy expressed concerns that Darfield does not have an active volunteer team for Darfield and maybe this is something that needs addressing.

Plans for the ring using the £10,000 allocated from Principle Towns money was discussed and concerns were expressed that it must be low maintenance as volunteers on a regular basis is proving difficult. Dorothy wants to work with the original plans as the ring is the focal point of Darfield where residents and visitors view when entering the village. When the Principle Town money is released it is Barnsley Council who decides the contractors and a consultation with local groups and shop owners would be carried out before any work is started. **Action Dorothy, Tanya**

- Christmas Event – Gerald from the museum has spoken to Tanya informing her that the roof for the shed that is used for Santa's grotto is leaking. Plans to incorporate the cost with the cost of arranging the Christmas event was brought to the Alliance attention. Dorothy also expressed that the Plevna & Parva Volunteer Community Group would also like to hold a Christmas event. After discussion it was agreed that money would be ring fenced for Christmas Events. Pauline proposed that Darfield get a larger amount on ratio of residents and it was seconded by Margaret Barlow. It was agreed that Darfield would get £400 and £200 to Middlecliffe, Billingley and Broomhill if required. It was also agreed that on this occasion only, the above applications will be considered ahead of the next Ward Alliance meeting. The next meeting isn't until mid-November which would leave timescales too tight for delivering events in December.

## 5. **Any other business**

An idea has been put forward by Tricia Watters from Billingley Village Hall about holding a networking event for groups who are responsible for looking after a community building. The idea being that best practise, ideas and experience can be shared. The Alliance thought this would be a good idea.

**Action: Tanya.**

Pauline asked for applications that come in and the Alliance is not quorate to be held until the next W.A. meeting and not circulated via email to those

absent to gain a consensus decision. If timescales dictate a special meeting can be called. This will allow for open group discussion. The Alliance agreed. A late application for funding has been received for a Barnsley wide project which involves taking young people who have no family and who are leaving care for a meal on Christmas Day. It is asking for a £50 contribution and even though this is a small amount because WAF is a geographical pot of funding, an indication that a Darfield young person will be benefitting from this project is required. This information has been requested ahead of the application being considered at the November meeting.

David asked the Alliance if they knew how many defibrillators there were in Darfield. The church was thinking about applying for one. Dorothy to email David with the defibrillators register for the area.

**6. Date of next meeting - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 4pm.**