

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Dearne Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 12:30
<b>Location:</b>	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Tina Brook, Alan George, Marie Sinclair, Sadie Youel, Wendy Caine, Donna Gregory, David Perry, Cllr Annette Gollick, Jackie Kenning (observer), Claire Beacroft (Live-well Barnsley team - observer), Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Derek Bramham, Charlotte Williams, Cllr Alan Gardiner	Cllr Noble, Cllr Phillips & Terry Walton

	Action/ Decision
<p><b>1. Welcomes &amp; introductions</b></p> <p>A round of introductions took place for Claire Beacroft from Live-well Barnsley &amp; Jackie Kenning from Salvation Army both observing the meeting.</p> <p><b>2. Minutes from last meeting</b></p> <p>Page 2- Marie asked the WA attendees for an update on how the training went. Cllr Gollick stated it was brilliant a good 3 days training and the trainer Sally was excellent.</p> <p>Page 3- Charlotte said there had been some excellent events over the autumn winter period and hopefully there will be more to come.</p> <p>Page 3 - Derek asked if we had any response from Big Local (GBH), Marie said Yes April has asked Alan George to update at our meetings as he is now a board member.</p> <p>Notes accepted as a true record</p> <p><b>3. Finance update / Ward alliance funding applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dearne South Ward Alliance working fund Bank Account: <b>£173.08</b> + £941.84 committed spend to 2018/19 Prom</li> <li>• Dearne North Ward Alliance working fund Bank Account: <b>£354.21</b></li> <li>• Dearne South - <b>£5,629.02</b></li> <li>• Dearne North <b>£3,363.89</b></li> </ul> <p>Prospect Road Community Centre – refurbishment <b>£1022.40</b> for new stacking chairs Dearne South only application, Cllr Gardiner asked if Dearne North Alliance members could view the applications too in case they can help in any discussions. <b>Cllr Noble declared an Interest.</b> Terry Walton &amp; Cllr Sixsmith had approved the application prior to the meeting after giving their apologies. <b>Decisions - approved by all South members present.</b></p>	<p>Marie to inform Ian of WA approval</p>

#### 4. Self-Assessment / Governance Framework

Cllr Johnson thanked everyone who had already completed the self-assessment and reminded the others to get online and fill in before 1<sup>st</sup> March deadline.

Marie handed out the updated version of the Governance Framework, the points that had been amended were all read through so that the members present could have a better understanding of Marie pointed out what has changed in the framework with everyone taking away a paper version to read in full.

Marie to send reminder out after 7 days to all WA members to ensure completion by all

#### 5. Upcoming Projects

- **Great British clean up**

The great British clean up starts Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March this year runs to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April giving 4 weeks, this will help many of our groups & individuals time to plan their own event on time and avoid the winter weather. Marie asked if anyone is completing with clean ups to let the area team know as Ann & Sadie will be completing a table of activity around the Dearne area which will enable us to advertise their clean ups, or help if needed.

Marie to order bags from GBCU website

- **School Uniform**

Members were asked to join the subgroup to help with setting up a recycling project regrading school uniforms – first port of call is to contact the schools in the area and see what they do with their lost property or how they help families in fuel poverty to access their child's school uniforms. Ann Toy will be assisting on this. Donna stated that Carrfield does an end of term thing where lost property gets sent off. The Salvation Army run this all way through the year too for their families, but are also willing to help with the project to the wider community.

Marie to send email to Charlotte W, Jackie, Alison, Donna, Vicky & Cllr Johnson & Cllr Noble

- **February Half Term family fun**

Sadie said thankyou to the Ward Alliance for assisting with the monies to run the project. The events are now confirmed and booked for **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** in Thurnscoe (St Helens Church Hall) with the theme of family fun; meet the creature has been booked to entertain the kids in small groups.

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** February Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church are having a kids fun session too with 'new life Claudia the caterpillar', pizza making activities – everyone welcome

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** February is another Ward Alliance family fun session to be held at Furlong Road Church Hall with Toy Story theme with a buffet – activities including mask making, & cowboy hats.

Any information please contact Sadie at the Area Team.

Marie said Thank you to the Ward Alliance members who have agreed to help Sadie at the events too with the setting up, cooking, cleaning up and clearing away at the end of the day, it's all about teamwork.

- **Once upon a Prom**

Sadie is working alongside Christie from North East Area Team at Royston. They are having several launch events starting with the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at the Dearne ALC, everyone welcome. To date collectively there are 250 dresses, 100 suits, shoes and accessories. A new Facebook page has been set up called 'Once upon a Prom' as the project has now merged with the previous project in barnsley in 2018 where they have donated all their dresses & suits to the project in the Dearne. The monies will be split 50/50 with the Royston Ward Alliance & Dearne Ward Alliance remaining monies going into a central pot where the BMBC finance officer will take charge of the budget and spend. Sadie will inform Alan on the finances at the next meeting with an update.

## **6. Group updates**

### Big Local Goldthorpe, Highgate & Bolton on Dearne

Alan George is now a member of the board - gave an update on the past 5 years work. In short Projects they have assisted or financed so far – Community Fun days, the setup of a community café (The Snaptin at the Factory), Railway Cuttings Project, development of the Dearne Community Housing Scheme, DoE awards through Dearne ALC, Dearne Community Arts Festival, Phoenix Park underpass painting, hOurbank, coach trips and afternoon tea sessions, Funding for the Dearne Playhouse, many local groups assisted in funding streams, Our Shed, BODVAG party in the park, BODVAG Yorkshire Day, GDG bounce into Summer, Highgate Allotment (match funded metal fencing with Reaching Communities funds).

Dearne Community Housing project have assisted BCB in the training of over 160 apprenticeships who have worked on the properties.

The small grants have helped many projects succeed over the past 5 years.

Alan is happy to update at the meetings on behalf of the Goldthorpe & Bolton, Highgate Big Local.

### Big Local Thurnscoe – Derek Bramham

Both houses on Grange Crescent are for Sale, the sale of number 20, fell through so the partnership decided to lower the price for both houses by £2,500 each.

In spring they will be holding a 'Thurnscoe Goes Wild event' an artist has been invited to work with the school children to design a trail around the village with the larger sculptures residing on plinths (fastened down) one of the designs would be ideal to be a permanent fixture in Thurnscoe Park for the children & families to enjoy, in total 3 sculptures will be placed at the beginning of the village. BLT (Big Local Thurnscoe) have been looking at having a plaza style skate and social area between the bowling green and the MUGA (multi Use Games Area) on Houghton Road working alongside a company called 'Freestyle' to design these areas. Derek highlighted its only in the initial stages, as they have to look at the logistics from planning & ground maintenance in the future, an update will be given at the next meeting.

### Station House – Charlotte Williams

The Christmas party that was funded through the ward Alliance went really well with many children in attendance and all of them saying they had a great time all the children went away with a little food bag, after school children loved having a reptile party they loved it commenting it was the best party they've ever been to.

BMBC are assessing the viability of the Short Breaks for Disabled children and this service could be under threat due to upcoming financial cutbacks. If this should happen, disable children may be required to travel into town to access this service. The implication is that some children may not access this vital service.

Charlotte gave an update for Houghton Road Community Centre; they now have formed a committee, and having regular groups renting the hall a few nights a week so hopefully this will be the turnaround it's needed.

### Salvation Army – Jackie Kenning

Family support is still ongoing and more popular than ever – over 195 food parcels were given out over the Christmas period. 600 individuals over the winter period so far.

They have many volunteers but are struggling with donations and finance to get their projects off the ground. Marie asked if the Salvation Army HQ were helping or acknowledging their plight, Jackie stated they can only do so much with their own resources and cannot help financially.

<p><b>7. A.O.B</b>  Charlotte Williams has been approached by someone offering free training via a student needing to get her hours in for her qualifications on Teaching; Charlotte will pass details on to anyone interested.</p> <p>Alan George mentioned that John Hayes had borrowed two lamps, tie wraps and batteries at Christmas to help with the GDG Christmas market event, the lamps need to be returned or replaced in case of emergency resilience is required over winter and someone needs to see inside whilst its dark. Marie will contact John to ask for lamps back and Alan will look into ordering more grit if necessary. Alan will also do a full audit and bring to next meeting.</p> <p>Goldthorpe primary have invited the Ward Alliance members for a look around their Eco gardens and work they have completed from funding from the ward Alliance over the past few years. It will need to be a Friday as that's the only day Chris doesn't do classroom teaching Marie will send out email as a reminder.</p> <p><b>8. Dates and Times of future Ward Alliance meetings</b> <i>(all Thursday at Goldthorpe Library 12.30pm)</i>  7<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> August , 26<sup>th</sup> September , 31<sup>st</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>Marie to contact John Hayes for return of lamps</p> <p>Marie to send email to all WA members with a calendar date for Sadie</p> <p>Marie to email dates to all WA members</p>
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