

**Wombwell Ward Alliance**  
**Held in Wombwell Library Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Present: Councillors Griffin (Chair), Frost. Sabina Chavan, B Eastwood, J Whittaker and B Whittaker, Margaret Morgan, Chelsey Rigsby, Karen Whiting.**

**In attendance A Bradshaw (BMBC Community Development Officer)**

**Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Peter Jones and Leanne Cooke**

**1. Chairpersons Opening Remarks**

The Chair, Cllr Griffin, welcomed all members to the meeting and round of introductions took place for the benefit of the 2 new members.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February were accepted as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

Item 6 WA Members were unhappy with the position of the Principal Towns initiative. Chair assured the meeting that he had passed on their concerns. Await the next steps

Item 8 The WA members were informed that the hanging baskets for the High St had been ordered.

**3. Ward Alliance Priorities and Community Consultations**

Amanda circulated the results from the on-line consultation and the High St consultation. Members were disappointed re the outcome on Information & support priority. Questions were raised regarding the wordings of the priorities. The priority maintaining current cleanliness in relation to dog fouling and litter collections scored highly. The group were informed about reporting fly tipping and the need to feedback concerns to Kingdom. Ideas were explored on developing local agreement priorities and setting up a business group. Whilst the group were on the subject of the High St the portas fund was brought up. This is a £10,000 grant to be used for the benefit of Wombwell High St. The monies are still there and it was agreed to look at purchasing Christmas lights. Action Amanda to speak to Chad Wall (BMBC) re costings for erecting and dismantling the lights and report back to the next WA meeting. Action Cllr Griffin and Amanda are to look at simplifying the priorities headings to ensure they are more user friendly and bring them back to the next meeting before further community consultations are carried out.

**4. Future project ideas /updates**

A suggestion was made re purchasing of the old toilet building on the High St for an information hub for the Ward Alliance

**Youth Project** – Cllr Griffin and Amanda had a meeting with John Lang who runs a Youth Project in the Hoyland Ward. This is a WA funded project with a paid worker who primarily works with a small group supporting them to develop activities and events in the area. The Councillors and Amanda have also had talks with Angie Kelly (BMBC Youth Service) re the provision running out of the IKIC in Wombwell. As a result of these meetings it was felt that there was a gap in provision for the 8 – 11yrs age group. Angie Kelly offered use of the IKIC centre as a venue and use of their equipment. The Youth Service could also support the project with training for volunteers and workers. Discussion took place about what is happening in Netherwood with regard to engaging with the wider community. Cllr Frost had again spoken to the Principal regarding this issue and had passed on details of James Utley to the Tidy Team.

The members of the WA agreed to the 8 to 11 yrs. target group and that the project should have a paid sessional worker. Discussion took place on how to publicise the provision – online, through schools, leafleting, and word of mouth. Cllr Griffin and Amanda are to pursue this project idea further and update members at next meeting.

**Social Isolation** – The Age UK survey was circulated. Discussion took place on who is socially isolated, are there more men? what do they want to do? How do we reach them? Recommendations – improved communication working with existing groups. Learn from good practice. Karen and Chelsey spoke about how they welcome new members into the cemetery group and Brenda also spoke about how she welcomed people into the luncheon club.

Action Brenda and Karen to look at running Saturday morning coffee n chat session to bring together the organisers of the Wombwell groups to share ideas and good practice as well as linking them to the core services. This model could be rolled out to other isolated groups /individuals –young families, new mothers, asylum seekers, young carer and disabled. Discussion took place on what support could we draw upon to reach these individuals/groups of people. (E.g. health visitors, Age UK social isolation workers)

#### **4. Promotion of Ward Alliance /communication sub group.**

Discussion took place regarding the location of the W A notice board. Action Cllr Frost to speak to Martyn (Tidy Team) re fixing it to the fencing on the High St. Cllr Griffin offered to explore setting up a website and designing an A5 WA booklet. It was agreed to ring fence £100 for the website. Amanda to send Cllr Griffin a WA application form and the “Things to do in Wombwell” guide.

#### **5. Recruitment /membership**

We now have 2 new members to the Ward Alliance (Karen and Chelsey). The CDO has already started the induction process with both Karen and Chelsey and further sessions are to be planned. The group were asked to give some thought to other possible new members and bring it back to the next meeting.

#### **6. Results from Self-Assessment Survey Next steps**

5 people completed the survey and the findings were circulated. The results of the survey were discussed. Points to address are as follow:-

Develop an action plan  
Work on a communications strategy  
Carry out 1-1 with WA members  
Evaluate annual impact on funded projects.

**7. A.O.B**

Amanda informed group of the Gt British Spring Clean campaign and dates will be emailed around. Sabeena informed the group of the Building Blks for Learning event at Wombwell library on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.10am

**8. Date & time of next meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Wombwell library.