

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 17th September 2015 @ 5.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Dorothy Coates, Lee Parkinson, Kevin Osborne, David Hildred, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), Cllr Caroline Saunders and Barbara Tindle (Secretary)

Observers: Michael Fenner and Mary Thompson

1. Introductions and apologies

A round of introductions was given to welcome both Michael and Mary who had come along to observe the meeting with a view of becoming members.

Apologies: Brian Moore, Geoff Hutchinson, Colin Ward and Margaret Barlow

2. Ward Alliance Fund

An up-to-date Ward Alliance Fund Balance Sheet was viewed by members and Tanya explained how much funding was still available to spend on relevant projects.

West Melton WMC - £1000

After discussion of this application questions were raised firstly regarding their name. Tanya informed the Alliance that although the name of the club is West Melton they play and train at Broomhill and players and volunteers are local to this area.

Secondly concerns were raised regarding the purchase of football kits as the season has already started. It was agreed to refrain from making a decision at tonight's meeting until the Club has been contacted to ask whether or not the kit has already been purchased. If it has, the Club are to be invited to submit a revised application which is more in line with its current needs. It was also agreed for any revised application to be considered ahead of the next scheduled Alliance meeting due to the original application being received back in July.

Action: Tanya to contact the Club to inform them that the Alliance would really like to be able to support them but cannot fund retrospective projects. Tanya to encourage and support the Club to submit a revised application.

Food Hygiene Community Training - £400 – After discussion, the Alliance agreed that the application be funded. David and Caroline declared an interest in this application as they would be attending the training.

Community Notice Boards - £3600 – Tanya explained that the company the notice boards were being purchased from had gone into liquidation so an alternative supplier was being sought. Dorothy requested that this search be put on hold as an offer had been received from Billingley to make them.

Action: Dorothy to investigate this offer further and let Tanya know of the outcome. Once a way forward as been agreed, this application will need to be ratified at an Alliance meeting.

3. Community Resilience Planning – Simon Dobby

Simon explained his role in helping local communities put in place strategic plans with regards to a local emergency i.e. flooding, heavy snow, flu epidemic, fires, safe houses for people to go to and 'who to contact'. He explained that an emergency plan template was available and would the Ward Alliance think that this was something they would like to follow up on. After a discussion the Alliance agreed that this was important and a sub group would be needed to discuss and draw up a booklet for everyone within the area.

Action: Pauline, Dorothy, Lee and David agreed to work alongside Simon and a date and time to be arranged.

Pauline thanked Simon for coming to the meeting.

4. Minutes of the last meeting 16th July and matters arising

The minutes were agreed.

Outstanding actions:

- A thank you letter to Don Bishop was signed by Pauline
- Houghton Main to be invited to November meeting to provide feedback on all of the Ward Alliance funded projects.
- Letters had gone out promoting the 2 weeks deadline for receiving Ward Alliance funding applications.
- Barnsley Schools Basketball Club - have received their funding following confirmation they had also applied to Wombwell.
- Houghton Main Miners Welfare Sports & Social Ltd - have received their letter to say their funding is being processed.
- Tuesday Sequence Dance - have received their letter to say their funding is being processed.

5. Training and development

Tanya explained the handbook had been delayed but once printed one-to-one meetings with all members will be arranged to discuss on a personal level.

Tanya discussed with the group that the South Area Council Training courses which were originally for local businesses were now being opened up to anyone who is interested in attending free courses in IT, website design, social media and marketing. Dorothy expressed an interest regarding her volunteers at Great Houghton who would find such training useful whilst taking forward plans to open up a Darfield Youth Club.

6. Ward Alliance Projects

Dorothy put forward some future projects that could be discussed at a later date:

- *Pick-up-a-paintbrush* – funding for equipment to allow volunteers to carry out community DIY jobs working alongside the Tidy Team
Action: Dorothy and Pauline
- *Darfield Cadets* – need to raise their profile and gain new members. Dorothy is speaking to the group re: possibility of them doing some environmental work within the community alongside the Tidy Team.
The Alliance agreed that it was important to protect these small groups and would support where possible.
Action: Dorothy

- *Love where you live/Get Together Events* - A number of networking events to raise the profile of community groups and to allow the Alliance to do some consultation work.
Action: Tanya to explore this idea further and ask if Geoffrey or Colin would be interested in helping out with this".
- *Community Galas* - it was discussed and agreed that £500 be allocated to community galas for each village within the Ward.
Action: Caroline, Dorothy, Kevin and Michael
- *Crime & Safety* –funding personal safety equipment for the group to distribute.
Action – Tanya to contact Christine Baker re: application form
- *Billingley* – Michael discussed the importance of a petrol lawn mower and strimmer for the paths within Billingley.
Action: Tanya to work with Michael re: application form
- Lee discussed the importance of an Autumn service/maintenance scheme for tools and machinery – to be discussed at a later date

7. Community Buildings Audit

Lee explained the importance of knowing all our local buildings within the area and it was agreed that this could be done within the next Alliance meeting.

Action - Alliance members to have a think about known buildings and what they could be used for ahead of the next meeting. To be an agenda item at the November meeting.

8. Any other business

Dates for next year's meetings to be held on a Thursday at 5 pm

21st January 2016

17th March 2016

19th May 2016

21st July 2016

15th September 2016

17th November 2016

9. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 12th November 2015, 5pm at Illsley Road Community Centre.

Thursday 21st January 2016, 5pm at Illsley Road Community Centre.

Cllr Pauline Markham thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.