



**DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP**

**Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe:  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Members Present:** Derek Bramham (Chair), Claire Dawson, Eric Steer, Ron Branham, Jackie Kenning, Dani Stott, Louise Jackson, Claire Beecroft, Amber Goddard, Sarah Cartwright, May Noble, Pauline Philips, Alison Sykes, Jo Sharpe, Paul Cummings, Chris Denton, Kieron Oldfield (Centre Point) Ashley Peckham, Amy Hearne, Karen Shaw (XTOL)

**Apologies:** Sara Scholes, Stephen Abson, Dawn Caulton, Tara Ramsden, Dianne McQueen, Jenny Wort, Andy Denham

<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions:</u></b> - A round of introductions took place and new members were welcomed to the group.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p><b><u>Notes of Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019</u></b> <b><u>Matters Arising –</u></b></p>	

## **Discussion Items**

### **The Goldthorpe Plan- Sarah Cartwright**

SC came to discuss the local plan and there are lots of exciting opportunities. The team are currently working with strategic growth and looking a potential employment opportunities. She stated that the landscape could change over the next few years and there may be funding available from Sheffield City region. She plans to use this group as a consultee on the plan going forward and have a strategic plan ready for when organisations and businesses show interest.

#### **(1) Priority- Housing**

### **Berneslai Home- Eric Steer/Ron Branham**

This page from Bhomes website gives full detail on the furnished tenancy scheme that was mentioned at the Steering Group. These individual packages are put on top of the rents and paid for through housing benefit. The target for turning wound empty properties is currently 22.5 but the team is turning them around in 21.9. They currently have a couple of flats to let a willowcroft flats. All bungalows have gone on Beaver Street, but the houses are proving harder to let. CD to organize a cleanup with partners and Twiggs before the flats are finished. The team is working with tenants on the Marlborough estate on trying to get some of the issues sorted out. Building on the landlord's event the team are also working with Amy from empty homes.

<https://www.berneslaihomes.co.uk/your-home/your-tenancy/furnished-tenancies/>

### **Centre Point- Chris Denton**

The service offers residential support in Barnsley for 16-25 year olds. They also offer floating support, support care leavers and are recruiting volunteers to assist with peer support. They have recently had a referral from someone in the Dearne so will be supporting him. They want to link in with the family centres in the area

#### **(2) Priority- Jobs skills and training**

### **Coalfields- Louise Jackson**

The pathway to success contract has lots of opportunities for working with people with low level mental health, working part time or at risk of redundancy. LJ led on opportunity knocks that was held within the library. The library service and JCP will lead on it this year with input from other partners that want to take part. They are currently working with the employment task group on updating the "what's on" guide. Coalfields are also doing a short clips promotional video so anyone from the group that wants to be involved contact Louise.

SC to circulate the plan

SC to ask about whether health care provision has been discussed as part of the plans going forward.

CD to organise Beaver Street Clean up

**Dearne Electronic Community Village**

Rory has secured 3 years funding from the Area Council so this is really good news for the service and people that he works with in the area.

**(3) Priority- Health**

**Live Well Barnsley-Claire Beecroft**

CB is now in post for a further year and informed the group that the Live Well site is going to be re-built so will keep the group up to date on progress.

**District Nursing- Jo Sharpe**

JS informed the group that all of their health related services were now using system one. System one is a recording system that can be used to put on notes about a patients care. Now that all services were using it helps with consistent care for patients as each service can see interventions.

E-packs are available for sharing with regards end of life care.

The integrated tasks group are going to focus on two priorities “young people” and “emotional wellbeing”. The task group are still working up the plan but intend to commission a provider to train staff in the Dearne on brief interventions for mental health.

**Social Prescribing- Amber Goddard**

The complexity of the cases Amber is working on is very high. An observation of the people she is working with is that they do not know what is available in the areas.

**Salvation Army-Jackie Kenning**

The team is still very busy and has still been running their working families food bank and have had a few families access it. They are also doing a project “Dearne mums together” They are also doing a handbag project, this is a handbag that is filled with sanitary and hygiene products. These can also be adapted for men. The team are starting to do a Wednesday surgery so that they can spend more time with people. The team really need a van for their collections so if anyone knows of any funding available please contact the team

JS/AG and Alison to meet up after the meeting

**Yorkshire Sports foundation- Paul Cummins**

Active Dearne is now operational and is a project over a 3 year period in the Dearne Valley area. This service is for people in low level employment. They aim to recruit community champions and are at the moment putting together a role profile. The champions will receive training in order to do their role. They also plan to commission local groups to undertake activities that fit the service aim and work closely with local businesses. The events that took place in Goldthorpe and

PC to make contact with CD

Thurnscoe' were really well attended.

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**(4) Priority- Environment/Housing**  
**Housing and migration officer- Dani Stock**

DS will be leaving the authority for a new post in Berneslai Homes so this will be her last meeting. DS is currently doing an action plan regarding the 5 problem Streets. She's just recently completed a walk about and issued 30 letters that had issues in their gardens. DS submitted a report about contaminated bins and is pleased to say that the majority have been sorted out. AF is also doing really well around the empty homes. The Horse and Groom pub went up for auction but did not meet its reserve price. The group had a discussion about the Goldthorpe Hotel. Both sites are on the main Street, DS to have a discussion with Jane Bramham about what can be done.

**Thurnscoe' Park**

Despite the weather the park is still looking well and volunteers have been working hard. They have had a water tank donated by Balmoral Tanks. The Robert Ogden school has also continued to help in the park.

**(5) All priorities**

Big Local Thurnscoe- Derek

The pop up schools was a big success with 6 turning out. The group plan on doing some more in September. The community centre is now doing well with a board overseeing the running of it. BLT has contributed to the running of this project for the next 12 months. One of the houses from the project has sold. Planning is also underway for the go wild event and the dipping platform on the rezza is now complete. The group are in discussions about a piece of land they can use for the plaza project and they have done the plan for the next 3 years. The raised beds have also been completed by the payback team.

**Dearne Area Council- Claire Dawson**

All commissions continue to do well. The Area Council have just gone out to tender for the employability service and DECV were successful in getting that contract. The social isolation project is doing really well in terms of the social groups in Thurnscoe' and Bolton. They are still accepting referrals for their one to one pairing element, so please refer on where you think people are lonely or isolated. The Railway Embankment open day will be sometime in May CD will keep the group updated. The Dearne Development fund and ward alliance funds are now open for applications.

**Libraries service- Toni Allen**

DS to have a discussion about the empty pubs with Jane Branham.

DB to send future event dates to the group

The libraries service have just gone through a re structure and below are the new opening times for the area.

**Goldthorpe**

Monday	9am	5pm
Tuesday	9am	5pm
Wednesday	9am	1pm
Thursday	9am	7pm
Friday	9am	1pm
Saturday	9.30am	12.30pm

**Thurnscoe'**

Monday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed	Closed
Thursday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Friday	10am - 1pm	Closed
Saturday	9.30am	12.30pm

**(6) Updates from services that gave apologies**

**Family Centre- Amy Turner**

**Centre Update**

- 72 Families accessing Rose Vouchers for fruit and veg
- 17 adults successfully completed food hygiene training and gained their level 2 certificate.
- Solihull and Webster Stratton Parenting Programmes currently running with further starting in February.
- Talking teens parenting programme running at Dearne ALC.
- New links with Dearne Valley College with new adult learning courses starting after February half-term

**Amy Forster- empty homes officer**

**Up to Jan 2019**

Overall up to end of Q2 we had a net reduction of 130 properties

(1615>1485) still awaiting figures from Q3. As of end of Q2 the team had brought back into use 171 properties with 79 in pipeline, breakdown below.

	Completed	Pipeline
Support & Advice	139	24
Financial Support	12	14
Berneslai Purchase & Repair Scheme	11	9
Humankind	5	11
Enforcement Action	4	16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>79</b>

Also up to end of Q2 559 properties came back into use on their own accord.

In the Dearne:

- Financial Assistance
  - 8 completed and back into use
  - 3 offered and in works
  - 6 in application stages
- Berneslai Purchase & Repair Scheme
  - 3 completed
  - 2 in the process of being purchased
- Humankind Housing
  - 4 leased properties
  - 1 in the process of being purchased
- Enforcement Action
  - 2 completed enforced sales
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector
  - 5 offered and in works
    - Thurnscoe Tenants Housing Association: 4
    - Goldthorpe Big Local: 1
- Total
  - 17 completed
  - 17 in process

**Dates for the diary**

Music on the mansion (BODVAG) 20<sup>th</sup> July

Thurnscoe' flower park event 27<sup>th</sup> July

Bounce into summer (GDG) 21<sup>st</sup> August

Arts festival 28<sup>th</sup> September

**Date of Next Meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 3.30 pm

**Date of Future Meetings have all been put in the calendar– To be held at 3.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall**