

## **Wombwell Ward Alliance Meeting**

**Held in Wombwell Library Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Present: Cllrs Griffin (Chair) Cllr Eastwood. Sabeena Chavan, Karen Whiting, Margaret Morgan, Leanne Cooke ( Berneslai Homes)**

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

**Apologies: Cllr Frost, Chelsey Rigsby**

- 1. Chairperson, Cllr Griffin welcomed all members to the meeting.**
- 2. Minutes**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March were accepted as a true record.**

### **3. Matters Arising –**

Amanda informed the group that Joan and Brian Whitaker would be stepping down. Joan would present the year end accounts to the next meeting. The WA members expressed their thanks to Joan and Brian for all the hard work over the past years.

**Principal Towns –** Cllr Griffin informed the meeting that still no movement with the Burton Building. Still cannot contact the owner and BMBC's hands are tied. Issues had been raised with the drawn up plans for the High St still awaiting consultant to get back with new proposals.

- 4. Future Project Updates – Youth Project-** It was agreed at the last meeting that the target group would be the 8 to 11 year olds. The group also agreed that the project should have a paid sessional worker and volunteers. Amanda informed the meeting that Angela Kelly had offered her support with recruitment and selection process. Action Amanda to seek advice re procedure re employing a sessional worker. It was also decided that before any further action was taken a community consultation with local primary schools would take place ( years 3/4/5/6) and findings reported to next meeting Sabeena offered her support with the consultation.

**Social Isolation –** Amanda informed the meeting that she had arranged meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May with Carol Foster (AGE UK social isolation worker) for an update. It was agreed that Carol Foster should be invited to the next meeting. Due to Brenda's election duties no action had been taken on pulling together a Coffee n Chat session for community leaders to share good practice. Action Brenda, Karen, Amanda to organise a planning meeting.

Cllr Griffin and Cllr Eastwood are going to conduct a survey with local businesses to see what they want to see on the High St and if they want to be involved in a Town Team. They will report their findings to the next meeting.

**Communication sub-group-** Cllr Frost informed the group that the Tidy Team will be installing the notice board on the gates at the entrance to Pearson,s Field.

**5. Updates from South Area Council – Commissioned projects are :-**

Private Sector Housing Officer Post- Natalie has left and interviews had taken place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Lucy Rayner the new officer will be starting early June.

Social Isolation Project £70,000 12m + 12m tender to go out in August hopeful to commission by October. Age UK will be carrying out some research work across all Wards in the South Area in the meantime which will be funded from the Area Team Budget.

Advice Services contract 1 yr + 1yr. This will follow the same format and be delivered in the same venues as the last contract. Surgeries will be held in Wombwell library on Thursdays. This service is very busy and in this contract there will be apprentices working alongside the advisors. These apprentices will be offering a triage service.

Enforcement contract 1yr + 1yr Slight changes to last contract. Focus will now be on parking in Hoyland and Wombwell town centres. The Officers will still have executive powers to issue tickets for dog fouling and littering if they see it happening but this isn't in their contract targets. Concerns were raised by WA members about the issues of dog fouling and littering on Wombwell High St and what options are available to address this problem. Members were asked to look at what is going on elsewhere and bring findings back to the next meeting

Health & Well Being grant. The Area Council have agreed to allocate £10,000 plus £25,000 from Public Health for a small grants panel for local community groups. Grants are available from £2500 to £5,000. Application forms and guidance notes are available from Area Team. Funding pot open May for 1 month. Grant panel to meet in June.

Healthy Holidays £10,000 from Area Council £2500 per Ward. This is to deliver family activities during school holidays. This fund can be topped up by Ward Alliance funding.

South Area Clean & Green project (Tidy Team) to continue.

**6. Funding Applications.** The following applications were brought to the meeting and discussed and voted upon.

- Barnsley International Youth Choir weekend (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration) Rejected. Cllr Griffin informed the meeting that he wished to explain why this

decision was reached. He would send the message to the CDO for forwarding onto the group's main contact person

- OTWA MAMMA rejected
- Barnsley Pals rejected

The group agreed to take part in the South Area Council's Healthy Holiday project.

## **7. Ward Alliance Membership**

A discussion took place regarding membership. The group were asked to email Amanda with suggestions. Cllr Griffin and Cllr Eastwood would broach the subject of a business representative when they carry out their survey with businesses on the High St.

## **8. A.O.B.**

Christmas lights on the High St. Amanda has checked with Neighbourhood services the cost of putting up motifs on the lamp posts. It would be £150 to £180 per motif plus additional cost for switching on the lights. This would be a year on year cost and the group needed time to consider this and think about ways of sustaining this cost in the future.

Cllr Frost raised the issue of the planters on the High St. The group agreed to fund bedding plants up to a cost of £50. Action- Amanda is to contact Brownies to see if they would plant the planters up during volunteer month.

Amanda informed the members of the Alliance that she would be contacting them shortly to arrange one to one meetings.

**Date of next meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 6pm. Please note the venue will be The Chapel in the cemetery.**