

Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

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| Meeting Title: | Dearne Ward Alliance |
| Date & Time: | 9 th May 2019 at 12.30pm |
| Location: | Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE |

| Attendees | Apologies |
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| Cllr Phillips, Cllr Gollick, Cllr Noble, Derek Braham, Charlotte Williams, Alison Sykes, Wendy Caine, Donna Gregory, Alan George, Marie Sinclair & Vicky Cuming | Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Tina Brooks, & Dave Perry |

| | Action/ Decision |
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| <p>1. Welcomes & introductions. Cllr Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Introductions & guest speakers - <i>Sarah Birkinshaw - Beat the street</i> Sarah Gave a talk about 'Beat the street' initiative regarding keeping the children & families in the Dearne and the whole of Barnsley active and fit for a healthier lifestyle throughout June 2019. Beat boxes would be located around the dearne streets and parks/green spaces etc. where people would basically tag their card to enable the tech to manage how many steps and locations they were hitting, once collated the best team/person in the Dearne could win £200 as a prize. Anyone living, working or going to a school in Barnsley is eligible to take part in Beat the Street. Cards would be given to all schools up to year 6, but children in secondary schools could form a class or group to participate as a team too. Cards can also be accessed at all local libraries, supermarkets and Leisure Centers will start distributing cards from 29th May. Beat the Street is being delivered by Intelligent Health and is funded by The National Lottery on behalf of Sport England and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. <i>All members of the ward Alliance were encouraged to promote and actively take part to show the way to the community as part of the area priorities under <u>Quality of life</u>.</i></p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising. Page 1- Marie has received report back on Bulky rubbish 2018 and will send feedback out via email. Cllr May noble asks how much is left from the bulky rubbish, Marie informed her that the balance should be around £2000 as it had only just started 1st April 2019 with £1000 from each ward been awarded at the last ward alliance on her absence. page 2- February half term feedback- we had a feedback yesterday Cllr Noble stated that again the kids had fun and the families all engaged with each other, venues need to be looked at though as capacity was too full for fire regulations and also more volunteers are required on helping the activities, setting up and clearing away. Also, it was discussed at the meeting about alternate ways of targeting the children that need to be fed through the holiday hunger initiative and not people brining the children because things are free. Page 3- Wendy and Derek went on the eco visit and he reports they were very good brilliant Wendy says he's enthusiasm is wonderful – Marie advised all the Ward Alliance members that the</p> | |

current visit is on Wednesday 15th May at 1pm - Chris is on paternity leave but Marie has been informed he will be returning next week for visit.

3. Finance update

2019/2020 available spend for Dearne South = £13,27.02

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Alan George gave update for Dearne South working fund balance - £773 of which £691.84 is committed spends for the Prom project from last year.

It was suggested that the Ward Alliance look at projects themselves as an Alliance and if monies was needed this could be added to the working funds to help pay for individual items on a quick turnaround.

4. Funding applications

Dearne kids application (Dearne North only)

Aim of the project was to continue to provide snacks for youngsters attending our youth provision, within this we aim to provide cook and eat healthy sessions to enable the youngsters to share cooking skills and provide them with a basic knowledge of how to cook.

The application stated that for some of the youngsters it is a meal not available at the time because of the growing reliance on outside sources for food due to current social economic problems - Alison Sykes and Charlotte Williams both said if they need anything extra i.e. food/supplies/drinks etc. to ask them for help to supply this.

All agreed to support this application – unanimous YES!

Dearne area winter warmth packs

The Dearne Area Team would like to purchase 'Winter Warmth Packs' to be distributed to older people to enable them to stay warmer during the cold weather.

Concerns were raised regarding distribution of the packs and how it needs to go to the people that need it- referral – a housing officer a social workers etc. or through Salvation Army as they know the families that would benefit in the colder months. **All agreed to support this application – unanimous YES!**

The school uniform project

The Dearne Area Team would like to purchase equipment and pay for laundering/repair of donated school uniforms that can be given out to other school children whose parents cannot afford to purchase new school uniforms. Providing local parents with access to free or cheap school uniforms will increase mental health and wellbeing and reduce stress that the cost of a school uniform for a growing child or children can cause. It will increase quality of life by allowing parents to spend the little money they have on some of the basics, buying food, meeting utility bills etc. It also meets the young people priority as the school uniforms will be for children and young people aged 5 to 15 years old - **All agreed to support this application – unanimous YES!**

Majestic Academy of music and arts funding application

New sound and lighting equipment for the group. This will help our productions to be bigger and better. The equipment we are using now is very old and causes crackling which we have received complaints about during our previous productions.

New costumes. The costumes we have now are old and are dropping to pieces. This is very unsettling for the children that have to wear them.

To hire a scissor lift for our Christmas production of Aladdin, the cost will include hire, delivery and training for our technical staff to be able to operate it safely during the productions.

After discussion it was a unanimous NO to this application

The Barnsley youth Choir application form (Both North & South)

This year is the Choir's tenth anniversary and we are bringing the international choir experience to Barnsley. BYC choirs have sung in Sweden, Germany, Latvia and at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and this year we are bringing the singing to Barnsley for all members to experience in their home town. The singers have an intense three days of rehearsals, workshops and concerts at The

Alison to work with Ann on how the families will be given the packs

Fairway in Dodworth and Barnsley Metrodome. The Ward money will be used on the welfare of the choir members during the project period especially with food and drinks. We have planned rest and eating breaks yet the days will be too long for anyone to survive on packed lunches, meals and drinks for 600 plus children are needed each day. As well as the food we need 5000 bottles of water to help look after the voices and avoid problems caused by dehydration.

A discussion on who it is for, and Marie mentioned about the environmental issues of plastic bottles in landfill, the Ward Alliance agreed that the way forward should be taking this own bottles maybe with logos/promotional items instead for future events. **The majority has gone with yes but would like to use re-usable bottles in any future events.**

Parochial church council st Mary with St Paul (PCC) Barnsley Pals colours Project

Funds were raised previously (most as grants from the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership or DVLP). In November 2016 Conservators removed the Colours from the cupboard and laid them out carefully so that their condition could be inspected, measurements taken and a detailed report written; photographs taken have proved invaluable for publicity to promote this project.

We are also organizing on Sunday afternoon 2 June 2019 a Centenary Commemoration of the Laying Up of the 13 YLR King's Colours. There will be an exhibition in St Mary's Church with refreshments available. We will hold a short procession to recreate part of that on 29 May 1919, with two minutes' silence at the Cenotaph followed by a service in St Mary's. Dodworth Colliery Band has been booked to provide suitable music and groups are being invited to participate. Monies were to be paid on items within the church in Barnsley & its surrounding grounds.

A detailed discussion on this application took place with all members of the ward Alliance declining the application as it doesn't meet our priorities and we should be ideally looking at priorities in our own area not others within Barnsley as our budget of £10,000 is been spent in this area. – Unanimous NO

5. Self-assessment results

After a short discussion highlighting some of the feedback and results from the self-assessment Marie asked the Ward Alliance their thoughts on running some workshops and team building exercises so they can set the priorities but also refresh on what the Alliance was originally set up for and how new members & new priorities could be look at, everyone agreed that would be a good thing to look at. Date set for June 20th – all diarized this to ensure everyone would be there. Health & wellbeing, Youth provision & Pride were the most common themes and these need to be addressed through the workshop and then consultations in the summer months with the residents in the Dearne. Help & support would be needed from the Ward Alliance members for this to happen; Marie asked if everyone could give this their full support.

Volunteer month

Advertising Community groups what they are doing that month to enable volunteers to help and celebrate 'volunteer month 2019' Marie asked all the groups to pass information on to the team so they could publicise this.

6. Group updates

Thurnscoe park

Getting ready for barnsley in bloom, picnic in the park in July. The Ward Alliance will be in attendance (Marie asked for help on this with consultation, anyone wishing to help let her know at the next meeting) Also Bfriend will be there to encourage more volunteer to help out with volunteering. Winter wonderland is currently been planned and will be on Friday & Saturday this year.

Goldthorpe development group

Goldthorpe development group - have confirmed their annual Bounce into Summer date of 21st August 2019, plans will take place for the Halloween and Christmas parties. Sadly the Goldthorpe market is now closed and the group is unsure whether the Christmas market will go ahead – we will have to wait until further developments and discussions with Barnsley Markets team. The Unity over 50's club is still thriving with over 90 people in attendance, may is working with Ann Toy to ensure specialists in health or activities are taken to ensure the members of their group

are getting the right support from services and people individually.

Salvation Army

4 people start their first ever job, through volunteering , gaining confidence , sharing a taxi to get to work fantastic, yesterday started a cooking class, 5 of them go to northern college promoting smoke alarms everyone in the community is safe, took 15 of them to burnt wood 8 of them never been asked to go to a meal been funded by Heineken , finally got Aldi on board picking up 5 days a week starting in 5 days' time, put in a funding bid to Morrisons for a van asked for 22 thousand, yesterday went to see next.

Big Local Thurnscoe

Thurnscoe Plaza: We are in the consultation phase for this project to create a 250k public realm Plaza with opportunities for skate, scoot, bike and parkour as well as space for pop up markets and leisure activities on Houghton Road Sports Ground next to the MUGA. We have now held a few meetings with stakeholders and Barnsley MBC and things are moving forward- next stage is to get first plans from Freestyle so that we can then take these out to public consultation.

BLT has purchased 6 Pond Dipping class kits for use by our local schools and children's settings.

Housing Project: we were in the final stages of a sale for number 18 but the buyers have had to pull out due to illness. Exploring other options including rental route.

Picnic in the Park on Saturday July 27th – BLT is part funding this event at the Flower Park

Go Wild in Thurnscoe: Working in partnership with Principal Towns, we have purchased 9 sculptures that will be decorated and form a sculpture trail in Thurnscoe in the summer holidays. The 3 large sculptures will be placed outside the Library, in Phoenix Park and in the Flower Park and the 6 smaller ones will be decorated by local schools and community groups. As part of the same initiative we have commissioned a local sculptor to carve 3 sculptures out of stone and steel to mark the entrances to the village.

Another Big Local area (Firs and Bromford) are visiting Thurnscoe on 21st June to look at some of our work. We will be taking them on our 'Magical Mystery Tour' which includes the Reservoir, the Flower Park and the houses on Grange Crescent.

Station house

Continuing with their holiday session, where children visit the older folk all made Easter bonnets, Ann Toy has been supporting us with that, kids and old folk both love it. They had a grant to make nicer all of their marketing stuff new signs new letter heads, very busy in playgroup a bit of down numbers with after school club , recruitment drive, like and share on Facebook , lots of students helping in the office and childcare helping, running a project with adult learning to see if they want any parents in the play group for adult learning

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Goldthorpe primary eco visit

Chris's timetable has now changed and can only accommodate a visit on Wednesdays after 1, he will showcase the grounds Wednesday 15th May at 1pm so everyone is invited, May, Donna, Vicky and Charlotte were intending on going.

Date and time of the next meeting

Priority workshop 20th June 12.30pm Goldthorpe Library
Thursday 4th July 2019 12:30 @ Goldthorpe library