

## Wombwell Ward Alliance Meeting

Held in The Chapel Wombwell Cemetery Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Present: Cllr Griffin (Chair), Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Frost, Sabeena Chavan, Karen Whiting. Guest Carol Foster (Age Uk)

In attendance: Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC Community Development Officer)

**Apologies:** Chelsey Rigsby

1. Welcome from Chair/House keeping
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May were accepted as a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising :-**

Principal Towns:- Cllr Griffin informed the group that a further meeting had taken place with Fiona O'Brien and David Shepherd and work was still needed on the current plans, still need/want to incorporate more parking spaces on the High St. Still not where we want to be but we are slowly working with them to come to an agreement. With reference to the Burton Building the owner still doesn't want to sell and it is looking like we will have to wait until the council can issue a compulsory purchase order. Concerns were raised about the empty shops on the High St. However on a positive note Spec Savers were going to move into the empty Poundstretcher building.

The group were informed that District had got the Enforcement Contract and they will be responsible for covering the High St. AB informed the group that the planters on the High St had been planted up with the support from Sabeena and her children and that the hanging baskets were now in situ.

4. **Guest Speaker Carol Foster Age Uk** Cllr Frost registered his vested interest as a trustee of Age Uk. Carol informed the group of the Age UK Social Isolation project which covers North East Area and the South Area. One of the positive outcomes has been the Good Neighbours Scheme which matches volunteers with service users. However not all the service users want to get out and about and are quite happy to stay at home so AGE UK are exploring other ways to stay in touch with these people maybe via a befriending schemes.

The Social Isolation project currently had 20 volunteers with 10 new volunteers coming on-board, 1 volunteer car driver. These volunteers support people on a 1 to 1 basis. They do need more volunteer car drivers

Carol had discovered that there was a good transport network in the area and plenty of groups and clubs across Wombwell. However some of the groups lacked members.

Part of her work was to set up 20 afternoon teas across Barnsley to engage the public and group leaders. This would complement the work that the WA would like to do with group leaders and some joint working could be carried out. **Action Carol (AgeUk), Cllr Eastwood, Karen and CDO to arrange a planning meeting to explore this further.**

Further discussion took place about engagement activities in general, identifying gaps in the current provision. The group discussed doing something around men and ideas were put on the table (cards, dominos, darts, pool, board games, setting up a walking group).

## **5. Funding applications**

**Unicorn Gardens Recommended that a contribution of £472.71 be made**

**Friends of Wombwell Park Recommended that a contribution of £600.00 be made.**

## **6. Project update**

Amanda had spoken to TADS regarding the junior youth project and they seemed very interested in managing the project. A meeting needed to be arranged to discuss this further. **Action Amanda to arrange meeting between TADs , Cllr Griffin and CDO.**

Amanda informed the group of the Healthy Holidays programme that would be funded (£2500) from the South Area Council. Members agreed to be involved in this programme.

**7. New Members** No progress at present. It was noted that Peter Jones had missed 1 year of meetings. The group agreed that if Peter wanted to still be a member he would need to reapply. Gary Ogden (Wombwell Main Cricket club) name came forward. Action Amanda to contact Gary. Again if anyone thinks of anyone please speak to Amanda

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

Sabeena spoke to the group about having an event to bring people of different cultures together along the lines of JO Cox's "More in Common" event. Discussion took place around this idea and it was decided that it was too late in the day for this summer but members were asked to forward ideas for a possible future event to Amanda and if necessary a working group could be set up to explore these further.

9. Date of next meeting

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm at the Chapel, Wombwell Cemetery.**

