

Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	31 st October 2019
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Marie Sinclair, charlotte Williams, Derek Braham, Tina Brooke, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Sam Danforth, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Alan George, Wendy Caine , Alison Sykes, Vicky Cuming and Ann Toy	Cllr May Noble, Donna Gregory, Cllr Charlotte Johnson

	Action/ Decision
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions. Cllr Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>2. Apologies Cllr Johnson, Cllr Noble, Donna Gregory</p> <p>3. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising.</p> <p><i>Principal towns</i> – Marie is meeting with Teresa after the meeting as the work on the car park looks to be completed, however, they have not continued the work up the car park entrance of the back of the library. Marie believes it’s probably as this belongs to assets and not Highways but will check this after the meeting Cllr Gardiner expressed his disappointment and wants to be informed on the result of the meeting. If this is the case can the team please liaises with him.</p> <p><i>Carrfield primary school</i> was really grateful and looking forward to the incredible edible made a fantastic job of it all.</p> <p><i>Plastic Fantastic</i> - In the next few weeks Marie will be meeting with the sub group for plastic fantastic. The group have chatted and concluded that the collecting of plastic caps isn’t feasible now as what we don’t want the kids going to buy pop just to save the caps. The group would look at Reeducating them on waste thrown away, either into bins or on the floor and what impact on the environment this has, after Maris’s meeting with Dale Sparks information on waste and recycling it was stated a fact on that only 2 per cent of all items you put in the bins goes to landfill 98 per cent goes to other streams. Why you need to put things into bins, both impacts of the life cycle of things that are thrown away.</p> <p>Marie informed the Ward Alliance that Sadie has now left the Dearne Area team to go on a secondment for 18 months, and advert has gone out for her replacement.</p>	<p>Marie to update Cllr Gardiner/Claire after meeting with Teresa.</p> <p>Marie to email group to set up meeting.</p>

Shop front scheme - Cllr Phillips wanted to add how great the shop fronts in Goldthorpe are that have been completed - Cooplands and Hollygrove have took up the offer with fantastic results, hopefully this will encourage more shop owners to take advantage of this great scheme.

Cllr Danforth asked what was mentioned regarding the *community notice board* as he hadn't heard or seen it anywhere, Marie will speak to Teresa and get back on this one.

Updates from Ann Toy on invitation to meeting -

School uniform update

Ann asked firstly for volunteers to help with the project – confirming Cllr Phillips, Charlotte Williams, Alison (Alison also stated Jackie would be part of this), Marie also stated that Donna would too, Vicky said she would like to be part of the sub-group.

A meeting for Tuesday 5th November at the salvation army at 10am, then 19th of November would be the next meeting in which further meetings would be suggested at this one as Alison & Charlotte both couldn't commit to December as they have lots of things going on that month. Ann confirmed the schools which she has contacted and agreed to run the projects with them - Lacewood, Highgate, Sacred Heart, Carrfield & The Hill have all confirmed, still waiting responses from Robert Ogden and Gooseacre.

Goldthorpe Primary and Heather Garth Primary have declined to be involved as they have their own, but would be willing to accept donations for their school if we get any. Ann asked if anyone knows of any families that have spare uniforms to bring them to the library. The funding that was acquired from the ward Alliance last year was to help with laundering; in which Charlotte & Alison both said they would help with the washing bits too as they both have a machine on site.

Once laundered they would be placed into separate bags, labelled then delivered to the named schools. The committed spend funding is for washing, ironing, repairing any buttons or hems etc., also to purchase shoe laces, pumps, buttons, zips and large storage boxes.

Charlotte Williams asked if posters or publicity are to be designed to enable the group to ask for donations, Ann said yes there would be. Charlotte and Alison offered to wash the clothes. Ann said we should look to use a local business or a community sewing group.

Oral Health - evaluation

Ann gave a brief update (as the results are inside Performance report that will be read out later in the meeting) the total amount of toothbrushes & toothpaste we had given out so far. To date from the 500 originally started with, 420 have been handed out to the families and children. Ann has completed several oral health sessions teaching the children how to brush their teeth and the importance of oral health and strong & healthy gums for later life. At each session leaflets and sticker promotions for daily brushing were handed out with the kids actively getting involved and loving the sessions. Ann has also visited schools in classrooms and taking her time to talk to each child about oral health and sugary drinks and highlighting the damage that can be done to their teeth.

Ann gave the Ward Alliance details on which schools she had visited and which are to be completed. The project has been very well received; parents have also loved the information and were really surprised at the information on sugar and how they can help by cutting back with giving their children these kinds of drinks/products. All the toothpaste was for children under 7. Highgate primary put on their twitter page with a montage of pictures, from which that Goldthorpe Primary then got in touch to ask for Ann to deliver the same sessions to their children. Ann will be visiting with the last batch of oral health products in November.

Winter warmth update

Ann gave the ward alliance an update on the packs showing the contents. Ann informed the group that the project was slightly different to previous ones, in that she wanted to get to elderly people that do not or cannot get out of the house, that may be suffering from fuel poverty & isolation. She is alongside Bfriend, Sheltered Homes, and Berneslai Home tenants in their sheltered accommodations. Ann will be going out to different groups to ask if anyone knows of individuals

Marie to ask Teresa about notice board & email Cllr Danforth

Ann to arrange meeting & send out meeting requests/reminder to all members who have joined subgroup.

After first meeting Ann to ask Vicky to go through uniforms when in office and put them into sizes /repairs / washing etc.

that are lonely, housebound and therefore, hard to reach.. Berneslai homes have taken 20 packs and are distributing them through their contacts. Bfriend has taken 10, the carer's café at snap tin would like 2 packs. No packs were handed out at the Frailty Health event run by Sadie as only 25 people turned up and everyone was walking so didn't really fit the criteria.

Amy chambers who works for NHS as a falls coordinator, is working with Ann to identify any possible individuals who may benefit from a pack. Charlotte mentions is it any age could it be people that can't afford the heating – yes it's for anyone who is vulnerable, lonely and cold in their homes. Sam asked if the gloves and socks are larger for men? Ann showed them the differences and said Yes they are. Ann is also putting leaflets in the packs around keeping warm and phone numbers on who to contact in emergencies.

Charlotte Williams stated how fabulous the projects were around food & fuel poverty and how great it is to see so many people working against the action plans on the Ward Alliance, excellent work!

4. Finance update

2019/2020 available spend for Dearne South = 7,403.04 pence
2019/2020 available spend for Dearne North = 2,643.12 pence

5. Performance Report

Marie gave a quick rundown on what's in the report briefing highlighting the volunteer match funding elements against non-match funding applications. Marie also explained why we do a performance report and how we benefit from all the results that get collated as without the information coming back how would we measure what we are spending against our priorities, everyone agreed we need to keep completing it, it also is a good way to showcase the dearness fabulous community groups and what they are achieving with their funding awarded from the WA

As we are paperless Council we are also a paperless WA so the report will be emailed out next week to all members on the ward Alliance.

6. Funding applications

Bulky Rubbish – joint application from Dearne north/Dearne South £2000.00

Bulky rubbish application from referrals only - *everyone have said yes to this application*

Dearne North-Dearne Memorial group £120.00

Derek mentions it's a good thing but it's coming in dearne north a project is a group to dearne astrea academy which covers both wards it's for the photo copying or printing or some cartridge's, Derek saying it's a volunteer to deliver some information to some students for coalfields and world war I and II he wouldn't have to print everything out wouldn't it be up to the school to print everything he wants. Tina believes it should be split between both wards because it's at the school at the dearne astrea academy it covers all people in the dearne.

The dearne south members are happy to split the cost between the dearne north and dearne south – all agreed to fund this application.

Dearne South- Bodvag –community activities

Reservations about the application as room hire was rejected previously to a group in Dearne South, the selection boxes aren't something the Ward Alliance felt could be paid for due to the Oral Health and the nature of this goes against the area priorities on tooth decay in young people in our area, also Ann Toy has just delivered a project on Oral Health to the schools & family centers so this would send the wrong signals.

As there wasn't enough members from Dearne South & Cllr Danforth & Vicky had to declare an interest as they volunteer for BODVAG Marie stated she will send out an email to the rest of Dearne South and get clarification on a decision would be made if there is a conclusive

Marie to email performance report to all WA members

Marie to email Rachel Woodrow with extension/report to be collated and send detailing all areas & referrals then sent to WA

Update – no one agree with the application. Marie to email Sarah to notify BODVAG on WA decision

result. Marie is sending an email out to the other dearne south members to see if they approve the application. *Application declined*

Dearne valley venture- Dearne South

Application was submitted to the Ward alliance to fund a building survey and 3 laptops, questions were raised regarding the usage of the laptops in which Marie asked Alan George who is a key holder for the Renaissance centre. He stated that they would be for public use. Annette advised Alan that Rory from DECV had some laptops donated/funded through GMB and might be worth speaking to him. Alan to get in touch direct, these could be additional to the ones funded from the WA. *All agreed if the survey comes back and all is well then full monies to be awarded for the IT part of the application*

F.M. Dance Parents Group – to fund sessions at Dearne Playhouse £500.00 contribution

No venues in their area that is suitable for this group and its activity
No children from this area are part of the group
As this isn't based in the Dearne everyone declined the application stating to advise them to apply nearer to home.

Dearne North Water Safety - £140.00

No life ring around the Reservoir –Russ Boland stated there is no law for having more than one life ring installed. However a safety sign is a good way to ensure all children/people are safe when going near the dipping pond. *All agreed to fund this application.*

7. Group updates:

Big Local Goldthorpe & BOD

funded Dearne Arts Festival at The Dearne ALC and Project 14 – to raise awareness of mental health, funded a charity football match all went really positive.
Purchased another house for renovation in Goldthorpe

Salvation Army

The Army is trialing a new way of working this month – having to be strict
Monday – Foodbank – newbies (40-50) clients in the Morning
Wednesday is Learning day – courses coming up with Dearne Valley College
Friday – Community Front Room project – people learning from each other
Learning bus going around the area, thurnscoe, goldthorpe, and Bolton. Young people from Bolton were amazing – meet new youth workers paid by Doncaster Council – all young people were phoning the youth workers telling them to come and have a look at the bus
Nativity Trails in all area – 14th December
Working with Warm Homes team on winter warmth – contact Alison if anyone is in crisis

Station House –

Calendar News interviewed Charlotte Williams following the publication of the CRT report “The State of the Coalfields”. There was a strong focus on the lack of quality employment opportunities locally and how that impacts on peoples life chances.

Normal playgroup and afterschool club activities, we are busy planning Christmas activities/parties

Holiday club was reasonably well attendee, thanks to some additional Healthy Holidays funding there were and addition n two days of Autumn fun for everyone (a 2.5hr event for children aged -11yrs, sport, games and a healthy cooked lunch)

Grant funding has been awarded to replace the decking that is in poor repair but essential for year round outside play.

Marie to advise Sarah to pay £500 for survey then pay £1800.00 once all survey completed and fit for purpose.

Marie to email Christie / Sarah to inform group of WA decision.

Big Local Thurnscoe

Thurnscoe Harmonic Male Voice Choir went really well, everyone that attended said they were amazing.

Good turnout to Space Event – Dome was popular but all enjoyed it

Newsletter has been delivered to all the homes in Thurnscoe.

The Housing development number 18 has now officially been sold, Big Local members all met with new owners, bought as an investment and hope to have people in pretty soon. Leasing number 20 with a view to purchasing in a few months' time – all good!

The damaged Hare on the Sculpture park couldn't be repaired on site so had to take it away, big crack down the back, which had to be repaired at a cost of £1300. Going into the NHS health Centre which will be locked up at night.

Mosaic has also been repaired after someone damaged it and needs re sighting as cost £1300 approx. this is now being moved to another area as BLT can't keep paying out to have it be repaired

Thurnscoe Park

Winter Wonderland is confirmed as 16th November – Tent with a Disney Show which people can dress up – everyone invited.

Frost has caused flowers to drop and have been removed, lots of volunteers are attending each week making the park look lovely. Remembrance Sunday will be on 10th November – everyone welcome.

8. Dates for Diaries

- Nov 16th Thurnscoe Flower Park – Winter Wonderland 12 – 7pm
- 7th December 1 – 4pm Christmas Cracker Event – Thurnscoe Library
- 14th December 2pm – 4pm Furlong Road Methodist Church – Churches Together Event – winners of nativity trail
- 11th November to 15th November 10am – 4pm cycle project at Salvation Army
- 8th December – Christmas Fayre & Lighting Christmas Tree 4pm
- Monday 11th November – 2 minutes silence in Thurnscoe Park

9. AOB

Purple bags – BMBC now using them Marie has asked Dale Sparks for some for the community

Cllr Pauline Phillips announced her resignation as Chair of the Ward Alliance after this meeting – Cllr Gollick put herself forward as the next Chair for December's meeting.

It was agreed to look for new Ward Alliance members in the new year, everyone was asked to see if they knew anyone that may be interested to come forward and submit an interest form to the local elected members.

10. Date and time of the next meeting

Thursday 28th November is full Council so the meeting was put back a week to Thursday 5th December at 12.30pm.