



DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP

**Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe:
18th November 2019**

Members Present: Derek Branham (Chair), Claire Dawson, Cllr Philips, Alison Sykes, Jackie Kenning, Shirley Kay, Julia Goddard, Chris Shaw, Chris Denton, Eric Steer, Andrea Mills, Emma Creswell

Apologies: Cllr Gardiner, Claire Beecroft, Sarah Cartwright, Cllr Noble, Cllr Johnson, Sara Scholes, Jenny Pitman, Emma Hudson, Amber Goddard, Anita Heatherglen, Paul Cummins, Cara Dixon

<p><u>Welcome and Introductions:</u> - A round of introductions took place and new members were welcomed to the group.</p> <p>Apologies: - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p><u>Notes of Meeting held 16th September 2019</u> <u>Matters Arising –</u></p>	
<p><u>Discussion Items</u> A funding stream has been opened called the Town Fund. Goldthorpe has been named as one of the areas in which can make a bid to the fund. CD discussed with the group about the meeting becoming a board that could see through this process, however the group would need to recruit businesses to the meeting to assist in this process. All agreed that it was pointless creating another meeting when this one was capable of assisting in this process.</p>	

(1) Priority- Housing

Berneslai Home- Eric Steer

The team have been on site in Lands Down estate on faze one. The team took out some raised beds and are doing new block paving in the area. Currently low on empty properties. Within the sheltered scheme, the flat at Heather Court still not let as yet. They have only got 13 termination notices. The ASB officer is working with 12 cases and are working closely with the police.

Sara Scholes- Housing

Keepmoat

Seasons Phase 2 – position at end of October 2019

62 plots are now complete with another 35 currently in build.

Estimated construction completion date of March 2021.

Seasons Phase 3

Planning Application under consideration, decision expected Feb 2020

Housing and Migration Officer role- Area Council

The team have interviewed for a Area Council housing officer on the 11th of November and a preferred candidate was informed. The team are just waiting on checks and then a start date will be given.

Chris Denton- Centre Point

The services contract has been extended for a further two years. They have just had the big sleep out to raise money for the homeless. It is Centre Points 50th anniversary shortly so CD will send on information about how they are going to celebrate.

Centre Point has a class room outside their facility at smithies and has successfully recruited a tutor. The team are still supporting the Dearne and attends The Salvation Army every two weeks. They are also looking at finding funding for substance misuse/mental health worker on site.

CD to inform the group of new starters starting date

CD to send out the information about the celebration

(2) Priority- Jobs skills and training

Emma Creswell – adult learning

The wellbeing classes are still doing well but not many learners from the Dearne. Positive thinking course doing well and they would like to develop it in the Dearne. Now trained to deliver mental health first aid qualification. There is a cost to this course. The team will be delivering one with the snap tin café.

Shirley Kay- Wisability

The team currently offers free training to unemployed people in the Dearne. They are now also doing more short courses including mental health awareness and all are accredited. Also the team are doing occupational studies for those that suffer with anxiety whilst looking for work. There is a simple referral form for groups.

All to refer and signpost people to courses

(3) Priority- Health

Nursing- Jo Sharpe

All healthcare services are now going to be based in the locality where they currently have caseloads. This will be great for networking and saves travel time.

Andrea Mills-Early Years

Working with adult skills and others on small projects. Early help referrals are really low so they are planning a networking in the new year. The service also are working with local schools

Julia Goddard- Carers support

The team still continues to work in the Dearne and now have another colleague assisting. Numbers are still increasing. The grant is still being accessed from BMBC. Jackie mentioned they need some help with financial abuse that they feel is happening JG stated this is something that the team can assist with

JG to discuss with the Salvation Army

Salvation Army- Alison Sykes, Jackie Kenning

The team have Restarted their winter programme and it is working well, two sessions now in operation Monday are for new comers and Fridays for people that have been coming longer. Donations are still high from the supermarkets

Wednesday is now a learning zone Rotherham College are providing the courses which is well attended. Friday is community front room; no parcels are given out on Friday. People doing a whole host of craft activities and it is working well. Clients are now used to the programme it's great for staff who can now spend time with them. The Friday night Church happens once a month. This Christma the team are not doing food parcels but still doing the toys through Hallam FM.

(4) Priority- Environment

Cllr Philips-Thurnscoe' Park

The Thurnscoe' Park winter wonderland had to be cancelled due to weather. Thry had a great memorial service with many in attendance. They still do not know what is happening next year with winter wonderland. Thurnscoe park are having a stall on GDG market in order to raise money for insurance.

<p><u>(5) All Priorities</u></p> <p><u>Big Local Thurnscoe - Derek Branham</u> The hare sculpture which was vandalized will now be placed at the health center. They are holding a Christmas cracker event at Thurnscoe' Library 12-4 on the 7th December. The lights will also be switched on too.</p> <p><u>Dearne Area Council- Claire Dawson</u> All commissions continue to do well, BFriend referrals have increased over the last quarter. The social groups continue to do well. DECV have had 20 new learners last quarter. Twiggs are still working in and with the local community.</p> <p><u>Landlord- Chris Shaw</u> Still doing litter picks round the area. Joanne Dearnley working well with the landlords.</p>	
<p><u>Dates for the diary</u></p> <p>Goldthorpe Development Group annual Christmas Market 6th December 4-8pm</p> <p>Big Local Christmas Cracker 7th December light switch on 12-4pm at Thurnscoe Library</p> <p>BODVAG lights and Christmas fare St Andrews Square 8th December 3-6pm</p> <p>Dearne Area Team Christmas fuddle 19th December 12.30pm Goldthorpe Library</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting – 20th January 2020 3.30pm</p>	
<p>Date of Future Meetings have all been put in the calendar– To be held at 3.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall</p>	