

Notes from Wombwell Ward Alliance meeting 20th January

1. **Present:** Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Sabeena Chavan, Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Leanne Cooke (Berneslai Homes): Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC) Michael Clegg (observing)
Leigh Buchanan and Katie Rockett (Guest speakers from BMBC Able & Better Homes Barnsley)
 2. **Apologies :** Margaret Morgan, Carmel Seston, Keith Seston
 3. Welcome from Vice-Chair and all round introductions for guest speakers and observer.
 4. Presentation from guest speakers from ABLE and Better homes Barnsley on their services. They informed the meeting how they work with partner organisations to support residents and tenants and provided a breakdown of the various help they can offer, e.g. advice & guidance re energy tariffs and how to switch, grants for first time gas central heating, help with support for gas/oil boilers, loft, floor and cavity wall installation. Discussions took place on eligibility and leaflets were passed around to WA members. AB reminded WA members of the Energy Switch event and Wellbeing event that was taking place at the library on Friday 24th January.
5. **Minutes last meeting /matters arising**
Minutes were accepted as a true record.
Matters arising: AB updated the group of her meeting with Dorothy Coates who again like the Youth Service recommended that junior youth project should be delivered by paid workers and not solely by volunteers. AB informed the meeting that she had emailed the head of the youth service to ascertain if they would be interested in the project but was still awaiting response. At this stage the WA members were asked if they still wanted to pursue the project and it was agreed to do so. Action: AB to continue to explore possible providers to deliver project.

Regarding the defibrillator for the High St; AB had been looking for a suitable location outside one of the shop fronts. Space in between the shops was limited. They were often hindered by down pipes. Action: AB to look into how much wall space was needed for installation of defibrillator and case.

The High St Christmas event went down very well. Electric lamp post motifs and tree lights look good. The lights have been stored at the Community Hub in Wombwell Cemetery; thanks were conveyed to the Cemetery group. It was agreed that the WA would try to build on this for next year.

6. Funding Applications - Friends of Wombwell Cemetery Approved £1,900 (Karen & Chelsey declared an interest and left the room)

Mitchels & Darfield Angling Club approved £740

7. New project ideas (additional £10,000) Youth project was discussed. Cllr Frost informed the group of the ARC project which is delivered by South Yorkshire Fire & Police. This project is aimed at those youngsters who are involved or at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour. It was agreed for AB to find out more and bring it back to the next meeting.

8. A.O.B

The WA agreed to continue with the healthy holidays programme as it had been very successful in Wombwell. Community groups and volunteers are actively contributing to the delivery of events which are benefiting many low income families.

AB informed the group of her recent meeting with the parent support advisors in the local primary school to try to identify families in need and how WA funding can help to alleviate holiday hunger for those in crisis. Suggestions came forward of parcel of groceries /encouragement to partake of free healthy holiday activities. Further meeting has been arranged to discuss further. Actions: AB to report back to WA. LC (Berneslai Homes informed the group of their Youth Engagement Fund to support activities.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 30th March 6pm at Wombwell Cemetery Community Hub