

**Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**  
**The Hoyland Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. Chris Lamb	Rockingham Ward
	Cllr. Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton Ward
	Cllr. Jimmy Andrews	Rockingham Ward
	Cllr. Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward
	Cllr. Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward
	Janet Cartwright	Friends of Elsecar Park
	Revd. Alison Earl	Vicar – Holy Trinity Elsecar & St. Marys Worsbrough
	Danielle Gill	Tesco
	Andy Hodgkinson	Toch
	John Lang	Work Club
	Neil Spencer	Forge Community Partnership
	Fiona Tennyson	Safer Neighbourhood Team
	Ian Warhurst	Hemingfield Action Group
	Dawn Grayton	BMBC South Area Team
	Joan Whittaker	Alliance Secretary
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. Emma Dures	Rockingham Ward
	Phil Anderson	Tesco
	Dave Graham	Berneslai Homes
	Patricia Gregory	Walderslade Surgery
	Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
	June Walker	Barnsley Federation of Tenants & Residents

Cllr. Chris Lamb chaired the meeting.

1. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

There were no matters arising and the minutes were accepted as a true record.

2. Attendance at Meetings.

Dawn has drafted this letter with a view to making it positive, but she has left the paragraph at the bottom where the recipient indicates that they will attend a certain percentage equating to a set number of meetings. It was felt that it should be on an as and when basis as we cannot press gang people. It was agreed that reference to attendance at a specific number of meetings be removed. With that one alteration it was agreed that the letter was now fit for purpose.

3. Tidy Team

Neil said that the most honest picture regarding Tidy Team is that it still goes from strength to strength. There is a change in emphasis around having any groups or individuals to come forward for works and opportunities to be undertaken to work alongside the team rather than

seeing them as an alternative service. This way we can be counting more physical volunteer hours contributing to the works being done and equally equate that to the volume of waste that has been removed from local communities. There is a community litter pick that is being done in support of Janet Payling on Tuesday 27th October between 10 a.m and noon on Cloughfields Estate, so if anyone is available and would like to come along they are more than welcome to do so. Tidy Team are at the moment busy working on plans for Christmas in relation to Christmas lighting, trees for the different groups and planning for their installation and still looking at plans for a snow warden scheme, so we can try and contribute as a backup or a more localised service to compliment what Neighbourhood Services would do in response to bad weather.

Cllr. Franklin asked if further information could be given relating to the snow wardens. Neil said plans had been drawn up on paper but it had never been seen in practice. From experiences last year when there were priorities set that Neighbourhood Services and other services within the authority addressed to keep the roads open and footpaths cleared, there were certain areas where it made common sense such as clearing between bus stops, supermarket approaches, the library, medical centres that we could identify as our own local area and where we have got volunteers who are coming out now on a regular basis, assisting the Tidy Team, we can actually start to plan for where we could work with them to be deployed in such circumstances. Cllr Franklin asked if they were able to get their hands on the equipment previously purchased and was informed that as yet the answer was no.

Cllr Andrews informed the meeting that the Council did have a snow plan to which Neil responded by stating that we need to ensure that we talk to Neighbourhood Services to ensure that we do not duplicate work.

#### 4. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding

The Chair drew attention to a document prepared by Dawn. It will be noted that across two pots of money we are looking at a sum of £42K that remains, so please do get the message out to other groups that there is a funding pot that is available to them. As a point of general note he recently came across a pot of money that local organisations can bid into for green spaces, community allotments, parks, sports areas, etc., where you can get grants of up to £15K. He has sent this information on to Kate Faulkes who undertook to get the information out across the network.

#### 5. Ongoing Projects

Friends of Elsecar Park

We have received confirmation from Jo Birch that the only thing being charged for is the cost of the plants

Friends of Hemingfield Colliery

Steve Grudgings and Ian Hateley joined the meeting on behalf of The Friends of Hemingfield Colliery.

Cllr Lamb stated that concerns have been expressed by members of the Ward Alliance that the value to the community of Hemingfield Colliery, both historical and in terms of a place of leisure for the future, needed to be supported in any way we can.

We are bound, however, by rules and regulations regarding the expenditure of public money and he is sure that all here would agree that any expenditure has at all times to be absolutely transparent and be to the benefit of local communities.

Essentially that is where we are now at. I shall hand over to you.

Mr. Grudgings said that the primary purpose of he and his colleague attending is to make sure that any issues are tabled and that we have your full support. Mr Grudgings said that he wished to be completely transparent. They have acquired the site, want to repair and conserve it and make it available to the community. To make it sustainable it has to generate some revenue. Those are the principles. We set up as a company limited by guarantee. We have used VAB's recommended Memorandum and Articles of Association, so it is as compliant as you can get. There are four Directors. We have gone through a considerable amount of work, some of which you will be aware of. Our first focus is to get the building that was damaged by fire restored and to get a roof back on it so that it is useable, get facilities reconnected so that when people come on site there are basic things like toilets and hand washing facilities. Once we have completed that work we will be able to rent a small part of it to generate income to pay for further works. Once this is completed, hopefully within the next year to eighteen months, we shall move to the second building which is much more challenging and more historically significant.

Cllr Andrews said that there had been talk about revenue and about renting buildings. From the position where the Pit Row across complained about the road and the danger of the road, to then want to put a business on there where car parking will never be available, just seems a bit strange. Mr. Grudgings. said that at the moment you can access the site and park cars on it. He has what he considers to be a pretty robust plan to improve access and sight lines.

Cllr Shepherd said that he was actually on site when Friends of Hemingfield Colliery had a meeting with BMBC planning officers viz a viz car parking and they were very concerned and more or less of the same mind as Cllr Andrews that they would not be of a mind to recommend.

Questions were taken from Alison Earl, Cllr Franklin and Cllr Stowe. Janet Cartwright asked if they had any idea as to when they would be ready to apply for planning consent re access. Ian responded by saying that they anticipated being in a position to apply within the next couple of months.

Andy Hodgkinson said that he understands the historical significance of the site, but what is the final thing going to be? Mr Grudgings from a cost and security point of view. said that the attraction of the site is that it is actually quite small and manageable. There are some things on site that we need to preserve.

We have since the meeting received the following from Steve Grudgings:

“Hello Dawn,

Many thanks for this and all your help this far, it was very helpful to meet you and the Ward Alliance Members on Monday, I trust we have managed to address at least some concerns!

With regard to the generator, I am afraid we have made alternative arrangements in the interim and this particular item is no longer needed.

Whilst Friends of Hemingfield Colliery have many other requirements for funding, I assume that your process requires a formal reapplication for such rather than a simple diversion?

On the basis that this is the case, could we please submit a further application once we have a clear direction forward with regard to site access?

## 6. New Projects

### Hoyland Methodist Guides

Cllr Lamb asked if anyone had any questions or needed clarification on any aspect. Of the application. Cllr Franklin said that the only problem is that there are so many guide, scouts, brownies and cubs groups around. Cllr Lamb said that as he understands it, the only reason the guides are involved is because they are assisting with the development of the garden, and that this is not an application to fund the development of the guides. We would only get a replication of this where other gardens are being developed. With this explanation objections were withdrawn and the meeting voted to accept the application.

### West Bank House

Cllr Shepherd declared an interest as a Trustee. This is for the refurbishment of the kitchen. It is a facility that is used by all of the community. Cllr Lamb wished that it could be used more by the community but maybe with better kitchen facilities this could happen. Proposed, seconded and accepted.

### Rockingham Cricket Club

This relates to winter coaching which has been funded in the past by devolved ward budget monies and essentially what they do is use Kirk Balk School on a Saturday morning. The total grant is for the hiring of the sports hall which is £1,350. There are volunteer coaches who attend on the Saturday mornings. Cllr Shepherd said that he had no problem with the application but he would not like to find out that children are being charged for a session, as has happened in the past. Cllr Lamb asked if this should come out of the Public Health element of the ward alliance budget as this application relates to physical activity. Proposed, seconded and accepted by those present.

## Winter Warmer Pack

Alison said that she had received an email from Churches Together in response to her contacting them asking for further details. She said that even if Churches Together did not wish to participate, then her two churches would be quite willing to be involved

Dawn telephoned Age Concern who confirmed that they will not be distributing packs as they did not have the necessary funding available. Age Concern would be willing to be involved but they would want their expenses paid. She also contacted VAB who did it last year and have no intention of doing it this year, but they gave her the name of a gentleman to email, which she did but he has not returned her call as yet. She telephoned the provider for the Winter Warmer Packs and they are £12.50 each, but they can be dearer or cheaper depending on the choice of content.

Andy Hodgkinson said that now that Toc H had a minibus they would have no difficulty in loading it up with packages and volunteers to deliver to recipients.

Cllr Shepherd said that we should go ahead with ordering and sort out the logistics after.

It was agreed to order 300 packs for each Ward.

## 7. Any Other Business

Results of Consultation Exercise – this item has been deferred to the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## 8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – 17.00 hrs at Hoyland Centre