

Wombwell Community Alliance

Held in Library at 6pm on 10/11/2015

Present

Cllr Rob Frost	Chair
Cllr Dick Wraith	Vice Chair
Brian Whitaker	Treasurer
Amanda Bradshaw	BMBC
Sara Brautigam	Secretary
B Eastwood	
Graham Wright	
Alan Taylor	
Cllr Margret Morgan	
Jola Walker	
Dan Wildsmith	Voluntary Action Barnsley

1. Apologies

John Cooper, Richard Ulyott, Joan Whitaker.

2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were recorded as a true recorded.

A decision was made by the group to keep the meetings on a Tuesday as that remained the best day for most members. Also the meetings are not to be held on a Town Hall night.

02/1809- The councillors are still working on this,

07/1003- Plans were brought to the meeting, see section 4 for full report.

02/2105- Amanda reported that the self-assessment packs are still a work in progress.

The shrub clean-up was a success and the chair would like to thank everyone who attended and helped especially ASOS.

High street planning- The high street planning has been approved and we are just awaiting for the quotes to be finalised and sent in. It has been decided that the work will need to take place on a Sunday as to cause less disruption.

3. Luncheon Club

There has been a meeting with Father Martin where it was decided that the kitchen needs a full re-vamp to make it possible to cook the meals. Keir are unable to donate the money needed to help with the project.

There have been a lot of volunteers willing to help with the project but will require around £10,000 to complete the work needed in the kitchen but there will be better information in January. **ACTION-** Amanda to speak to Martin Sugden at VAB

4. Community Garden Update

The project is requesting around £11,000 from the Alliance for the project that would be match funded with Berneslai Homes, however BH only have £10,000 in their funds so unable to match fund. The proposed site for the garden is the area between Rutland Place, Washington Avenue, Bird Avenue and Loxley Avenue. There has so far been 9 groups committed to owning beds within the project. This chosen site has no potential for building on. **ACTION-** Alan and Jola to finalise details for the project to bring to January's meeting where the group will make a final decision on the project.

5. Lets Grow

Dan Wildsmith attended the meeting to inform the group about the Let's Grow project, in which they intend to encourage people to grow fruit and vegetables along with herbs whilst promoting a healthy lifestyle. To date they have worked with 529 volunteers collecting over 5000 hours, they work with shared plots along with container plots. Dan also shared some positive suggestions with the Community Garden Project for

example only developing the land a section at a time, he also has advised the group that if the project is to go ahead he might be able to help with sourcing plants for the areas,

6. Christmas Market Update and Future Markets.

The Christmas light have been bought, quotes have been gathered for the lights to be put on 12-15 trees plus the Christmas tree, Charlestown LTD have quoted £2764 and BMBC have quoted £2500. The Christmas tree is to be delivered on 18th November. The light switch on event is to take place on the 28th where there are currently 2 Santa's and 150 presents that have been bought from poundland, also there will be Frozen Characters and Magic man performing along with Minnie and Micky Mouse (volunteers for getting into the costumes still required) Rachel's Academy of Dance will be present as well. **ACTION-** Amanda to ask Andy Nixon about the possibility of leaving the Christmas lights up.

7. Tidy Team Update

In August/September the Tidy Team have removed

- 89 Builders Skips and 2 Trailers of Organic Materials
- 4 Skips of Recycling
- 90kg of Cans
- 320kg of Mixed Scrap
- 68 Bins of Plastic

The 2 apprentices passed their level 2 NVQ and the team are looking for 2 more people to go on the course. There has also been 20 new volunteers.

8. Treasurers Report

The Alliance still have around £22,000 to spend but could be used up with the Community Gardens Project and the Luncheon Club.

9. Funding Applications

The group received an applications from Wombwell Community Hall and Barnsley Arts, Museums and Archives. The group decided to approve the Barnsley Arts, Museums and Archives bid for £335.72 on the understanding that the other areas agree to the funding. The Wombwell Community Hall bid was put on hold until after January when the group will reassess its finances after the decision is made on the CGP and the Luncheon club. **ACTION-** Amanda to refer the WCH to Wendy Slater in the hope she might be able to help find a different funding source.

A.O.B.

Wombwell Park has been under attack from further vandalism, there has been cosmetic damage to the pavilion along with one of the post on the entrance to the park. Parks have been made aware of the situation.

Berneslai Homes have noticed an increase in Racial Abuse within the area, Jola has made posters that have been located in Take-away establishments highlighting numbers and services available for people who are victims of Racial and Hate crimes.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th January 6pm