



# Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 5:30 pm

## Virtual Teams Meeting

### Notes

Due to restrictions on meetings during the corona virus the Kingstone Ward Alliance will be conducting this meeting via Micro Soft Teams

1. Attendees: Cllr K. Williams (Chair), Tony Barraclough, Kelly Quinney, Peter Robertshaw, Florentine Booth-King, Stephen Bullcock, James Stephenson, Doreen Gwilliam
2. Apologies: Vera Mawby
3. Declaration of Pecuniary and None Pecuniary Interest: None declared
4. Notes & Matters arising from Previous Meeting:
  - Accepted as a true record:
  - Kelly has applied to the Shawlands Trust, Kevin informed her that the next meeting was not due till October, so she should have an answer then. – (this would be a very good way of supporting ore children in the YMCA allotments,
5. Ward Alliance Fund: Budget available: £9693.01
  - No WAF forms to be considered this month.
  - Florentine said that Elim Church is looking to apply for items to help them open up safely, Doreen will send the application for the Covid Resilience and Recovery funding that is being administered by BMBC and CVS. – this may be a more appropriate pot of funding for this kind of request. – We need to publicise the fund expecially to the groups who may not make it through lack of fund raising. **Action point: Doreen will send this application to groups in our area.**
6. KWA Priorities Updates and Actions:-
  - New priority leaflet: attached – I have tried to incorporate the agreed priorities into the existing priorities (for example I have added mental health in the heading of Health & wellbeing etc) info leaflet attached for discussion and amendments. – **Action Point: Doreen to make amends suggested, if anyone has any other amendments please let Doreen know.**
  - Central Area healthy holiday project – update
    - i. HOPE in the Community offer: Peter is using the healthy holiday funding to support 70 families, with 128 children. He will be delivering activity packs, art resource boxes and a £30 voucher to all the families who usually come to the Healthy Holiday Clubs in the summer. The voucher can be used in most shops and could help with necessary school items for the return to school. – Peter did say they would not be able to record what the vouchers are spent on but believes that most of the families will buy necessities.
    - ii. WCCA café offer: The ladies in WCCA Café are taking part in the Cookery project as well as giving a box of food and an activity pack to each of the 25 families who have been enrolled. - they are also setting a weekly family activity challenge to the families, this has included walking a certain number of kilometres in a week, exploring the local area green spaces etc. This week the challenge was to come to do a litter pick with Kingstone Ward Alliance,

and we had many of the families come (all stayed in their family groups and were directed to different streets in the area, all equipment was thoroughly cleaned once it was brought back). Next week I believe it is a bakery challenge.

- iii. Central area team cookery demos – This project has been particularly successful with up to 100 families taking advantage of getting a bag of ingredients for 2 family meals, with all the recipe cards. Families are encouraged to watch the live cookery demonstration on a Wednesday evening and send in their photos of the family cooking together. All people who send in a photo are enrolled into a prize draw. Kingstone have supported the live cookery demos very well with both Tony (our fantastic professional Chef) and Cllr Williams taking a slot each. There is a bit of a competition now as in the last week people are going to be asked to select their favourite chef to come back and cook on week 6, so look out for the competition soon. – All the people attending thought that this has been a great success, especially in light of the restrictions, it has been a good way of trying to engage with the families. **Action Point: Central team to do a bit of a publicity drive to showcase the fantastic work that has been done.**
- HOPE in the community Listening Service: Peter informed the Ward Alliance that the HOPE listening service is still on going, although they may need to recruit more volunteers, they have a number of regular clients who have an ongoing telephone befriending service and others who are one off callers. Peter is working with the Carers Garden mental health support service and will be supporting this service in the future, Doreen informed the group that Age UK have been particularly helpful over the last few months, helping with essential shopping and telephone befriending across the whole of the Central Area, they may be able to give some support to HOPE and Florentine mentioned that CVS are a great way to recruit volunteers. (Peter did say he is already in contact with the CVS for recruitment.
- Environmental activities:
  - i. Tony and Stephen have carried on doing a bit of litter picking throughout the lockdown period – A big thanks to both Tony and Stephen who have made a huge difference to the area.
  - ii. A group of residents in the Park Road area did a clean up – they borrowed the KWA equipment and brought it back afterwards. – Liam said the litter pick went very well, he is hoping to get some hanging baskets in the area if he can get shops to contribute. If they decide to form a regular group they may put in for some funding to purchase their own equipment.
  - iii. Love your street leaflet for Kingstone developed – attached – Stephen made some suggestions for improvement to the leaflet. The large waste removal service is a very good service that needs to be promoted. It would be better if there was a telephone number that could be used to order this service:  
**Action Point: Doreen will contact Neighbourhood Services to see if we can identify a telephone number that could be used for this service?**
  - iv. The Environmental sub group have met and agreed to try and do a few socially distant litter picks around the area.
    - 1. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Aug – Worsbrough Common 5:30 WCCA office Cllr Williams and Tony leafleted the area, Doreen informed the WCCA café girls to let their contacts know. (Flyer attached) This will be the first one we do in a socially distant way so we will need to make sure we are observing all the restrictions. – We managed to arrange that all the families stayed in the family groups and went to different streets in the area. We did not have any refreshments and people did not congregate afterwards.
    - 2. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug – Farrah Street – 5:30 Farrah St Park

- v. Education and training to try and stop the amount of litter: Stephen made the point that we do not seem to be making a difference to people's behaviour when it comes to littering and fly tipping. We need to get better as a Council to try and change the way people behave. Doreen informed the meeting that in the last 3 weeks since the enforcement team have started fining people again they have given out 9 fines in the specific area of Day St, Agnes Road, Spring Street etc. whilst this may make those who have been fined stop and think we may need to do a bit more publicity. Stephen and Tony were also concerned about fly tipping in the area, people seem to think it is OK to just put unwanted items on the road and then the Council will pick it up eventually, there needs to be more enforcement. One other area of contention is the leaving of full contaminated bins on site, this just causes more litter on the roads. **Action Point: Doreen will arrange a workshop/meeting with Sarah and the Cllrs and others to discuss all the issues to see if we can come up with some solutions.**
  - vi. Wild flower areas on verges coming into town. **-Action Point: Doreen will ask Sarah how Rotherham have done theirs and if it is something we can emulate especially down Park Road.**
7. Report from Central Area Council – Information and issues that effect Kingstone Ward: - Cllr Williams – The Central Area Council meeting is available to view on line if anyone would like to view it.
8. Any other business:
- Kelly said that watching facebook she has noticed that Malcolm Price has had memorial flowers stolen from Locke Park; Is there anything we can do to help him replace them? Kevin is part of the Friends of Locke Park group and will talk to Malcolm direct.
  - Stephen thought that some sort of memorial / reflection area in the park might be nice. Kevin informed the group that the council are planning something like this in the town centre, and that Locke Park are planning to put some new trails into the park
  - Tony asked about the Age UK pen pal project: Doreen has been in contact with Age UK, they are hoping to continue with the pen pal project but this will depend on the situation in school in September. They are also designing an information leaflet about services in the Kingstone Ward that can be sent/delivered to all older residents of the ward.
9. Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> September date, time and venue to be confirmed