



Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting

Thursday 2nd July 5:30 pm

Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Notes

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

1. Welcome and quick catch up:

- Cllr Kevin Williams, Tony Barraclough, Peter Robertshaw, Kelly Quinney, Florentine Booth-King, James Stephenson, Stephen Bullcock, Doreen Gwilliam
- Kevin agreed to chair the meeting. – Doreen to take notes
- The technology is new to us all so there were a couple of hitches whilst we got used to the system. This version of Zoom has a 40 minute deadline, but we were able to extend this for free.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary and None Pecuniary Interest:

- Peter is going to deliver a Healthy Holiday project, but he has external funding for his project.

3. Notes & Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **No meetings have been held since March -**

4. Ward Alliance Fund: Budget available: £10,163.01

- WAF applications to consider
 - Healthy Holiday Programme – Support for WCCA and HOPE in the Community. Peter has received funding from the Food Network, they will be giving out a voucher and art/sport activities to the families on their books. WCCA are interested in taking part in the Central Area Team Healthy Holiday idea (see details below) and may need some top-up funding
 - Central Area Healthy Holiday project: The idea is to prepare and distribute a bag of shopping (enough for 2 meals per week per family) together with recipe cards and access to an on-line cookery demonstration. (the shopping bags could hold other items such as activity packs, relevant information/advice etc). Families will be encouraged to get ideas for eating healthy using the resources provided. (possible target of 50 families per ward). In Kingstone we would work with WCCA to deliver this project – Peter's clients could also access the on line cookery demos. – We would need volunteers to do the cookery demos (12 demos in all) – Possibly Kevin and Tony from the Kingstone WA? The recipes would have to be healthy and relatively simple so any ideas would be gratefully accepted.

5. KWA Priorities to be discussed and agreed:

- **Post lockdown support for groups** – We have already supported two local bowling clubs who have been having financial difficulties keeping the club up and running because of the lack of income. Florentine thought that groups may need help with PPE and cleaning equipment. **Doreen has been in contact with a company who are making face shields, she will contact them to see if they can provide any for the groups in Kingstone to access.**
- **Mental Health:** The Ward Alliance supported HOPE in the community to develop their on-line support service. It is now up and running, volunteers are being trained and supported and they have 6 clients already. Some of the clients are dealing with very difficult mental health issues. We envisage that the lockdown will contribute to more difficulties, and the £10,000 that the Ward

Alliance has may not make a huge impact, we can however work with organisations who are supporting this agenda and help to promote services locally. **Florentine thought that an information leaflet sent to all the households in Kingstone could be a good use of funds: - WA to consider what kind of information would need to be on the leaflet and which households it would be delivered to.**

- **Social Isolation:** Central Area Council are looking at a contract to replace RVS for the whole of the area. A piece of research has been conducted to see what are the real issues around social isolation, this together with information derived from the Emergency contact centre can help to plan a contract that will help to reduce social isolation among older people in our area. In the mean time Social Isolation is a real issue in our ward, whilst the emergency contact centre has now been reduced the issues are still very much there. Age UK Barnsley have been helping with requests for befriending and shopping in our area, but do not have a specific contract with us to continue to do this work. – Kingstone Ward Alliance have already agreed 2 WAF projects with Age UK Barnsley, one of which will not be able to take place. **Doreen will contact Age UK to see if they have a leaflet that could be delivered to all the households in Kingstone to advise people of their services, (perhaps utilise the £900 for the Holiday at Home Scheme on this project).** Again Social Isolation is too big for the Ward Alliance but the Ward Alliance can support and promote projects in our ward.
- **Finance Advice:** The lockdown will have a lasting effect on the economy of the town and the ward. Many people may find themselves redundant once the furlough schemes come to an end. Again this issue is far too big for the Ward Alliance but we may want to promote projects that are giving financial advice to local residents.
- **Supporting young people:** The Central Area Council have agreed 2 contracts: One to deliver Youth work training for local groups, this is on hold for now; one to deliver some outreach youth work sessions in specific areas. The Ward Alliance will promote all projects and activities in the ward.
- **Environment:** It was agreed that environmental activities could take place in a socially distanced way. The Ward Alliance could deliver activities ensuring that people bring their own throw away gloves, equipment could be wiped down before and after the event and people can easily stay socially distanced throughout the event. Over the lockdown there has been some environmental activity across the ward. Tony has been going out on a regular basis and both Cllrs have been supporting other residents in the ward.

i. **Agreed to hold a virtual Environmental Sub Group meeting: Tuesday 7th July: 5:35 – Kevin, Tony, Steven, Florentine, Doreen (possibly Kath)**

6. Report from Central Area Council – Information and issues that effect Kingstone Ward: - Cllr Williams – See details above

7. Any other business:

- Florentine informed the group that ELSH have been supporting individuals throughout the lockdown, this has been mostly virtual support but has also been some help with shopping etc, they have just been successful in getting a small amount of funding from South Yorkshire Community Foundation.
- Kelly mentioned a level 3 forestry school qualification - £900.00 - This kind of project may become essential as we move forward much more outdoor work may need to be planned. **Kevin suggested that Kelly apply to the Shawlands Trust who can give out grants of up to £1,500.00 for individuals. Peter suggested that a Reaching communities application could be worked on. James also had some ideas.**
- YMCA Annual Report: Kevin informed the meeting that the YMCA have just released their annual report. The amount of work that they have done in these really difficult times is very impressive.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th Aug – If social distancing is still in place it will be a virtual meeting. – Kevin thanked everyone for their attendance.