

Notes for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance

Held on Wednesday 3 March 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Present

Cllr Nicola Sumner (Chair)	Rockingham Ward
Cllr Jim Andrews	Rockingham Ward
Cllr Chris Lamb	Rockingham Ward
Cllr Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton Ward
Cllr Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward
Cllr Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward
Allan Wood	Chair Owd Martha's Yard
Janet Cartwright	Treasurer Friends of Elsecar Park
Joy Hart	
Peter Latham	
Leanne Cook	Berneslai Homes
Julie Phillips	Birdwell Residents Alliance (The Wombles)
Kay Tinkler	Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (BMBC)
Dawn Grayton	BMBC South Area Team

Apologies

Ian Warhirst	Chair Hemingfield Action Group
Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
Kerry Thompson	Age UK
Stephen Chapman	Vicar Holy Trinity Church Elsecar
Joan Whittaker	

Welcomes and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Julie to the rest of the alliance.

Kay Tinkler – Neighbourhood Engagement Officer

Kay introduced herself and discussed her role in general, she shared key messages such as hands, face, space.

Kay visits small shops and businesses to check the owners understand the guidance and are adhering to social distancing measures.

As restrictions begin to ease Kay will be visiting Community Centres to ensure that venues are Covid safe as well as offering advice and support to re-open.

It was suggested that Kay may visit Elsecar Park as there have been some horrendous problems over the last few weekends with lots of people gathering.

Schools return on Monday, so steps are been taken to ensure that children and parents go directly from home to school and return home, no gathering at school gates. Kay is working with covid

marshalls to ensure guidance is observed. Kirk Balk have started covid testing twice weekly, she confirmed it is the lateral flow testing.

Community Groups who are still working are encouraged to attend the Metrodome for lateral flow testing, this will move towards home testing.

The alliance requested Kay's contact details should they need further support. Email Kay at KayTinkler@barnsley.gov.uk

The Chair thanked Kay for her contribution, and she left the meeting at this point.

Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 13 January 2021

The notes from 13 January 2021 was accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Update on Employability help

Dawn gave an update of the conversation she had previously with Anne Marie and Beverley Ellis from the Adult Learning and Employment Team. The Team have funding to be able to offer community-based job support. They prefer to offer drop in sessions but are concerned that these sessions are poorly attended. An undertaking was given that if the alliance decides to go ahead with this project it will be marketed in advance, a small budget can be used for this purpose. It is envisaged jobseekers from the two wards can attend 3 times during which they will be helped to create and format a CV, familiarise themselves with how to look for work online and have their basic skills assessed. The jobseeker will then be signposted on to the next stages, after they have completed these actions, they can return for another three sessions. The Team can link clients into basic level 2 training, maths, English and digital skills are currently offered free of charge. They also offer a wellbeing course which looks at confidence issues and interview skills. The alliance agreed to pursue this offer. A start date will be determined by current Government guidelines.

Update on Ward Alliance Budget

The current budget was discussed.

New Projects:

Hanging baskets - agreed

Suggestions for new projects

A Birdwell resident has recently approached the South Area Team and local Councillors to ask for a memorial to those that have died in the area due to Covid, her husband has recently died of Covid. Alliance members came up with a variety of suggestions such as a series of benches, a memorial garden on derelict ground tree planting with community involvement.

The Parks Team have already been contacted Birdwell and have suggested a tree and a plaque, but the resident doesn't appear to like that suggestion.

Having a smaller replica of the memorial in town was also suggested.

The group considered it important to have a memorial in both electoral wards.

The alliance is also in favour of a Winter Warmer event with a slipper exchange, something like the marketplace event we hosted last time which included information stalls. To consider using the market, although the library worked well.

Any Other Business

A question was asked about opening the parks for events, it was confirmed that the date for this was not known but we were not to encourage groups hosting large summer events.

Tidy Team. A discussion was had about the new contract with the new company.

Date of next meeting 5 May 2021

Due to the local election this meeting will be rescheduled to 19 May 2021 5pm. Venue to be confirmed.