

Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Monday 18th January 2016
The Hoyland Centre

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

Cllr. Chris Lamb chaired the meeting.

1. Report from Cllr. Stowe on Work of Area Council

It was agreed at the October meeting of the South Area Council that the Area Chair should visit each Ward Alliance to confirm the work the Area Council is doing. A number of the people sat around this table will know that a magazine was commissioned just before Christmas and delivered to every household. This gave examples of the good work taking place in community groups and organisations. Hoyland Milton/Rockingham Ward Alliance were represented. When Area Councils were set up, consultations were carried out at local events such as galas, a couple of years ago, and we ascertained the priorities that people who lived in the South Area wanted, which were improving the local economy, opportunities for young people, improving our local environment, access to local information, advice and some changes on the relationship between the Council and the community. We put forward a number of projects which have now been worked through and they can be seen in action. Without going into too much detail, but for example we have the Tidy Team - a fantastic project, we are developing quite a few organisations and volunteers, we have seen a massive number of litter picks and other environmental opportunities. We have also seen increased enforcement relating to dog fouling and littering. People are being fined and that money comes back in to the Area Council. We also have parking and that is part of the agenda to stop people illegally parking

but it does generate monies back in to this Area Council and, in effect, supports the Ward Alliances. We have the Welfare, Benefits and Debt Advice. Quite a number of people might not be aware of this, but they need to be if they are working with community groups and organisations. We have a project where Barnsley Welfare Benefits & Advice and Citizen's Advice are commissioned to come and they work out of Hoyland Centre on Monday afternoons and evenings doing welfare benefits and debt advice. They also operate from Wombwell Library and Darfield Sure Start. There is no doubt about it, this initiative has supported quite a number of people. Originally, when this was commissioned, it was thought we were going to develop "benefit scroungers" but the information is quite clear that the majority of people supported are mainly those with disabilities, older people or people on in work benefits. They have also prevented quite a number of people being made homeless and that saves the local authority a sum which I am lead is approximately £25,000 a time. It is estimated that over a period of two years a sum of approximately £2M has come into the local economy as a result of people claiming benefits to which they were entitled.

We also had opportunities for young people with the summer internship programme and have been working with Kirk Balk.

We surveyed a number of businesses to look at business needs and grow the economy. They identified training and development that they wanted and we set up courses for that business need. Unfortunately the take up wasn't as positive as we would have liked, given that the suggestion came from business in the first place. We have further plans in the pipeline and again it is looking at opportunities for young people and we are looking at mapping what is currently available in order to target our funding to give the necessary support.

2. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 19th October, 2015

The Chair drew to the attention of the meeting to the note added to the application from Friends of Hemingfield Colliery.

The notes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Update on HS2

Cllr Shepherd queried as to why this was on the agenda. Dawn explained that Kate Foulkes had been approached by Rachel from HS2 to ask whether we wanted an update as to where they were in planning. Cllr Andrews explained that there was one choice of station when it was first announced and that was Meadowhall. Since then Sheffield have had several surveys carried out on using the old Victoria Station as the preferred route. The cost of bringing that route in, which will come under ground somewhere near Dore, all the way through Sheffield City Centre, coming up at Midland Station will cost an extra £1B. They have been told by David Hickson, the chairman of the HS2 Board that there is no more money available, but Sheffield City Council are still pressing the case for. It is recommended that we put the offer of an update on hold until further information is available.

4. Tidy Team

Neil Spencer said that Tidy Team is a really positive experience for all concerned. There is an increased level of community engagement and I would still encourage anyone to give them a ring if there is any kind of green space environmental work to be carried out, particularly as Spring is approaching. The Tidy Team are a very enthusiastic group of people and they would love something creative to be involved in. Janet asked if they do tree planting as Friends of Elsecar Park have 100 trees which were

recently delivered. Neil responded by saying they will do anything at all, working alongside volunteers. Janet asked for a number she could ring to arrange and this was provided.

5. Promotion of Ward Alliance Funding

In the Hoyland Milton/Rockingham Ward Alliance we currently have £28547 remaining from our allocation. At the September meeting Cllr Lamb reminded people that the money is available. It does not improve our environment or our lives if it sits in the bank. That is not to say that we should squander it, but when talking to others in the community. He mentioned that he had been talking to a couple about the concept of a peace garden. Let us encourage people and groups to put some applications forward. You will also see from the Public Health funding that we have £9,100 surplus. Obviously that has to be focussed on health and well-being, but it is a fairly broad heading.

6. Ongoing Projects

Winter Warmer Packs

Dawn asked that her thanks be passed to those persons around the table who have so ably assisted her. As at the date of this meeting approximately 100 packs have been requested. Dave Graham requested information as to where the data has been collected from as when delivering letters they have come across properties that were unlikely to want to receive a winter warmer pack. Dawn responded by saying that she was aware that some of the addresses are adrift, and she has removed some from the lists. Neil asked what will happen in terms of distribution. He is aware that there have been offers from around this table. Dawn responded by saying that when they have a better idea of the take-up she will be in touch. They have had lots of offers, i.e. Churches Together, Sparkles have been in touch to say that they would look at distribution; Alison has been in touch as have the Tidy Team.

7. New Projects

Battle of the Somme Centenary

This is a schools project and remembrance event. You will see that the total cost of the project is £7,050 and this application has gone out to every Ward Alliance. Cllr Stowe informed the meeting that he had been informed that every Ward Alliance who have met so far has agreed it. Dawn informed the meeting that, in fact, three had rejected it and one was waiting to see what this group and Darfield decided. It was asked if the total cost was being requested from each Alliance or is it to be divided. Cllr Stowe said that they were asking for an equal share from each group of £335, which would mean £670 from us. Janet Cartwright asked if we knew which schools would be involved. Dawn responded by saying that this information is not available and that she had sent an email requesting this and if any of the schools are in our area. The attention of members was drawn to the exchange of emails sent out with the application. Cllr Franklin suggested that we should place a caveat on our response to say that we would be willing to contribute if any of our schools are involved, but if not then our response should be in the negative. Considerable discussion then took place.

Cllr Lamb said that we have three different proposals:

- a) Says that it is too late in the school year now as essentially the schools would not be able to engage in a meaningful way and, therefore, we should not support it.

- b) We have what is, in effect, a halfway house proposal which says that we should get further information and, if possible, bring it back to the March meeting or if it is time sensitive then an executive decision can be made by the Chair.
- c) The third suggestion is that we should just approve this regardless of whether children in our wards would be engaged in the activity.

A vote then took place with Andy Hodgkinson declaring an interest and abstaining.

The result of the vote was a majority for Option b.

Arts for Health

This is a social group for over 50's. It was asked that this be put back to the next meeting as the funding the group receives runs out at the end of February and unless they are successful in renewing this then the group will struggle to survive. Agreed to defer.

Sparkles

It was agreed that the application be accepted in all aspects with the exception of coach hire.

8. Results of Consultation Exercise

Members were asked to take the results of the consultation away with them and come back to the next meeting with their suggestions as to how this can be carried forward.

9. Any Other Business

- a) Andy Hodgkinson informed the meeting that he had obtained a defibrillator which can be used by the community whilst the club is open. Last year he went down to Wombwell to a first aid course organised for those in the community interested. Could he apply to the Alliance for funding under the Health budget if he arranged a course which included the use of the defibrillator? He was informed that it would certainly be considered.
- b) As there is a meeting of the Labour group on 1st March, councillors would not be available for the Ward Alliance meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the next meeting take place on Monday 7th March 2016.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th March 2016 – 17.00 hrs at Hoyland Centre

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 21st January 2016 @ 5.00pm
At Darfield Community Centre

Present: Cllr Pauline Markham, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), David Hildred, Geoff Hutchinson, Cllr Dorothy Coates, Margaret Barlow, Michael Fenna, Brian Moore, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Lee Parkinson, Barbara Tindle (Secretary),

In Attendance: Cllr. Mick Stowe (South Area Council).

A minutes silence was observed following the recent passing of Brian Key.

1. Introductions and apologies

Pauline welcomed Cllr Mick Stowe (South Area Council) and apologies received from Colin Ward

2. Ward Alliance Fund

An up-to-date Ward Alliance Fund Balance Sheet was viewed by members and Tanya explained that if all applications were approved this evening there would be a short fall of £637.

Applications

In view of a potential overspend, Pauline suggested that the Ward Alliance discuss each application first and prioritise them for consideration for funding to ensure that the remaining funds are allocated as fairly as possible. The Ward Alliance members agreed.

Houghton Main Cricket Club (£875.00)

The Alliance discussed the application and agreed that they have supported the club on previous occasions but that they were happy to continue with this support. If funds aren't available from tonight's meeting, the Club can always be invited to re-submit their application for the May meeting when hopefully further Ward Alliance funding would be available.

Barnsley Arts, Museums and Archives (£335.72)

Tanya gave a brief outline regarding this application. Funding applications had been submitted to all Ward Alliances to help fund this borough wide project and volunteers were already in place (13 volunteers carry out around 170 hours per month, although none of these volunteers are from Darfield). All local primary schools are invited to take part in the event on 1st July 2016. Tanya has had confirmation that the Darfield All Saints School has expressed an interest in being part of the project and the officer who is organising the project has strong links with the Darfield Museum.

The Alliance discussed the importance of children learning about their history and decided that a letter from the Alliance to all local schools would be sent encouraging the

schools to take part. The Alliance would also like to encourage for this work to be extended into Darfield itself by furthering the work within school (particularly to involve those children who are unable to attend the workshop) or by holding some kind of 'show and tell' event which invites the wider community to take a look at what the children have produced. Action: Tanya to pull together a letter and explore the idea of an event.

Billingley Village Community Association Ltd (£1840.00)

Brian and Michael declared an interest in the application and Brian gave a brief outline on how the funding would be used. The Alliance discussed the previous support given to Billingley and the importance of having disabled access. The Alliance is happy to further support the Association and its work. If like the Houghton Main application, funds are available from tonight's meeting, the group can be invited to reapply in the new financial year when hopefully, further funding will be available.

Green Space Volunteers (£1250.00)

Pauline gave a brief outline on this application and said that the volunteers were also willing to help out in other areas of the Ward. A discussion regarding the importance of all volunteers working together across the Ward Alliance sharing interests and expertise as well as equipment would be an excellent opportunity for community development.

A discussion with regards to public liability insurance for projects such as the Green Space Volunteers was raised. Tanya outlined that this was a grey area across the Borough and that the South Area Team is looking at ways in which we can address this.

Darfield Allotment Society (£7963.39)

Tanya gave a brief outline regarding this application. The funding is requested for the first phase of the Community Allotment (site clearance and securing the perimeter) and that volunteers are in place to start this project. The volunteers have made good links with other villages that have a community garden, who are happy to share their knowledge. It was acknowledged that the volunteer match for this application was short but that due to the nature of the first phase of this project, spend was always going to be front loaded. Volunteer time will rapidly increase once the site has been cleared and made secure and is in a position to engage the 27 new volunteers outlined in the application.

Funding applications were prioritised as follows:

1. Darfield Allotment Society (£7963.39) - the Alliance agreed to fund*
2. Barnsley Arts, Museums and Archives (£335.72) - agreed to fund
3. Green Space Volunteers (£1250.00) - agreed to fund
4. Billingley Village Community Association Ltd (£1840.00) – agreed to fund
5. Houghton Main Cricket Club (£875.00) – agreed to fund.

As mentioned by Tanya earlier in the meeting, there is a shortfall of £637 to fund all applications at the full amounts. The Darfield Councillors were all in agreement that this shortfall be funded out of their Devolved Ward Budget and be used as match funding

against the Darfield Allotment Society application reducing the Ward Alliance funding required for this down to £7,326.39.

3. Minutes of the last meeting 12th November 2015 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed

- Park Hill Clean Up – Caroline wanted it noted that there was no cost to this event.
- The Food Hygiene Course – the course was on the 4th December 2015 and was well attended by a majority of new volunteers.
- Community Buildings Audit – Lee and Pauline met with Jo Birch (BMBC) at the Cenotaph, Church Street, Darfield with a suggestion that the Tidy Team clean and tidy the area. Research into who owns the Cenotaph as well as a piece of land at the back of the cenotaph/library was raised. Funding would be needed to restore the cenotaph monument and to establish a peace garden with seating area and could possibly be a Ward Alliance project.
- Community Resilience Plan – Tanya updated the Alliance. Work has now started on pulling this together with the subgroup being tasked with helping to source rest centres and snow/flood volunteers.

4. Ward Alliance Projects

All projects were ongoing and needed developing to move them all forward. Caroline mentioned that planning will need to start soon for the Darfield Gala. This is to be put an agenda item at the next meeting. In the meantime, any arrangements can be made via email between Alliance members. Action: Caroline

5. Any other business

David raised the idea of having a Christmas Tree for Darfield. The Ward Alliance agreed to explore. Action: Dorothy to research costings etc. for the one put in at Grimethorpe last year.

Cllr Mick Stowe (Chair of the South Area Team) will attend the March meeting to give an update on the Area Council and Dan Wildsmith from Let's Grow to be invited to attend also. Action: Tanya

Tanya reminded the Alliance that with this year's Ward Alliance Fund now being fully allocated, any applications received for consideration at the March meeting can still be reviewed and agreed but in principle only subject to next year's budgets being agreed by Cabinet.

Tanya asked the members if they would be interested in organising some Winter Warmer Packs for people who are deemed to be in fuel poverty or Keeping older people safe. This is a project being delivered by the Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Ward Alliance and has been asked about by a couple of Darfield residents. Action: Tanya to collate more details for the next meeting for the Alliance to consider.

Geoff informed the members that there is a meeting on 2nd February 2016 for groups to find out more about the new Park Spring Wind Farm Community Funding at the museum. He has also been contacted by Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership over hosting a Website Development course they are hoping to run in the area. He also informed the members that South Yorkshire Foundation have funding available for local community groups.

6. **Dan Wildsmith from Let's Grow**

Unfortunately, due to illness Dan could not attend. Dan to be invited to the March meeting – Action: Tanya

7. **Date of next Meeting –**

Thursday, 17th March 2016, 5pm at Illsley Road Community Centre.

Thursday, 19th May 2015, 5pm at Illsley Road Community Centre.

Geoffrey sends his apologies in advance for the March meeting.

Pauline thanked Cllr. Mick Stowe for attending and all Ward Alliance members and closed the meeting at 6.30 pm.

Wombwell Community Alliance

Held in Library at 6pm on 12/01/16

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	
Joan Whitaker	We Love Wombwell
Paula	Markets
Jo	NCS
Hannah	NCS

1. Apologies

John Cooper, Richard Ulyott, Jola Walker.

2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were recorded as a true recorded.

A meeting has been arranged for members of the alliance to go to the Cortonwood Luncheon club on the 25th January 2016 at 2:30pm. **ACTION-** Brian, Amanda and Joan to attend the meeting.

High street planning mix up with dates so still awaiting second quote.

3. National Citizen Scheme (NCS)

The NCS have funding until 2020 and have come to the alliance to help with volunteering projects.

Will need projects for mid-July- end of August and also would like projects for 2 groups in Spring and Autumn.

There is a possibility for peer mentoring.

The cost of the scheme is £50 per person but there are bursaries in place to help people.

The group would like the first group to have a project by 27th June.

ACTION- Amanda to gather project ideas and work with Jo at NCS.

4. Christmas Market Update

Market was a success, the Alliance would like to thank Santa, the Elves and also the street entertainers. Also they would like to give special thanks to the Tidy Team and also The Carpet man for supplying the carpet for the grotto.

5. Future Markets

It was decided that 4 Markets was too many.

Markets on a Thursday are the better dates, however the Christmas market to be on Saturday.

Since the craft market, there has been a lot of interest from craft people.

Look at having the fashion market on either 16th or 23rd June preferably 23rd June.

Christmas Market ideally on 3rd December.

Spring Market (with Gardening idea) 19th May.

ACTION- General Market sub group to help arrange the markets.

6. Community Gardens

In the costings this includes parking for 6 cars, access by a 8ft locked gate.

Year 1 set up a management group with the help of Amanda, Jola and Alan.

Berneslai Homes are to pick up the ongoing water bills. However the initial water supply will cost £5000 from the initial budget.

There will be a meeting in the early February.

The proposed site is well drained and just needs an access road.

The group will continue to work with ground works to look at other people to take over plots as and when they become available.

The alliance provisionally approved a bid of £8000.

7. Tidy Team Update

The Love Barnsley magazine went out in December.

Kings oak footpath needs clearing as there is a lot of waste in the area.

The tidy team are still working with Flex to clear the section near McDonalds.

8. Treasurers Report

It was decided that the Alliance will ring fence £400 from the remaining Christmas left over budget for next year's event.

A decision was made that if the remainder of the south area teams agreed to funding the Battle of the Somme projects the Alliance would back track on their initial decision and agree to giving the money.

A.O.B.

The Alliance would like to buy more metal notice boards.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 6pm

Tuesday 10th May 6pm