

Wombwell Ward Alliance

Notes from meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021

Present: Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Higginbottom, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Community Reps: Carmel Seston, Keith Seston, Sabeena Chavan, Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Daniel Higgins, Sam Higgins.

Guest: Wendy Twigg

Apologies: Leanne Cook, Steve Whittingham, Margaret Morgan.

Cllr Eastwood standing in for the chair and welcomed everyone. Introductions took place for the new members Cllr Higginbottom and Dan & Sam Higgins and Wendy Twigg (South Area Council Commissioned project)

1. Notes from last meeting were accepted as a true record (CS /SC)
2. Matters arising Amanda informed the group that the free standing sanitizers had been ordered.
3. Wendy Twigg from the South Area Tidy Team.

Wendy informed the meeting that over the past few weeks they had contacted numerous groups across Wombwell. A meeting had taken place with Lucy Raynor (South Area Council Private housing & environment officer) to discuss targeted areas of the Ward that needed long-term improvements. Blythe St is to be addressed first. This street has a good number of private landlords and has issues with waste and littering. The Tidy Team would conduct a clean-up of waste and litter from the area involving residents and volunteers from a wider area. Wendy explained that the tidy team are keen to work with the Ward Alliance and to hear about any future projects they can get involved in.

Questions were raised about this issue of short term lets in this area and the general turnover of tenants. Education for tenants re correct use of bins and reminding tenants of their responsibilities.

Summer lane Wreck was identified as an area that needing tidying up. Wendy went on to explain that they don't just go in to do litter picks, they like the added value they can bring to an organised litter pick e.g. path clearing, shrub pruning etc.

Action Amanda to forward the tidy teams contact to Ward Alliance members

Cllr Frost and Wendy Twigg left the meeting.

4. South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Ignite - Project for young people.

Last year the WA were in the final stages of securing an Arc course with SY Fire Service which was postponed due to the pandemic. SY Fire Service are now revamping this course

and it is now called the Ignite programme. This mini firefighting course due to the effects of this past year is focussing on developing resilience and coping mechanism of young people targeting the more vulnerable pupils at High School. It is not as prescriptive as the previous ARC course (achieving, resilience & confidence) and the content can be more flexible to meet the needs of the targeted group. for example, if anti-social behaviour is a problem content can be tweaked to address this issue, and likewise for getting into cars, knife crimes, gangs' issues.

We are currently waiting for Leanna Morton the Sheffield Watch manager and coordinator of the programme to get back to us re delivery. At present she is having problems with availability at the local fire station for course delivery. The cost of the course is on par with the ARC course and should be around £2500 to £3000 depending on size of group.

Action Amanda to organise meeting between Leanna and her team and Councillors to discuss further.

Cllr. Higginbottom informed the meeting that when meeting the public he came across the issue for the need for after school provision for SEN children. Cllr Higginbottom to investigate this further and bring findings to the next meeting.

5. Budget- AB informed the meeting that we have £18,500 in our budget. There were no funding applications.

Discussion took place regarding allocating a training budget to cover training for WA members and volunteers from community groups. Luncheon club food safety certificates would be expiring soon and volunteers from FOWP have also requested food safety training. Action AB to investigate training needs and costings with a view to pulling together a funding application

6. South Area Council Update – Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that the Post Office would be moving temporary into the old Yorkshire Bank building from 18/05/21. It will be a full-service Post Office. The SAC funding to open the library on Wednesday afternoons will no longer be needed.

The South Area Council had purchased a wide lens long range camera to be used across the South Area by SY police to capture off road bikers. The police have been informed of all the hot spots. This initiative working alongside improved intelligence, increased reporting and signage has had a positive impact in catching the culprits and increased numbers of bike seizures. SC raised her concerns about off road bikers tearing around the park. Cllr Higginbottom informed the meeting that he had a introductory meeting with SY police and he would bring up the issues raised here today.

7. A.O.B

The Ward Alliance all supported the idea of hosting a thankyou event for all volunteers. Alongside the volunteers running our community groups, over this past year we have seen a vast number of residents just going out on doing litter picks on the streets, TPT and our green spaces. We would like to recognise their contribution and community

resilience by inviting them to this event. AB asked for WA members who would like to be involved in organising this event to get in touch and a meeting can be arranged.

8. Date of next meeting Monday 19th July 6pm. At present Ward Alliance meetings will still be going ahead via Microsoft teams.