

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**In attendance:** Mike Fenna, John Davies, Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Trevor Smith, Cllr Kevin Osborne and Tanya Dickinson

**Guests:** John and Wendy Twigg – Twiggs South Area Tidy Team

### **1. Welcomes and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and a round of introductions made. Cllr Markham congratulated Cllr Osborne on his appointment as the newly elected Councillor for the Darfield ward.

Tanya informed the Alliance that Margaret Barlow has decided not to reaffirm her membership. Margaret has been with the Alliance since day one and will be missed. A letter of thanks and some flowers to be arranged – **Action: Tanya**

#### Apologies:

Colin Ward and Brian Moore.

### **2. Twiggs South Area Tidy Team**

Both John and Wendy have come along tonight to introduce themselves as the new service provider for the Tidy Team contract. Arrangements for supporting individuals who are litter picking were discussed along with other areas of work being delivered by the Tidy Team. Details of work being undertaken can be found on their Facebook page, Twiggs South Area Tidy Team.

Contact details for the Tidy Team to be shared with the Ward Alliance - **Action: Tanya**

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The previous notes were agreed as a true record.

#### Matters arising:

- As a thank you for her contribution, a bunch of flowers have been sent to Barbara following her resignation from the Alliance. Tanya has since spoken with Barbara who really appreciated the gesture.
- Community Defib – the allocated WA funds for this project haven't been needed due to Smart Door Solutions installing this completely free of charge at their premises. The company has also agreed to act as the guardian and paid the £500 contribution needed to cover the cost of the equipment. This life saving piece of machinery is now fully operational. Some of the allocated funds (£600) will be kept back to cover the cost of any replacement pads / batteries but the bulk of it will be returned to the main pot. The Alliance asked for some flowers to be arranged to thank the business for their ongoing support – **Action: Tanya**
- Covid-19 Support Packs – These support packs have gone out to several community groups in the area. There are still some supplies available. If anyone knows of a group who would welcome some PPE / signage / floor stickers, please ask them to contact Tanya. **Action: All**

#### 4. Ward Alliance Fund

The current balance stands at £13,471. This will increase once the above Community Defib monies are returned giving us a balance of £14,871.

No funding applications have been received for consideration at this meeting.

#### 5. Ward Alliance Projects

**Healthy Holidays** – No provision has been arranged for the Spring half term. There is a roll over budget of £3,600 from last financial year.

Looking towards the summer months, Tanya asked the Alliance to consider potential ideas for supporting local families during the school summer holidays which will complement the Council's core Healthy Holidays programme. Any activity is subject to the latest government restrictions and will need to be delivered in close partnership with colleagues in Events / Parks.

Tanya has thought about exploring pre-bookable table tennis sessions in local green spaces, a Darfield 'Staycation' Family Fun Day where families can book onto a workshop offering sand art and other seaside themed activities, as well as running a campaign to encourage local community groups to apply to the WA for funding to deliver their own sessions. Not only would this provide activities for families but will also help promote local groups to the wider community. Anyone wanting to help plan these events, please let Tanya know. Points to note: If using parks, we would need to make sure they are tidied prior to the event. We also need to ensure that we strongly promote that these events are being funded by the WA.

Tanya to explore further – **Action: Tanya**

#### Hanging Baskets

A total of 20 baskets are being sponsored across all identified areas; Church Street/Snapehill Road/Garden Street, Morrison Road, Barnsley Road/Bly Road and Rotherham Road in Middlecliffe. DWA has sponsored 3 baskets. The baskets will go up the first 2 weeks in June.

#### Community Assets Trail

Tanya would like to explore developing a trail which takes in local community assets with a view of promoting these to local families as well as encouraging family walks. This would be a great way to highlight the work of community groups, volunteers as well as local green spaces and points of interest. Members of the Alliance felt that this was a good idea likening it to the successful Beat the Street and Geocaching. The suggestion of offering a small reward for children taking part was made. Idea to be explored further – **Action: Tanya**

#### 6. Time to Reflect and Recharge

- An annual report (attached) has been produced containing infographics on the work carried out by the Alliance during 2020/2021. Despite Covid and everything this has thrown at us the Alliance has achieved some great things. Tanya to use the report to showcase the work of the Alliance via social media – **Action: Tanya**
- 2021/2022 Membership – Due to recent resignations we are now short on members. Our governance states that we should be operating with a suggested minimum of 6 community

representatives. Confirmation has been sought that we are ok to continue as we are in the short term due to all decisions being documented openly and transparently. A recruitment drive will shortly be underway to increase membership. Alliance members to help spread the word and share any social media posts (Barnsley South Area Team) **Action: All**

- Community Listening – During the summer months, the South Area Team are planning on being out and about talking to residents and having conversations to help inform future work. Anyone interested in being part of these conversations, please let Tanya know.

#### **7. Any other business**

None.

#### **8. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm**. Due to continued restrictions, this meeting will remain virtual. It is recognised that this day and time will need to be revisited once new members are on board to make the meeting more accessible to those who are working.

It is hoped that the September meeting will be held in person but offer the option for people to join virtually if they wish. A discussion took place around rotating the location of Alliance meetings moving forward in-order to support all community venues.