



Notes from Wombwell Ward Alliance meeting

Held virtually on 19th July 2021

Present: Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Higginbottom, Dan Higgins, Sam Higgins, Chelsey. Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Apologies: Cllr Frost, Sabeena Chavan, karen Whiting, Leanne Cooke (Berneslai Homes), Steve Whittingham.

1. Notes of last meeting/matters arising.

Query re new date for the Blythe St clean up with the Tidy Team. AB informed the meeting that new dates of availability had been emailed to the Tidy Team Action AB to chase up. Notes were passed as a true record.

- 2. Ward Alliance members profile. Cllr Higginbottom informed the meeting of his idea of creating a member's profile to make the wider public more aware of the Ward Alliance and its members and the work we do in the local community. This has already been carried out in other Wards and has been successful. It may attract more members onto the Ward Alliance. Cllr Higginbottom is happy to lead on this and he would create and circulate a questionnaire for members to fill in which will introduce who you are, groups or activities you are involved in.**

Action Cllr Higginbottom to contact members who aren't at this meeting to ascertain their views and proceed if in agreement.

3. Project updates

AB went through the summer timetable that WA members had received. Most of the planning had now been completed and volunteers had come forward to assist with the sessions. Members present also said that they would help out where they can

AB informed the meeting that Forge Community Partnership would be using the Pavilion for a base the Summer Camps funded by Central Government. These camps are in place of the good food boxes that children on free school meals had been receiving during the Easter & Spring breaks. The camps run for 5 days per week for 5

weeks of the summer holidays. Eligible children must register to take part. AB has explained to the CEO of Forge CP that the pavilion has always been used for WA summer activities and they are going to work round our family fun session days.

Community Listening. This is a boroughwide activity led by Area Teams. The goal of this exercise is to hear what people say about their experiences and issues, thoughts and desires for their community post pandemic. This should steer us in future planning for the Ward Alliance, Area Council and the Council.

There are 4 key questions

What do you love about uour community?

What is needed now and in the future in your community

What would add to the quality of life in your community

Looking forward how will our life be different as a result of Covid

The questionnaire is anonymous, and participants will be entered into a free prize drawer. There will be pop up events in local parks, High St, visits to community groups, chats to WA members and people can do the survey online.

Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that Wombwell Community Lunch club will reopen on Thursday 5th August. Cllr Higginbottom and Sam & Dan our new WA members were invited for lunch. Dan offered to do some volunteering at the lunch club.

Wombwell Park, Sabeena has now taken over the full role of the Chair and has been very busy over the past few weeks since Carmel left for pastures new. Monthly clean ups have been organised with the Tidy Team and links have been made with the volunteer coordinator who has organised volunteers from ASOS to help out on these days. The volunteers from FOWP also carry out clean mornings most Tuesdays and they had a few new volunteers join them.

The FOWP are continuing to work with Gavin Hardy of the RHS on a project to improve the planting area around the main park entrance. Jo Birch from Parks is also planning some improvements for the park. The group have also entered ...Yorkshire in Bloom.

Carmel is going to be missed but it is obvious that the good work is going to carry on with the Chair and volunteers. The FOWP are looking at opening the pavilion up at least one morning a week to sell refreshments to park visitors as a way of raising funds for the group. This has been agreed with Jo Birch (parks).

Thank you for volunteering event. Cllr Eastwood reported back from the first planning meeting. Date has been set for Wednesday 22nd September 5.30to 7.30pm Venue St Michaels. A list is currently being drawn up of community groups & individuals to invite. Action AB to contact Tidy Team re active individual litter pickers.

Invites to be sent out to group leaders with RSVP for numbers/members of their group attending.

Invites to be sent out to individuals.

There will be a trophy of some sort for groups and everyone will receive a badge with WA logo on and thank you for volunteering on.

Buffet is to be provided currently looking for recommendations.

4. Funding applications/Budget.

There are no funding applications. There is £18,500 in the WA budget and £2700 in our HH budget.

5. A.O.B.

Adopt Wombwell Station: AB has been contacted by Catherine Ashworth Community Rail office for SYPT. Catherine is asking our help to promote Adopt a Station project for Wombwell Station. This project has been rolled out to number of stations managed by Northern Rail (Elsecar Station is one of them). The aim of the project is that a community group is formed from local people, interested parties and working alongside the Community Rail officer they work on making the station a more welcome place for passengers. A £500 grant is given to the group each year via Northern rail and the project is designed by the group Examples could be flower beds, art works depicting life in Wombwell, or a biodiversity element the direction is decided by the group. As part of the project a notice board is erected on the Station platform which we can use to promote our activities. 2 complimentary rail tickets are also donated to the group members. Please circulate this information and pass on contact details of interested parties to Amanda. The project will also be promoted by facebook.

Lundhill Gates Consultation. A consultation is currently underway for residents living in Lundhill with regard to the gates that have been put up by BMBC parks. The Councillors would like residents' views on what they want regarding times for unlocking/locking the gates/should they be left open all the time. If you know of anyone living in this area, please do get them to get involved with the consultation. Contact Cllr Higginbottom

Weeds Blitz. This has been ongoing during the summer by Neighbourhood services. However, some areas still need to be tackled but the delay is due to staff been redeployed to help out other service who are experiencing staffing problems due to staff isolating. E.G. Neighbourhood services staff helping with bin collections. Hopefully the programme will restart asap. Any issues please contact one of your Councillors

As we know Carmel & Keith Seston have now moved out of South Yorkshire. They have only been Ward Alliance members for just over 2 years but during this time they have made a massive impact in our Community. They have worked tirelessly on several Ward Alliance projects as well as starting up a walking group, chairing the FOWP group and helping with too many to mention litter picks. The Ward Alliance would like to acknowledge all their good work and wish them well in their new location. Action AB to forward on a thankyou card.

Date of next meeting Monday 20th September 6pm