

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	8 th July 2021 9.30am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Neil Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Dorothy Coates – Elected Member Alan George – Snap Tin Community Hub Carole Hoyland – BODVAG Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Sadie Youel – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Darry Hand – Neighbourhood Engagement officer – Dearne Area Team Guest speaker - Laura Sharman – BMBC – Section 106 Guest speaker - Lorna Lewis – SYFAB – funding Officer	Cllr May Noble – holiday Vicky Cuming – holiday Mick Moore – Couldn't access teams Pat Hubery – Couldn't access teams Alison Sykes – Couldn't access teams

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Neil Danforth opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

Laura Sharman from BMBC gave a brief understanding of the section 106 monies available to each area of the Dearne and how community groups could work with the area teams to apply for funding on public open spaces, currently in Dearne South is £6073 left available to be spent. AG asked about who and where the previous monies had been spent, Laura will send out copies of all expenditure to the WA after the meeting. Cllr Coates enquired about why local Cllrs aren't aware of monies spent and what is available to them, maybe looking at having a panel of individuals from the WA and local people together with Sadie and some other members to help with putting some programmes together that work in other areas of Barnsley.

Lorna Lewis from SYFAB has been in post 4 weeks replacing Karen Walke gave a brief introduction of her role and how supporting smaller local groups in Dearne South or newly start-ups who are wanting help with getting them off the ground after COVID19. She advised the WA to seek help from CVS and make sure all our groups have access to localised funding from SYFAB by registering themselves. Anyone requiring help with funding applications can also speak to her direct. She is also looking to have regular workshops and one to one drop ins locally to help groups get back to what they do best running projects and initiatives for the local people and communities. AG stated the Snaptin would love this, also DH would like this for Shaw Foundation, DC asked if funding workshops could be available to help with training for individuals too. Lorna's working week is Tuesday – Thursday 7am – 4.30pm

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

AG moved the minutes of the last meeting as a true record and CH seconded them.

Hanging Baskets - Marie added the hanging baskets are all in place with the plaques, many people have stated how wonderful and bright they look at a great addition to all areas of the Dearne. Planning for 2022 will begin in January 2022 to ensure all the work can be completed in time for early summer installations.

Renaissance centre was discussed regarding the structural survey in which AG gave an update on the paperwork that Malcolm had sent to him. The paperwork will be handed out to all WA members and Area team as no one is qualified to enable this to be sufficed it was agreed Marie would email for assistance from planning/Assets to see if anyone can help put the matter straight, so if the building is safe to work in then the WA are happy to release the £1800 for the IT suite to go ahead. AG read out briefly that the papers received were reinstatement costs assessment which is 20 pages long and just mentions about the rebuild costs if anything was to happen to the building and needed to be rebuilt. 3.7m was the costs quoted. No one in the WA was up to speed on this kind of work so no comments or discussions were had. Marie asked for the receipt for the £1500 for the costs of whatever it is that has been completed, so this could be reviewed and referred once again to next meeting. DC enquired about a local group wanting room hire and a facility but stated Malcolm hadn't been very forthcoming with the information - can this be something someone could help him with – AG asked if Darryl, Sadie would help with Cllr Coates together to see what is required for future support to the caretaking and management of the build for usage in the community post covid

4. *Finances*

AG update the meeting on the finances.

£6724.96 balance in working funds

£1,500 Goldthorpe Library (arts & crafts / children's fun activities after school projects

£1,400 Health Holidays feeding the families

£1,800 restricted spends on IT for the Renaissance Centre.

£2,000 Mental Health & wellbeing summer activities COVID19 recovery in the community (Sadie)

£68.96 surplus funds

Ward Alliance funding no applications have been received balance CF £7017.72

5. *Updates*

COVID19 – Darryl Hand Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (NEO) – newly into post is duties are heavily around COVID19 support & advice not only to businesses and community groups but individuals in the community of Dearne South too. Darryl gave a brief outline of his daily duties adding this is so interesting and great just loves going out and being with the community and people he knows and loves in life. As he has only been in post 4 weeks Darryl has already made new relationships with local businesses who have given him lots of support too, he has given lots of advice on COVID19 safety measures and the restrictions guidance to local businesses, especially on the ones with a language barrier, himself been able to ensure PUBLIC HEALTH Barnsley knew of some businesses in Dearne South who haven't read the literature sue to not reading the English language correctly this was rectified and sorted they thanked Darryl for his help and the fact going over and above his duties in the community. 540 lateral flow testing kits have been handed out with the WA been advised local pharmacies can give these to the public for free too, he always encourages everyone to make sure they spread the word on getting Jabbed and getting tested if they come down with any signs of COVID19.

Discussions around the drop-in vaccine clinic on Saturday 17th July for 18+ between 9.30am – 4.30pm.

Darryl also stated that the signage and posters are readily available for businesses to ensure they are covid secure and PPE is available for community and voluntary groups, it was also encouraged to report cases of graffiti or stickers from 'anti-vaxers' that had seen an increase in the communities overall.

BOGDAV – CH planting in St Andrews Square had taken place, big thankyou to Marie for sorting the hanging baskets many have commented on them and asking BODVAG for plaques for next year. CH stated they are looking at holding a Xmas fayre outdoors if possible, further information ill be added to this at next meeting after next round of restrictions been lifted.

Big Local -AG All plans for the re-launch were held on Mon 21st June with Mayor of Barnsley attending but due to restrictions on numbers the rebranding big launch will be 8th August (all welcome if numbers are open to all) Funding had been awarded to several projects including fishing for all on brick ponds, Bowling Green for spiker machine, embankment for sessional worker on site, first aid course for GPCC Julie Turner to ensure that all events would be covered by a first aider from the churches together in future if possible. Twiggs were also awarded funds to run some AQA with the Dearne ALC on the embankment doing environmental projects.

6. A.O.B.

Sadie said a big thankyou personally to Alan George & Cllr Coates for their help at the transition day it was invaluable.

Community Notice boards all up to date but Sadie is requesting the information on all WA members so this can be displayed for recruiting of new members to the board.

Summer plans – due to covid19 Sadie stated there would not be as many projects and sessions due to planning and her been part time and availability on other projects she had been working on throughout these past few weeks. She has spoken to Ian Chappel regarding some FREE family bowling sessions, Karate at Prospect Road CC, and Pilates for the elderly in which she would speak to CH regarding the tenants at Willowcroft and Heathercourt to see about some light armchair sessions to help them with coming outside and coming together once able to.

Darryl mentioned MP John Healy has been working with Shaw Foundation & Twiggs to help get the Dearne cleaned up so if anyone knew of any hotspot areas to let him or John Healy or Twiggs know, and they will add to their Friday lists.

7. *Date and time of next meeting*

Thursday 26th August 9.30am (Teams or face to face if allowed)