

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	3 rd August 2021

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Annette Gollick – Elected Member Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Pauline Phillips – Thurnscoe Flower Park volunteer Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association Jenny Yates - Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Darryl Hand – NEO Neighbourhood Engagement Officer New WA member Glennis Lingard - resident New WA member Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Guest Speaker Lorna Lewis (South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau)</p>	

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Gardiner welcomed everybody to the meeting

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 North 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. CW stated the Statin House would love this and agreed that Lorna could hold surgeries there if required. JK also agreed that Salvation House could be used as a venue as well.

Lorna's working week is Tuesday – Thursday 7am – 4.30pm

2. **Apologies**

See above.

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

Marie will update on the hanging baskets & health & wellbeing project at the next meeting, a youth provision report will also be given to all WA members from the evaluations over summer.

4. Finances

JY – Dearne North WA balance £5,6882.92

CW – finance balance from working funds £5650.00 committed expenditure: £1500.00 Thurnscoe Library (arts & crafts) £1400.00 healthy holidays, £1500.00 Community Assets/environmental, £2000.00 mental health & wellbeing (already spent £750.00 on Boxing bootcamp, Bowling & room hire)

CW – 4 signatures now on the treasurer (Charlotte, Jackie, Pauline & Cllr Cain)

One application submitted from Shaw Alliance to purchase litter picking equipment for them and the community volunteers also marketing materials - £693.00 – **unanimously vote YES**

5. Group Updates

5.1 Dearne Memorial Group

PS - The Website has been very busy with family searches and requests for Maps of grave locations, I had an email from a Lady who was in Hospital who sadly had a miscarriage I was able to help her through the difficult period. The lady wanted to know if she could get a Certificate of proof of birth, I contacted the Crematorium Office and they told me to tell the lady to phone Claudia who does Bereavement Counselling, I contacted the lady and told her what to do. I get so many emails looking for Babies and when I get a result is great.

The New Web Site has hit a few problems, but they are getting sorted one by one.

5.2 Big Local

DB – issues on the plaza development with planning from Barnsley Council now insisting that the trees surrounding the area where the Plaza will be built need a surveyor’s report in which BLT have had to pay for a company in Doncaster to come and survey the area. Assistance from Cllr Gardiner may be required but due to him been unwell Derek has resisted to ask for his guidance. Disappointment within the group as Freestyle should have been starting with the foundations now.

The floral displays are looking splendid and due to the changes in the weather are in full bloom as are the raised beds which are growing well with the plants and wildflowers.

The attendance at Phoenix park was excellent with many of the families engaging with the BLT stall

The summer newsletter has been delivered.

5.3 Thurnscoe Flower Park

PP – Not much to update due to weather, volunteering weekly with usual volunteer, Keepmoat funding was a bit tricky at getting drawn down, application submitted to Barnsley in Bloom. Pauline stated that there is a need for a slide in the children’s play area.

5.4 Station House

CW – Holiday club is up and running with good numbers,

Healthy holidays with activities making the most of the outdoor play equipment thanks to the Coalfields funding and lovely dry weather of late this initiative is for any families finding themselves in food/fuel poverty or free school meals.

The school uniform project has started up this year named ‘uniform fairy’ a bin has been placed outside Station House for anyone to drop off any kind of uniforms for any of the schools in the Dearne area.

5.5 Salvation Army

JK – any families or individuals can now book 15-minute slots for advice on debt, house issues, tenancy (appointments needed due to demand been so high) Warm homes team are having regular drop ins to assist families on saving money on their bills (once per month)

Victory programme has started up

Jackie has requested more tabled and chairs due to a mix up over finance, Marie has submitted another application to COVID19 support fund awaiting response from Finance.

Jackie is happy to drop food parcels off to Station House to assist in family support with food & fuel poverty over the summer holidays

Cllr Gardiner wanted to thank Jackie & Alison for all their hard work they do in the community, everyone agreed.

5.6 Berneslai Homes

Marlborough Lansdown Road into phase 2 of the consultation, planters maybe removed as maintaining them isn't an option due to the disrepair. Walkabouts have been set back up with a good turn out and Q&A sessions with local people. TARA has been a success there's a meeting in 2 weeks to plan what's happening in the future. Gillian stated she is happy to support the Bowling Green in Thurnscoe – Marie to update on her return.

6. A.O.B.

Darry Hand – Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (Dearne Area Team) Darryl introduced himself as the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Dearne and explained his role in covid recovery and supporting businesses to be covid secure. Darryl explained his work in encouraging people to shop locally as businesses were closing and more people reluctant to shop, since the pandemic as we move into recovery.

Darryl explained that PPE was available to all community and voluntary groups, including masks, sanitiser, visors, gloves, and wipes. Informed everyone procedure for ordering PPE.

Darryl informed everyone about local drop-in clinic for vaccine and where to find information on upcoming clinics. Darryl explained about the drop-in clinic upcoming at the Goldthorpe Centre and the ongoing ones at Priory Campus.

Darryl gave statistics on vaccine uptake and explained the demographics around poor uptake. He asked for people to spread the message across people in the 18-20 demographic.

7. Date & Time of next meeting

Tuesday 21st September 2021 2pm