

Wombwell Ward Alliance

Notes from meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021

Present: Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Higginbottom, Dan Higgins, Sam Higgins, Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Sabeena Chavan, Theresa A. Jamie Hinton-Wardle, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Guests: Fiona O'Brien, Teresa Williams (BMBC Principal Towns)

Apologies: Leanne Cook (Berneslai Homes), Steve Whittingham

1. Cllr Frost opened the meeting and welcomed the new members Theresa & Jamie and introductions were made.
2. Notes last meeting – matters arising.

Cllr James Higginbottom raised the matter of Ward Alliance members profile stating that he would be contacting members personally to get their views.

Brenda informed the group that there was capacity for the luncheon club to take on new members, numbers have dropped because of the pandemic and members still feel uneasy about coming out. Action: AB to do a poster for the luncheon club.

Notes were accepted as a true record

3. Project Update: - Newly formed High St Business group - Theresa informed the meeting that the group was for anyone who has got a commercial business in Wombwell and everyone who had was welcome to join them. There are 13 members now. Key issues they are wanting to address is bringing footfall back onto the High St, and bringing a permanent Post Office onto the High St. Theresa informed the group that their next meeting was on 27th September and WA members were invited.

Principal Town's: Fiona informed the meeting that they are still addressing the tendering process. Still in negotiations to purchase back the toilet block. Next stage of the project is to encourage new businesses to take up empty new units. There is a £5,000 grant for new businesses accessed through BBIC and there is also a window grant. Contact Fiona for more information on this.

Fiona circulated the Wombwell Investment plan stating that this is a working document and can be amended at anytime to address outcomes from consultations. Action AB to send Fiona Ward Alliances email addresses so she can circulate this document.

Discussions re the Burton Building Informed it is in the 2nd Phase of the Town Investment plan. Plans will be ready for bidding for funding for Wombwell.

Question Theresa raised the idea of engaging young people to work with local artists to improve the look of the shop shutters

Question raised re having more cash machines on the High St.

High St Christmas Event – AB informed the group of interest shown via local residents in a Sponsor a mini-Christmas tree for the lamp posts. Cost of tree, lights, battery replacement, brackets & small plaque is £95. Alliance agreed to promote the project to public at a cost of £75. Action AB to put post of facebook and get groups to share.

Discussion took place re Alliance's lamp post motifs and Christmas tree. Ward Alliance have 16 lamp post motifs which cost £2400 to put up plus cost of Christmas tree £200 + switch on cost of £150. It was agreed that with the support of the High St Business group we would try to get some sponsorship from local businesses towards this cost. AB + Cllr Eastwood are meeting with Street lighting to look at extending the Christmas lamp post display beyond the precinct. It was agreed to host the High St Christmas event on Saturday 4th December. A planning group will be formed to discuss things in more details. Action AB to notify markets, events team, and Tidy team of the date.

Volunteers 'thank you' evening on 13th October. Invites are going out, room is booked (St Michael & Angels and we are looking at an entertainer. Locally based caterer is to be approached and plaques are nearly ready to be ordered once funding has been confirmed. AB thanked Brenda & Karen for their support.

Anti-social behaviour – Sabeena informed the meeting of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the park especially recent incidents of some children intimidating other children. Action: Cllr Higginbottom to bring the matter to the attention Fiona Tennyson & the Inspector.

4. Funding Applications. The following applications were approved by the Alliance.

The Station Community Garden £2000

Volunteers Training Budget £1120.00

Barnsley Junior Basketball £500

Thank you for volunteering evening £1547.00

5. A.O.B

6. Date of next meeting 15th November 6pm.