

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES (in-person)

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	22.03.2022 – Willowcroft Flats, Bolton-upon-Deane (10am – 12pm)

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Dorothy Coates – Elected Member (Chair) Marie Sinclair (CDO) Darryl Hand (Minutes) Alan George (Treasurer) Pat Hubery – local resident Carole Hoyland – BODVAG rep. Alison Sykes – Salvation Army rep. Dennis Hogg Kelly Burton (Dearne Active Champion) Michael Bunting	Cllr Sam Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr May Noble – Elected member Donna Gregory (Local Resident) Julie Medlam (Dearne Playhouse) Mick Moore – Dearne Allotment Group rep.

- Welcomes & introductions

- Dennis Blade (New member)
- Michael Bunting (New Member) – Chair of Goldthorpe Development Group and Caretaker of Goldthorpe Embankment.
- Kelly Burton (Dearne Active Champion) – Kelly introduced herself and explained her role within the Dearne and her weekly schedule. She explained it can be found as a pinned post on her Facebook page.

MB – where can I pick up what you're doing – dates and times?

KB – look for my Facebook page – Dearne Active Champion Thurnscoe and Goldthorpe.

DC – Can I request that Bolton on Dearne is added to your Facebook name?

KB – yes I'll sort that today.

MS – can I request you go into some sheltered accommodations / care homes and perhaps take them on a walk?

KB – yes I will do.

DH – its probably important to add Kelly's demographic is 18+

DC – if you need to borrow any sports equipment, you can borrow them from Great Houghton

AG – just out of curiosity are you first aid trained?

KB – I'm not no

DC – I think it's very important you had first aid training.

DH – how many of the WA members need first aid training?

(9 of 10 raised their hands)

MS -I will have a look into it.

DC – can we look into training for first aid, safeguarding, risk assessment and food hygiene training to help youth groups or community groups.

- Apologies

Cllr Sam Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member

Cllr May Noble – Elected member

Donna Gregory (Local Resident)

Julie Medlam (Dearne Playhouse)

Mick Moore – Dearne Allotment Group rep.

- Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising

MS – Defib Training. I have spoke to Joanne from NHS and she is happy to provide that training, so I will add that to the other training.

AG – it says Dearne North on page 1 not Dearne South.

MS – Christmas lights have risen to a cost of £22.000 this year.

CH – what about Christmas trees, they didn't have them up this year?

MS -we can look into that its about £75 without the lights and about £85 with lights but I will confirm prices.

DC – did the trees go up in Goldthorpe?

MS – no because Colin from Hollygrove volunteers to do it and just didn't have the time do it last year.

DC – what about hiring a man with a van to do it?

MB – it was a shame they were not up last year.

MS – the shops have paid for the baskets this year, so we can see about the trees.

DC – the public do like the trees.

DC – if we got in early enough and had the right costings, we could partner with the Snaptin and put some money aside.

DC – can I have a proposer and a seconder.

CH – I'll propose them as a true record

AG – I'll second them

- **Finance**

- Remaining WA budget for 2021/22

MS – the remaining budget is £5817

DC – I'm not asking for a decision now as I know we can't, but I'm really keen to set up a youth group in Bolton. I just know the costs involved

CH – where would you put it?

AS- can we ask the youth provision to attend a meeting?

DC – they are open, but they are a targeted service.

DH – the contact is Jade Beever's and I'll circulate her details.

- WA Working Funds

AG – in the library funds there's £918

DC – can I ask why we have a library fund?

MS – it's money that is ring fenced for Linda and the activities at the library.

DC – when we say working funds are we taking any money out at the end of the year and putting it into the working funds?

MS – not at the minute

DC – can I suggest that the working funds is put in a different way for the new financial year? Say for example a £1000 per year into the working funds.

AG – There's £3257.57 is left in the account. This is ringfenced to 3 areas.

DC – can them figures be typed into agenda for future reference?

MB – can I just ask how much we get each year into the WA?

AG – were given £10.000 each year.

- **Projects for 2022/2023**

Summer Holiday plans (*healthy holidays/mental health projects*)

The Big Clean (GBSC 2022)

Volunteer week

MS – Hanging Baskets Dearne South WA already have 5 baskets. They need 13 in total so they're 9 short. I'm going to propose that Snaptin pay for an additional 4 baskets / Ward alliance 5 baskets.

- **Group updates including COVID19**

Bodvag:

CH – We've nothing happening as yet but I am looking to put a funding bid in for some flags.

MS – you could get some money from the working funds if the group agree it.

CH – I know I need £200 to put some jubilee flags in St Andrew’s Square.

MB – can we have some flags in Goldthorpe.

DC – it depends on the boundary we only go as far as Asda Bridge.

CH – I’m going to suggest ordering some generic flags.

Embankment Group:

MB – we are desperately trying hard to get the embankment open and at regular times. The issue is the vandalism, so it needs to be manned. We do have anti-vandal paint and CCTV cameras. We are in the process of creating a website with opening times and what’s happening. A notice board will also showcase opening times. We have tried to get a notice board for the last 6 month’s

MS – are you wanting volunteers to open it?

MB – the council do not want me to be down there on myself when it’s open. We’ve agreed that 2 people will be down there at all times.

DC – thankyou for that it’s really useful.

Goldthorpe Development Group:

MB – the pensioners get together each Month at Goldthorpe Unity Club is back up and running.

AG – how much is it?

MB – its £3 a head.

MB – we have a free taxi service for those that have poor mobility or unable to get.

DH what about the bounce into Summer?

MB – we are doing it on Wednesday 24th August (12pm-4pm). We hire loads of inflatables for the children.

DH – its outside Dearne Playhouse.

DH – what’s the cost?

MB – its £4 for a wristband for the full 4 hours with unlimited rides.

Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (Covid-19):

DH – from 31st March all the mobile testing sites across Barnsley will no longer be available. From 1st April home testing Kits will be charged for – it’s not clear how much. PPE is still available free from BMBC to community groups. As we approach Covid recovery plan it’s important to integrate face to face meetings.

Salvation Army:

AS – we are having a real lack of fresh fruit and veg. we are still paying for fair share, but we really need people who home grow to donate. On a Monday you can get referred from service for a food parcel and they can collect from us on a Monday. It is a Barnsley initiative and needs to be referred only.

MS – you can go to Dearne Allotment and see Mick Moore.

AS – we have seen a significant increase in people going onto the sick and not actively seeking work.

DH – the salvation army has seen a real significant increase of people presenting with low level mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.

DC – can we not get Rory from DECV to attend?

DH – how's Humankind going?

AS – it has been working really well.

DH – how's the Uniform Fairy going and the Green Doctors?

AS – I've referred a lot of people to the Green Doctors. They go into peoples home and give adaptations to reduce energy costs such as draft excluders, energy lightbulbs etc. The uniform Fairy was there yesterday and managed to help 18 families and 31 children. It's really working.

Snaptin Community Hub:

AG – the School Council are now going to start using the Snaptin as an alternate venue. They met yesterday.

Dearne Active Community Group:

PH – we have taken a community allotment on.

DC – there's a lot of work to be done, it's very early stages. We are aiming to make it as eco friendly as possible. We are currently taking gifts out as 'covid thankyou's'

- AOB

DC – can I just ask do WA members have an induction?

MS – yes the CDO's sit an induct them and go through the governance framework. It is always difficult to explain it all which is why we ask them to observe the first meeting.

DH – have you seen Age UK's plea about fundraising events for this year. They're asking people to have a 'time for tea' event. I'm proposing that all he community groups across both wards have a tea/coffee morning and half the funds raised goes to the group and half to Age UK.

- Dates & Time of next meeting - 17th May 10am (venues to be discussed)

- Discuss Christmas Trees at Next Meeting
- Ask targeted youth service to attend and feedback (Jade Beevers)
- Invite Laura Sharman from Section 106
- Application from Mind matters on mental health training
- Check amount given to WA for the new year from BMBC
