

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Darfield Community Centre, 4:00 pm**

**Present:** Colin Ward, Councillor Markham (Chair), Councillor Kevin Osborne, Councillor Trevor Smith, Lisa Lyon (South Area council Manager), Sam (Twiggs South Tidy Team)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Apologies:** Mike Fenna, Brian Moore, Clare Archer (Community Development Officer), Matthew Smith

**3. Notes of previous meeting:** Agreed as a true record

**4. Updates from last meeting:**

- Darfield Ward Alliance Budget – Total budget for 2022 /2023 is £20,507.18. The budget is made up of £10,000 from this financial year and £10,507.18 carry forward.
- Bank account closure. Clare Archer, Darfield Community Development Officer, is in the process of closing the account down. Any funding remaining will be added to the Ward Alliance budget
- Great British Spring Clean – Sam gave an update that 56 volunteer packs were given out to residents and some new volunteers joined in the activities. Using the Co-op as a drop off point for purple bags during this week worked really well, the team will look at potential to develop this. Sam reported that the team are struggling to get volunteers at Broomhill, Cllr Osborne knows a volunteer that may want to get involved. Sam has programmed in work at Broomhill to clear the litter and is contacting Parks to see if the overgrowth can be cut back so the area isn't as secluded.

**5. Upcoming Events**

- Environment and litter strategy: Neighbourhood services are planning a consultation event on a new litter and environmental strategy. A number of names have been identified of local volunteers who would like to take part. In addition Cllr Osborne and Cllr Smith have expressed an interest.
- Hanging Baskets: Order has been improved so should see baskets in place in next two weeks. The Ward Alliance wanted to pass on their thanks to Clare Archer for the work that she has picked up which has been in a very short space of time and whilst new in post.
- Darfield Gala – Confirmed date of 26<sup>th</sup> July – 11- 2, date was changed to this due to clash with Wombwell Picnic in the Park. Action plan. Lisa took the Ward Alliance through the Area plan produced by Clare. Action plan updated with names and dates.  
Key points:
  - Packed lunches – to be targeted and need to be healthy and balanced
  - Councillor Osborne to contact Garland House
  - First Aiders needed, community centre manager may help, need to arrange training and enquire about St Johns attendance. This may come at an additional cost to the budget.
  - Neighbourhood wardens, libraries and Age UK Barnsley to be invited
- A planning meeting and date will be confirmed by Clare.
- Jubilee Benches – A proposal for Jubilee benches was shared and discussed. The six benches proposed will be worked up into a funding bid. Action: check that the benches are powdered and galvanised. Locations: Darfield Park, Darren Path, Low Valley Station Road, Middlecliffe, Billingley.

- Volunteer Week 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June – The area team will be promoting groups and individual volunteers as part of this campaign week.
- Cost of living event – The area team are planning to run cost of living events across the South Area. This was discussed with the Ward Alliance on how to work together. Clare will bring an update to a future meeting. As part of the discussion Councillors asked for Citizens Advice Barnsley (CAB) to revisit the option of using Darfield library to run a drop in session from there. Lisa Lyon to discuss with CAB.
- Awards Night – The Ward Alliance discussed wanting to hold an awards night to recognise and thank the amazing volunteers, groups and individuals across Darfield. Venues were discussed and it was agreed to look into using Barnsley Town Hall. Hoyland, Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance 'Stars of Hoyland' is held there and has been very successful. Darfield CDO will help pull together some option on how to run the awards night and nominations. Councillor Osborne was keen to involve young people in nominating their peers.

## **6. Ward Alliance Funding Applications**

- Darfield Gala Gazebos - £1899.94 – recommended for approved. Gazebos will be stored at Houghton Main and will be made available from the Ward Alliance for community wide events and groups and reduce hire costs.
- Darfield Community Centre Security Cameras – £740 – recommended for approval. The Crime commissioned funding for looked at but had closed its applications. Violence reduction fund considered but timescales were unknown and Ward Alliance felt the funding was required more urgently due to the ongoing ASB and damage to the community centre. Bernslai Homes are funding secure shutters. The security cameras are required to monitor the building and parking. Principal Towns have funded security cameras on the high street and it was felt this will provide added security in the area.
- Upperwood School project - £350, recommended for approval. This is a community garden project which will be supported by Twiggs South Tidy Team which have helped set it up and a local allotment volunteer. Twiggs have already started working with year 6 to carry out some initial planting.
- Darfield Church notice board – funding requested £426.34. This was not recommended. The group discussed that there is a good quality, high specification notice board in storage at Houghton Main. Colin will look at the notice board and speak to Clare about whether this can be used by the Church. The group also discussed doing an audit of notice boards across the South area in order to make the best of local communications.
- Hanging Baskets – recommended for approval - £800. The funding will be used to increase the number of brackets for hanging baskets in order to extend the scheme this year. Any funds not used will be reported back and the Ward Alliance can then decide whether to keep as a contingency for broken / damaged brackets or baskets or return to the overall funding pot.

## **7. Any Other business**

The Ward Alliance discussed working with Clare to promote the work of the Ward Alliance and recruitment of members to the Ward Alliance.

## **8. Date and time of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in month (Bimonthly)**

- 21<sup>st</sup> July 22
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 22
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 22
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 23
- 16<sup>th</sup> March 23