

Darfield Ward Alliance
Thursday 17th March 2022, 4pm
Darfield Community Centre
Illsley Rd, Darfield, Barnsley S73 9AL

Minutes of the meeting 17th March 2022

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Attendance: Colin Ward, Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Kevin Osborne, Brian Moore, Lisa Lyon, Sam and Adam – South Area Tidy Team and Mike Fenna

Apologies: Cllr Trevor Smith, John Davies (resignation letter received), Matthew Smith

3. Minutes of previous meeting
Agreed as a true record

4. Discussion of upcoming events:

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 22 – The Ward Alliance discussed wanting to fund something that was a lasting and long term legacy. Cllr Osborne suggested Queens Jubilee benches, plaques and tree planting, linking in with the 2030 sustainability plan and tree planting scheme. Suggested locations include Inkerman fields (add on to the orchard), Billingley village - bench on Billingley green lane, Middlecliffe, Station Road play area. Jo Birch to be contacted to progress and provide some costings and options.
- Great British Spring clean, 25th March – 10th April – Keep Britain Tidy Campaign South Tidy Team discussed with the Ward Alliance different sites for days of action / clean up etc: Pinfold play area, clean up, link up with church group, school litter picking and activities in garden area, painting metal goal posts, Darfield
- Darfield gala – South Area Tidy Team to support by clearing site ahead of the gala and will look to keep the grass low in discussion with parks. Action: gazebos and tables needed for gala – Twiggs agreed to help with moving tables and setting up. Gazebos to be sourced and Twiggs agreed to help with transportation.
- Darfield ring – discussion about what can be put in place as a long term solution to the maintenance of the Darfield Ring. Wild seeding was initially discussed however the feedback from the Tidy Team is that it would not be the best option as wild seeding is more difficult to maintain and manage and the soil and site wasn't ideal. The Tidy team suggested planting such as lavender and pollinators, these would be easy to maintain and keep low. Planting perennial plants would have the benefit of keeping the soil healthy and creating an insect habitat, supporting biodiversity for the area. This fits with Barnsley 2030 sustainability plans. The site will need some ground preparation. It was agreed that a variety of plant is the preferred option. Principal Towns to be approached initially for funding and if this isn't an option a Ward Alliance application would be

submitted. The planting can be an event where the community can attend and support. The CDO to work with the Ward Alliance and Tidy Team to plan this.

- Tidy Team talked to the Ward Alliance about litter picking packs available and asked people to get in touch if anyone needs one.
- Volunteer week, 1st – 7th June 22. Agreed that spotlight on Darfield social media campaign started by Tanya Dickinson would be really useful to keep rolling out to help highlight groups and activities in Darfield. Volunteer week to focus on groups struggling to get on their feet after Covid and needing to recruit volunteers.

5. Ward Alliance Fund 2021/2022

- Current balance stands at £11,486. It was noted that Darfield Ward Alliance had previously allocated its spending each year. Covid has seen less community activity and also other funding coming into the area. It was recognised that this has led to less applications during Covid and alternative sources of funding secured.
- The Ward Alliance discussed ways in which the budget can support groups this year and it was agreed that funds could be used for paid for adverts on Facebook to promote the availability of Ward Alliance funding to groups and encourage more applications. The new Community development Officer will be looking to pick this up and combine this as part of volunteer week. Costings to be looked at.
- Tanya Dickinson will be supporting Clare Archer, the new officer, to close down an bank account that isn't in use. Any funding in the account will be transferred to the Ward Alliance budget and options for spend will be discussed.
- Ward Alliance Form (WAF) Darfield Gala Application: £1500 - Approved by all. The application was discussed. In previous years the gala has been very welcomed in the area. The last gala did not go ahead due to Covid so it was felt this would be very timely to help bring the community together. There will be an emphasis on supporting families that may be struggling and including useful stalls and information. The tidy Team offered to have a table to promote the volunteering opportunities and also run something fun on the day for families to get involved in. Age UKB could be asked to run a Thai chi session as an intergenerational session or something similar.
- Discussion took place on timing of event. The start of the school holidays was agreed so families not able to book holidays could take part. Date agreed: 27th July.
UPDATE: *Due to Wombwell's Gala already being booked on the same day the date will be changed to Tuesday 26th July 2022*
- Suggested that Morrisons, Tesco and coop community champions be approached for contributions to gala.

6. Update on New Darfield Community Development Officer - Clare Archer has been appointed as the new Community Development Officer taking over from Tanya Dickinson who has moved to the Penistone area. Clare joins the South Area Team with lots of experience working with families and young people in Darfield as part of the Family centre team. She has also worked supporting the Youth council. The Ward Alliance wanted to note their thanks to Tanya and welcome Clare to the role.

7. Date and time of meetings:

- 4pm, 3rd Thursday in month:
19th May 22
21st July 22
15th September 22
17th November
19th January 23
16th March 23