

Dearne South Ward Alliance

Notes taken by secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting title Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time 17.05.2022 Goldthorpe library meeting room (10am - 12pm)

Attendees

Cllr Sam Danforth (Chair)
Cllr Janine Bowler
Marie Sinclair (BMBC CDO)
Alan George (treasurer)
Donna Gregory (minute taker)
Dennis Hogg
Michael Bunting (GDG and caretaker to Goldthorpe Railway embankment group)
Beth Deakin (Project 14)
Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse)
Mick Moore (Dearne allotment group & local Veterans group)

Apologies

Cllr Dorothy Coates
Pat Hubery
Carole Hoyland (BODVAG)
Kelly Burton (Dearne active champion)
Alison Sykes (Salvation army)

Welcomes & introductions

Caroline Oxley & Elaine Oliver

Adults Skills & Community Learning

They're based in Wellington house in Barnsley but offer community learning around the borough.

They gave an informative presentation on what they offer to benefit the wider community, to help them get back into work/ training/ improving skills and gaining confidence. They offer a range of subjects from short courses i.e., first aid, wellbeing courses.

Longer courses are:

Math.... functional skills 1&2 to gcse grades 1-9

Englishfunctional skill 1&2 to gcse grades 1-9

ESOL..... Where English isn't their first language

IT & digital skills....to help build confidence in the new digital age

Working with children and young people- this course is level 1-3 to help become a teaching assistant.

Health & social care- level 1-3 to have the knowledge and skills to work with vulnerable people, the elderly, children & adults with complex needs.

Courses for adults with learning difficulties, these are tailor made to an individual's needs.

Their aim for employability is from writing a c.v to improving skills, 2 weeks work experience, interview techniques, to buying uniform, travel pass for access to work. This follows from them attending their courses and successfully gaining a qualification.

Q&A

SD & JB ...asked about travel expenses, how would that work?

CO & EO ...answered that the student would pay their way, hand in their ticket to reception and they'll have it sorted when their lesson is over in cash.

SD & JB ...both said the problem is having the cash to get there in the first place.

EO ...then replied that is why we want venues within the community. To be able to offer them qualifications within the community if there are enough students interested in the course offered. AG asked about how much first aid training cost?

CO & EO both said depended upon people's circumstances to if payment was due. On some certain benefits its free for a lot of the courses. If you're on jsa, esa , universal credit, (not the support element) then you're able to apply for courses and the benefits included such as childcare placements giving access to learning. In your case AG you would have to pay which is around £65.

MS then said to AG that she was already looking into the ward alliance for first aid training.

MB asked if they were interested in having a stall at the local pop-up market when its open.

EO answered that is the plan to hopefully get people engaged and interested into accessing a course.

Notes From Previous Meeting & any matters arising

Minutes from the previous meeting were moved as a true record

MM moved them

MB 2nd them

New Member Presentation for BMBC priorities and bigger picture.

MS asked what the best day for everyone was to attend a little get together with Dearne north ward alliance.

23rd June between 4pm -6pm venue to be confirmed.

This way we can discuss the priorities for Barnsley 2030 within the borough and welcome new members to the ward alliances such as Cllr Janine Bowler and Dennis Hogg(blades)

Action plan development projects required/ ideas?

Strengthen communities- the pop up Goldthorpe market is going to be open in June until December 2022. With the hopes that the market will fetch in more footfall to help local

businesses thrive. The market is going to be situated on the old horse and groom site next to the library.

Brightening the community- the hanging baskets will be filled with plants and help make the streets look brighter. Helping advertise local businesses and groups that have already paid for the brackets and plaques last year. It's a worthwhile investment year on year to pay for the local businesses as they're getting advertisement as well.

A wide range of subjects were discussed

Fly tipping, (bulky rubbish was mentioned) this was explained that it is targeted to certain houses that need the help. Because before the bulky rubbish scheme was being abused by landlords/ tradesmen/ or whole streets putting everything in. This way if it's targeted then only the household that have permission can use then.

MB mentioned that the council have a service that allows you to get rid of 3 big bulky items for £20 but MS corrected MB by saying it's now £30.

DG mentioned that we as a ward alliance may need to put provisions in for this winter due to the living crisis for bills and food prices rising. DG mentioned foodbanks won't get the donations needed as people won't be able to afford too which foodbanks are likely to close and then where do people go.

DG suggested turning all back gardens into veg boxes

MB mentioned it's the wrong time of year.

DG mentioned for indoor plants

MM mentioned the allotment sells food and how cheap it is and tips they give tips on the produce bought as well

MM also said that it's there to help anyone who wants it

BD mentioned that she is involved in a warm the person not the house project, which is pj, dressing gown and slippers for children. So, they can help keep them warm this winter.

Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and a great project that could be looked at for this year.

Finance ward alliance-balance

2 applications were submitted for the ward alliance to decide upon

1- for bulky rubbish hiring skips worth £1000 for each ward

2-hanging baskets £275

After the discussion the whole ward agreed that both projects were worthy to be funded

After another lengthy discussion the ward agreed that having a community contingency / support fund of £4000 MB moved it, DG 2nd it.

This helps with small amounts of money needed for projects for community groups of budgets up to £200. This allows the WA a working against:

- Training
- Community events
- Environmental
- Community Emergencies

AG- there is so much money ring fenced for the library fund

Money has been paid out for the easter eggs and toilets for the spring event at the embankment. And BODVAG had money for the flags for the jubilee for the square.

As we have agreed to having £4000 put to one side for the community contingency/support fund.

This now leaves the ward with £10,592.00 towards future projects throughout the year.

Group updates

MB – Goldthorpe embankment

Barnsley chronicle is going to do a piece on the volunteering for the embankment.

Network rail cleared the site of rubbish

There is a notice board to be put up when it is open.

The website is nearly completed

BD— Project 14

The talking benches which we have 8 of are nearly finished. They have been causing a stir. With the communities as they thought they were French because of the colors. BD explained that they were a significant color because it was part of the reason project 14 was formed. Eventually the group would want to hold courses for training to help people within the community.

AG– Snaptin

They have a newsletter that goes out for people who're signed up to can see

The group is looking in the future to set up a choir called Angel Voices so may need

To put a funding bid soon. To help set the choir up. They are also looking

At Dearne Astrea to become a board member at some point and to attend meetings. The Snaptin are holding a Christmas activity on 2nd December at Dearne Astrea between 3pm-8pm.

MM– Allotment group

The plants are potted

Wednesday morning between 10am- 12pm they have a cart on Thurnscoe Road they

Sell fruit and veg for 50p to £1.00. They give advice on how to cook the produce and

looking after plants. This helps the volunteers who have complex needs as it builds their confidence and contribution to the community.

MM– Veterans group

MM has set up a Dearne veterans breakfast group.

This helps bring people together who've not seen each other for a while. To help
Get them out of the house and helps them come out of their shell talking about things
And helps with their mental health by talking to one another.

John Healey MP labour shadow defense minister visited the breakfast club.

BD said that she would promote the group on her groups page.

JM— Dearne playhouse

The playhouse has money from the arts council for future events but currently the
Playhouse is having work done to the roof and other building works are in the plans.

Next year is the playhouse's 100 years anniversary to which JM is planning lots of
events. Such as fringe events, festivals. At the minute bounce into summer is to be
held in front of the playhouse.

Sheffield students have helped to design the gardens in front of the playhouse just
waiting on bmbc to approval the plans.

Dates and times of next meeting and venue