

Darfield Ward Alliance Meeting
Thursday 14th July 2022, 4pm -6pm
Darfield Museum

Minutes

1. Present: Clare Archer (CDO), Cllr Markham (Chair), Cllr Osborne, Cllr Smith, Colin Ward, Matthew Smith, Michael Fenner, Brian Moore, Lorna Wilkinson, Sam (TWIGGS).
2. Welcome and Introductions: Lorna Wilkinson from Darfield Community Events attended as a potential new member of the Ward Alliance, all members introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a true record
4. Updates from last meeting
 - Hanging baskets; the area teams are aware of the issues across the borough with the current provider. There is a review taking place around the current way of working and other alternatives are being considered to try and improve the scheme.
 - Summer Gala; Clare ran through the action plan and confirmed all roles and responsibilities. Sam would collect the gazebos, tables, chairs and Ping Pong table. Pauline to meet Sam at the Community Centre at 9.15am on the morning of the event.
 - Jubilee Benches; Clare gave members an update on the progress of the benches. It is proving difficult to get quotes for fitting the benches / concrete pads. Clare to continue to pursue this and also look into the potential site for a bench at Billingley, next to the bus stop on the main road.
5. Ward Alliance Applications
 - Houghton Main Cricket Club; Colin Ward left the meeting whilst this bid was discussed as he is a committee member. Funding to go towards adult and junior league fees as well as contributing towards match balls for the season. Funded in full 987.
 - Houghton Main Recreation Ground; Colin Ward left the meeting whilst this bid was discussed as he is a committee member. The bid was to repair the garage / storage shed roof as it is currently leaking and unable to be utilised to safely store all the equipment and machinery. Volunteer tradesmen were undertaking all the work and the funding was for the materials. Funded in full £850.
 - Darfield Ring; correspondence regarding this bid had been circulated before the meeting so that all members were up to date. M. Fenner asked that his view be noted that this should be the final time the Ward Alliance funded this due to it being a reoccurring issue. The funding was to enhance the gateway to the village by improving the look of the ring with seasonal plants and flowers, including mulch to prevent weeds. Funded in full £680.
6. Upcoming Events
 - Volunteer Training Programme; prior to COVID a WAF bid had been approved to undertake a local volunteer training programme. Clare had recently met with adult learning who could offer a training package including first aid, safeguarding, food hygiene and health and safety. All members agreed that this was essential for volunteers in the area, particularly after COVID and an updated bid be approved at the next meeting.
 - Resident Support Fair / Cost of living event 21st September 22; the South Area Team are planning events across the area between Sept and Oct to offer support for residents

with the rising cost of living. Darfield Community Centre is the preferred location, all members welcomed this.

- Healthy Holidays / Sports van; Clare gave an update on the activities in the area and the timetable for the Summer Sports Van, poster to be shared with members.
- Awards Night; as a follow on from previous meetings a discussion took place amongst members about a Darfield Awards night. Darfield Community Centre could be explored as a venue. Members agreed that Spring 23 would be a good time to hold the event. Nomination processes were discussed. Clare to speak to Amanda regarding Wombwell's process.

7. Any Other Business

- Outwood Academy children crossing Snape Hill, Cllr Osborne volunteered to contact the resident who sent in the enquiry
- Ward Alliance new members Christian from Thornhill House hoping to attend next meeting
- Clare to drop off Ward Alliance member paperwork for Lorna to complete for next meeting

8. Date and time of next meeting – 3rd Thursday in month (Bimonthly)

- 15th Sept 22
- 17th November 22
- 19th Jan 23
- 16th March 23