

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2020, 11:00 AM

Attendees	Apologies
Alan George, Marie Sinclair (CDO), Cllr May noble, Cllr Neil Danforth, Vicky Cuming, Alison Sykes, Carol Hoyland	Cllr Charlotte Buck, Pat Hubery, Mick Moore (tech issues) Donna Gregory (tech issues)

**1. Welcomes & introductions.**

**2. No Minutes of last meeting in June as it was a catch up and meeting the new members meeting.**

**3. Area Council update**

Cllr Noble gave an update about the current covid situation and highlighted that to no surprise there was a spike at the end of July/August in the Wombwell area of Barnsley, there is a testing station at county way in which anyone showing signs or symptoms can easily now get a testing by going online and booking one. She also stated that the NHS track & trace app is available, and everyone is encouraged to download it, however she did state we all need to be more vigilant and responsible in following the local governments recommended guidelines on wearing masks, washing hands and keeping a safe space.

Cllr Noble wanted to say a BIG thank you to all the local volunteers who have been working tirelessly throughout the pandemic helping all the vulnerable and shielding individuals and families in the Dearne area, she was immensely proud of each and everyone, she went on to thank individuals that had assisted the area team and BMBC with the making of the face masks, delivery of them to also to big local Goldthorpe who have been handing our food hampers through Alan George and Dorothy Coates who have also been out to care homes delivering the necessary items, Alison Sykes and the Dearne and district football coaches for handing out food parcels, b friend who have been going out to the vulnerable and isolated people and still kept in touch, she stated the list could go on but thankyou to everyone who has helped in this difficult period.

**4. Finance update & Funding application**

Alan George the treasurer for Dearne South informed the group of the current committed spend and monies available in the Dearne South ward Alliance bank account - **£7,574.96**

- £1,412.48 – The school uniform project (postponed due to social distancing)
- £4,500- Healthy holidays for both Dearne North & Dearne South 2020/2021
- £1,500 – Goldthorpe Library for afterschool and holiday activities for 2020/2021
- £162.56 disposable funds

***Due to the COVID19 monies been re-credited back to the Alliance as part of Barnsley Councils response to COVID19 and supporting the local community the current balance with Dearne South Ward Alliance for projects/initiatives against the area criteria - £11,956.12***

2 applications had been submitted –

Application 1 – DEFIB at Goldthorpe Library in which was £500.00 + installation/electrics and new pads estimated up to £1500 which would be split with Dearne North if approved. – After a very brief discussion all agreed to fund the DEFIB and Marie would let everyone know the final costings once assets/FM had given their final quote on the works on the exterior wall to Goldthorpe Library. – **unanimous YES**

Application number 2 - Urban Self-defense classes – £1600 to enable the group to purchase new matts for the classes in which will now take place in Prospect Road as the Group no longer had premises at the Carnegie and wished to re-locate. Brief discussion took place on application – **unanimous YES**

Dearne South Ward Alliance members were reminded that due to COVID19 and the restrictions of running group activities in 2020 would it be at all necessary to use their half of the monies for remaining online/virtual Healthy Holidays projects and CF any monies remaining to next financial year when hopefully things may get back to normality. – All agreed to carry any monies remaining over to 2021.

Goldthorpe library have also requested to carry the monies (£1500.00) forward as due to COVID19 no children can go in for any sessions apart from picking up / dropping off books. All agreed this would be ok.

#### **5. Potential future projects**

Marie gave an insight into future potential projects for the school holidays starting with the half term holidays which are approaching in end October, the Dearne area team still have £2200 left over from the Healthy Holidays programme 2020 throughout the 6 weeks holidays in which fruit & veg boxes were given out to our families that needed it the most. She asked if the Ward Alliance would like to ruin a further one with the remaining monies for half term starting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and the ward alliance are giving out free pumpkin veg boxes to families in need. Families can learn from an online tuition from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Soup & Stew making, weds 28<sup>th</sup> Fruit kebabs/apples & finally Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> pumpkin carving in which all the children will receive half term activity packs – Marie asked for any more ideas, all members stated this was a great idea to try FB live. **All in favor to this suggestion.**

Cllr Noble had another potential project that the Ward Alliance could do this winter was volunteers from the Ward Alliance taking out individual care packages to the residents who reside in residential homes and cannot access the outdoors. Brief conversation took place in which several members stated it would be ideal for these to have a nice hamper or winter warmth packs if they are solely isolated. A further discussion took place on maybe funding residential homes with jigsaw/puzzles/games/magazines/books or asking the homes if they would like some inside activities/booklets for their residents over winter to enjoy whilst they are housebound. **Deferred until next meeting**

Marie had a suggestion from Donna who wasn't present at the meeting but her suggestion for a future project was a Santa sleigh to go around the roads of Bolton on Dearne, Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe. This would give the kids a boost and make them happy. Albeit practicalities may be the issue on this one. Marie asked if anyone knew of any sleighs if they could source any information and come back at the next meeting. **Deferred until next meeting**

A suggestion came up that Bolton on Dearne could have some Christmas lights for in St Andrews square to make the Christmas tree more festive and cheer people up, boost morale around the village. There is an electric point in the square. Marie added that she had visited Colin from the Goldthorpe Town Centre Group to see if they needed any help in to which he stated yes financially the shops have taken a huge hit this year as predicted and really could do with an injection of a boost for local people to shop more local, this could be looked more into to see if the Ward Alliance could maybe fund the Christmas Trees on both shopping centers in Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne – all agreed this would be a great idea, regeneration of the shops and highlighting the lovely businesses we have around the Dearne imparticular. Marie to speak to Dearne North & GTT group to highlight more and submit WA application if agreed by all members after the meeting.

Bulky rubbish - Marie informed the group that the Bulky rubbish current balance is at £900 and asked them to review in a few months as to whether they wanted to repeat the application for 2020/21.

Winter warmth packs will be on the list of projects this year and potentially going out to any older persons that have been referred through groups/nurses, individuals or any agencies that know of any older person who are isolated over the winter months – when asked what they would consist of maybe a bit like Christmas hampers with health products but also items to eat too.

**6. Group updates:**

Sadly, in respect to Goldthorpe development group and BODVAG there is no updates as the groups can not do anything in these covid times.

**Salvation Army**

Alison has stated that the churches together meeting was today and as they usually do an activity in the half term holidays, they cannot do this this time so they are putting together family boxes on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October and giving them out for family's they will include craft packs and some lunch. This will be at Goldthorpe Pentecostal church and Thurnscoe church. They are planning to box about 100 boxes for families, families will have to book in to receive a box.

The salvation army will also be giving out advent boxes nearer to Christmas.

The salvation army is open from Monday to Friday, there has been an increase with the amount of homeless people coming into the church. Alison mentions they have been paying for clothes, accommodation and food and some of the places Barnsley council are putting them aren't suitable like placing them somewhere that has a bar but no kitchen it isn't ideal at all. Cllr noble responds the council are out talking to people trying to help the homeless but some of them don't want any help.

Alison Sykes says that fair share has been amazing and are providing a lot of food.

Fly tipping has been a big problem at the salvation army with people dumping their rubbish outside the grounds – Marie informed Alison to refer any into the safer neighborhood team email address. Cllr Noble mentions it's not just in our area it is a UK wide problem, no matter what we provide it's a nightmare of a problem. The brick ponds near the doctors in Goldthorpe is still an ongoing problem

**7. AOB**

Vicky Cuming is sadly resigning as secretary from the ward alliance, a member from the ward alliance will take her place or maybe you will each take a turn at doing the minutes and the agenda.

**8. Date and time of the next meeting**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 11:00