

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	15 th October 2020, 11am

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr May Noble (Chair), Cllr Neil Danforth, Alison Sykes, Carole Hoyland, Pat Hubery, Mick Moore, Alan George & Marie Sinclair	Donna Gregory, Vicky Cuming, Cllr Buck

1. ***Welcomes & introductions.***

Cllr May Noble chaired the meeting & welcomes everyone.

2. ***Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising***

Marie informed the members that the DEFIB was all agreed and paid for just awaiting installation date from FM in which once confirmed will ask if anyone would like a social distance photo opportunity to show the financial support from the ward Alliances in the Dearne.

3. ***Finance update & Funding application***

Marie gave an update on the balance on the Ward Alliance for the Dearne South to £8553.72

As the bulky rubbish scheme was deferred from the last meeting all agreed to match fund this with Dearne South WA £1000 each ward for a further 12 months - **all in favor of committing £1000 to extending the bulky rubbish scheme to 2021**

Monies for the healthy holidays has been under the committed spend so no monies would be required for half term week.

One application was submitted for Highgate Primary School (£2500.00) to create a social distancing space for raised beds, and canopy to ensure the school children can have classroom lessons and after school activities in a COVID19 friendly outdoor space, they have reached out to many funders to ensure that match funding and many organizations can help and support them on this project – **all agreed to fund – decision unanimous YES**

4. ***Project Progress***

Marie gave an update on the half term fruit/veg and pumpkin boxes in which the FB post would be going live W/E 17th October where any families that have financial struggles on their children on free school meals could get access to a free box. The video recording sessions have all been planned for next week in which our local community groups and volunteers have been asked to help on this one, but to also showcase their hard work on their own groups and venues. Marie had asked for £700 cash to be drawn down to purchase items inside the boxes that couldn't be purchased by online sources so we can shop local and help the Dearne economy rather than the bigger online companies.

A further discussion around Winter warmth packs being 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 – Marie has got a planned meeting in for early November with Public Health workers on how these could be put together and costs of the items that can be included, once quotes have been collated she will return to the ward alliance for financial help or advice.

5. Group updates

Salvation army – Alison updated the WA with many more families are now accessing the food bank with more problems than food & fuel poverty. She has been updated with single individuals whom are homeless or requiring a warm place to stay, people have currently been referred from the homeless team in Barnsley and not having any success with solutions to their housing and financial issues. Marie advised Alison to speak to Claire Dawson or Phil Hollingsworth to help set up a meeting with the relevant teams to see if any solutions can be made or find out more information on the services offered and what their processes are.

6. AOB

None

7. Date and time of the next meeting

Thursday 19th November 2020 (2pm)