

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020, 2pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Jackie Kenning, Charlotte Williams, Peter Shields, Derek Bramham Wendy Cain, Cllr Gollick & David Jane were not visible by camera as both had technical issues but could hear the meeting ok	None

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

As Cllr Gollick no longer wanted to Chair the Dearne North Ward Alliance meetings Cllr Gardiner agreed to Chair this meeting.

### 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 North to £3282.92 and advised the WA that the costings for FM to install the Defib at Goldthorpe library was a further £600.00 out of the WA budget due to the placement and lack of electric points.

As the bulky rubbish scheme was deferred from the last meeting all agreed to match fund this with Dearne South WA £1000 each ward - **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.

Cllr Gardiner asked if monies would be needed to pay for the winter warmth project in which Marie stated no you would need this to come out of your monies available unless external funding could also be sourced for the project.

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 – **a discussion took place on this application in which all agreed to reduce the amount to £750.00.**

***Balance after all applications up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 - £932.92***

#### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

Salvation army – Jackie updated the WA with many more families are now accessing the food bank with more problems than food & fuel poverty. She has been undated 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.

##### **Big Local Thurnscoe**

BLT are moving forward with the Community Plaza and we are sorting the correct paperwork for the planning application and lease of the land along Houghton Road for the Plaza. BLT have had a number of applications to the Thurnscoe Enterprise Fund and the Partnership have approved and awarded 9 applications to-date for a total of 4k. As we can't have any events this Christmas BLT have decided to have a fly past with a Christmas banner, this is much cheaper than the cost of our Christmas Cracker event, BLT hope this will remind the community of Thurnscoe that they are not forgotten in these difficult times and give the youngsters something to look out for.

##### **Station House Community Association**

Charlotte thanked the group for funding the inspiration Banners in the garden she also reported the children were starting to show signs of distress (particularly 5-11 years) Children were clearly anxious about covid and the effects it is having on family life. All services are now open but running under very strict guidelines, one being no volunteers or students. We have been told to expect that any closures of childcare and/or education would be the very last thing to happen.

The impact of covid is less children allowed in and less demand from working parents (shielding/isolating/just very worried) increased staffing to enable safe working practice, this means less income and more outgoings. We have some additional grants, but they won't last forever.

##### **Thurnscoe Park**

Volunteers still working hard and within the guidelines, lots still to be done – no events, no remembrance and no group gatherings.

##### **Dearne Memorial Group**

Peter gave a update on the remembrances in the Dearne and highlighted no formal service will be taking place due to the restrictions and tiers that we are currently in. Any wreaths can be laid still.

#### **6. AOB**

None

#### **7. Date and time of the next meeting**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (2pm)

