

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of the meeting via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 19th November, 4pm

Present: Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Caroline Saunders, Cllr Trevor Smith, Tanya Dickinson Community Development Officer, Barbara Tindle (Secretary)

1. Welcome and apologies
Pauline welcomed everyone. Apologies from John Davies, Michael Fenna, Brian Moore, Colin Ward, Margaret Barlow and Nicola Farrar. Pauline apologised to anyone who was unable to get on the virtual meeting due to difficulties.
2. Notes from last meeting – Due to technical issues the last meeting didn't go ahead. Instead decisions on future work were collated via individual conversations which have gone into a workplan for the WA October 2020 to March 2021. These decisions were ratified via tonight's meeting and via telephone by members who were unable to connect to the Microsoft Teams meeting.

3. Ward Alliance Fund

Funding Report – Unspent monies from the Volunteer Training programme of £2,054 as well as £1,625 reimbursed to the WA from the Covid support fund for their summer healthy holidays project has now been transferred onto the WAF balance which currently stands at £19,400.

WAF Applications:

Low Valley Flood Group – Inflatable Sandbags £2,500 after a brief discussion it was decided to fund in full on the proviso that the inflatable bags were used to protect homes not gardens and that residents flooded in 2007 and 2019 received an equal footing when it came to distribution of the packs.

Barnsley Leaders Basketball Club – Winter Training Sessions £350 after a brief discussion it was agreed to fund in full.

Greenspace Volunteers – Colin Ward has declared an interest. Additional piece of equipment £323.90 after a brief discussion it was agreed to fund in full.

Darfield Cricket Club – Winter Cricket Nets £1,000 after a brief discussion it was agreed to fund in full due to the group not having the opportunity this year to fundraise due to Covid 19.

DWA – Healthy Holidays (Christmas 2020 to May 2021) - £5,000 after a brief discussion it was agreed to fund in full.

DWA – Covid Support Packs - £645 after a brief discussion it was agreed to fund in full.

4. Ward Alliance Projects

- October 2020 to March 2021 Workplan – Tanya informed the members that we missed the deadline for the hanging baskets and that the mini Christmas trees were not cost effective due to the brackets not being dual purpose – they can't then be used for hanging baskets. A discussion regarding spring/summer baskets and exploring a sponsorship scheme by local business or in memory of, needed exploring further. Trevor suggested a working group to meet in January to discuss further possibilities. Trevor to take the lead. A local resident has also offered to be involved with this. If any WA member would like to volunteer to bring this project forward please let Tanya know.
- Winter Wellbeing Packs – The Alliance made an in-principle agreement to support such an application. The detail of the project to be shared with the WA after tonight's meeting. Pauline declared an interest for this application.

5. Update on Principal Towns - the consultation deadline has finished. The results of the survey will be discussed at a meeting next week. An update will follow shortly after that.
6. Any other business – Pauline asked if Tanya could contact Thornhill House with regards to funding help as soon as possible.

Trevor raised concerns over losing members of the WA due to the virtual meetings not being possible to some members. Tanya to raise these concerns with her line manager with the hopes that in the New Year things may be different.

Tanya asked if anyone would like to appear in a video promoting the WA / sending a Christmas message for the South Area Team's facebook page. If anyone is interested can they please let Tanya know.

7. Date and time of next meeting:

2021 dates based on meetings being 3rd Thursday of the month. Meetings to start at 4pm via Microsoft Teams or Darfield Community Centre as soon as restrictions allow:

21st January, 18th March, 20th May, 15th July, 16th September, 18th November

Pauline closed the meeting and wanted to wish all Ward Alliance members a Merry Christmas, stay safe and stay well.