

## Wombwell Ward Alliance

Notes from virtual meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Present: Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Carmel Seston, Keith Seston, Sabeena Chavan, Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Leanne Cook (Berneslai Homes), Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Guests: Fiona O'Brien, Teresa Williams, Jess Whiting (BMBC Principal Towns) Tracey Hughes (Age Uk), Kay Tinkler (BMBC NEO)

Apologies: Margaret Morgan

Cllr Frost chaired the meeting and welcomed members and introduced the guest speakers

**Principal Towns** – Fiona o'Brien updated the meeting on the recent online consultation re Wombwell High St (Presentation attached) that was circulated via Wombwell Wise facebook page. There had been a good response and she thanked the admin of Wombwellll wise for their support.

Questions . - Cllr Frost made enquiries re the Burton Building and was informed that this would be covered under Phase 2 currently securing funding. Business case will be sent to Commissioning Board within next 2 weeks. Problems with the toilet block is much slower requires Asset Management to contact the owner. They don't envisage any issues with the market stalls and the meeting was informed that the Business grants were being rolled out.

**Kay Tinkler (Neighbourhood Engagement Officer)** Kay explained her role e.g. linking the Council with Businesses and supporting vulnerable people and community groups about Covid 19 restrictions and regulations. It is difficult when the situation is constantly changing e.g. Tier 2 moving to tier 3 and then lockdown. The role involves working with public health and regulatory services to ensure everyone is working to current guidelines. Action AB to pass on Kay's contact details to community members.

**Tracy Hughes Age Uk Social Inclusion Worker.** Cllr Frost declared that he is a Trustee of Age Uk Presentation attached of Tracy's work so far within Wombwell. Action AB to pass on Tracy's contact details to members.

### **Minutes of last meeting/matters arising**

AB thanked the members of FOWP for supporting the delivery of the Autumns children's activity packs. 66 packs were given out. South Area Tidy Team also came along on the day demonstrating how to make a bug house. The workshop was delivered outdoors following social distancing rules. This activity was funded by the remaining Healthy holiday budget of £152.70

The Ghost Trial in Wombwell woods was very successful. It was promoted by the South Area Facebook page and had a reach of over 43.500. It got people visiting the page and seeing more informative posts re covid and importance of keeping safe.

At the end of the summer FOWP working with Public health and the South Area Team invited local children to design posters for the smoke free park signs. We had 4 winners. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in getting the posters made into signs, but we hope to see some movement on this in the next few weeks.

**Healthy Holidays.** Due to success of summer fruit & vegetable boxes the Alliance were asked if they wanted to support a Christmas hamper project. (everything for Christmas dinner meat, vegetables). This would be a targeted provision aimed at families financially affected by Covid 19 and its restrictions. Families would be identified by Parent support workers, Barneslai homes housing officers, South Area Councils private housing officer, & CAB.

Running alongside this hamper would be children Christmas activity packs delivery will be partially targeted via primary schools, plus general distribution via 2 local community venues.

The Alliance supported this project and it was agreed £7,000 to be ring fenced for this project. Any funds remaining from this application would be used to deliver Healthy Holiday activities during February and Easter breaks.

Christmas Lunch for over 55's. It was discussed and agreed that £640 would be allocated for Wombwell Community Lunch club to cook and deliver a Christmas lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Lunch club members who haven't met since early March would be targeted alongside Age UK service users and those socially isolated individuals who have or are accessing the BMBC community responder service. This project will provide opportunities for volunteering as well as joint working with our partners.

AB informed the group that she would be doing a Reindeer Trail in Wombwell woods to encourage families to get out and about into the local area. This would be a no cost project. The trail would be promoted via Southteam facebook page.

### **Funding applications**

Barnsley Junior Basketball club £350 approved

Ward Alliance Christmas tree £360 approved

The group were informed that Wombwell Dam Community Angling club had donated £100 towards the tree. Cllr Frost recommended that a sign be put up declaring their support. Acton AB to organise.

**A.O.B** Keith Seston has drawn some lovely Christmas Carols/Songs pictures, which are going to be utilised for a Guess the Christmas carol/song competition. They are going to be placed in the windows of independent shop. The aim is for the public to engage in a competition via facebook and have the chance to win a hamper of goodies, promoting shop local, support your local High St.

### **Date of next meeting**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 6pm.**