

# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, 11:00 AM

Attendees	Apologies
Amy Calvert (Barnsley Food Network), Marie Sinclair (BMBC - CDO), Craig Aubrey (BMBC - NEO) Mick Moore, Cllr Neil Danforth, Cllr May Noble, Carole Hoyland, Alan George, Pat Hubery, Vicky Cumming, and Donna Gregory	Cllr Charlotte Buck

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

The Ward alliance welcomed Amy Calvert from Barnsley Food Network and Craig Aubrey from Barnsley Council.

**Amy Calvert** – AC attending the meeting to share some of the progress with regards the Good Food Partnership. She spoke about all the great work which is currently being undertaken in the Barnsley area in order to ensure that young family's do not go hungry throughout the holidays. She also spoke about the food mapping exercise, which is currently in development, AC will share this with the ward alliance in order to see if there are any addition to the document. AC also acknowledged the great work of Area Councils and Ward Alliances across the Borough in targeting those most at need.

**Craig Aubrey** gave a brief introduction into his role as the new Neighbourhood engagement officer for the Dearne. His work will primarily be around COVID working with residents, groups, schools and local businesses. If anyone from this meeting would like any assistance or have queries from the wider community, Craig will happily assist in those. [CraigAubrey@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CraigAubrey@barnsley.gov.uk)

### 2. **Matters arising from pervious notes** - Alan George treasurer from Dearne South asked the WA group if anyone would come forward to be a signature on the bank account as the previous person is no longer on the Alliance. Pat & Carole both agreed so it went to a vote – Pat was unanimous voted on in which she will meet with Alan to visit bank to set herself up for future reference. Alan also has requested a debit card to make transactions easier to pay and release monies – all agreed this was necessary moving in the 2021.

Marie advised the group the DEFIB was been installed this week and will notify everyone at next WA due to current restrictions it isn't advisable to do a full WA photo shoot, but once restrictions are lifted and its safe to do so we can arrange something.

Feedback from October half term veggie pumpkin boxes – 124 boxes given out with excellent feedback on produce and products/activities inside the packs, video tutorials didn't really hit the targets this will be discussed within area team to look at future online activities if needed.

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

Alan gave full update on finances for 2020

£5300.00 in account (£3800 for healthy holidays/kids activities & £1500.00 for Goldthorpe Library for after school activities

WA funding applications balance - £3453.72 (after agreement of £1000.00 for resilience application)

#### **4. 2020 remaining projects**

*Winter warmth packs funding all received from Berneslai Homes, Public Health, Big Local Thurnscoe, Big Local GBH and our swap from the School uniform of £1400.00, all packs delivered direct to the district nursing teams at Thurnscoe lift medical centre and will be going out this week. 250 packs will be given to local vulnerable residents to help them keep safe and warm over winter. The district nurses will be delivering them to the neediest. They contain a variety of goodies along with a card from the ward alliances giving that personal touch.*

*A homemade card with individual names was created by Marie in which Cllr Noble said it was a lovely personal touch. She thanked Marie for this project and all the work she does as she goes above and beyond. The whole ward agreed with Mays sentiment as we all think Marie is a good egg.*

#### **5. Group updates:**

**Salvation Army** - The Pentecostals and the Salvation Army have sent out 150 goody bags during the half term holiday. The families prearranged a time slot to pick up their parcels this project went down really well with the local families who have access to both venues. Alison & Jackie are both on with Christmas projects & a toy appeal to ensure anyone that needs food or gifts have access to what's available at the SA. Alison also stated that the SA has a great bunch of volunteers and is working so well she is going to carry on with this method and way of working into 2021 and beyond. She is also truly grateful to everyone who has helped and all the organisations that have helped with PPE and the funding help from the Area Team who have assisted in making it happen.

The theatre is doing a play on a disc so can be accessed digitally this year costing £750 for 4 performances which will be played at the local schools via zoom, she will update at the meeting in January with feedback.

**BODVAG** – Carole gave a brief update starting with the raising of £500 for the royal British legion selling homemade buns in one of the sheltered accommodations - 3 large sleeping bags have or are being donated to the homeless shelter in Barnsley

The trees for St. Andrews square have been ordered and paid for installation will be this weekend she thanked the WA for their funding.

##### **Goldthorpe development group**

Cllr Noble gave an update stating – As they used to have a social club get together once a month to combat loneliness. But obviously due to covid this has had to stop. The group is in the process of acquiring the names and addresses of those who attended so they can send them a Christmas gift.

Big Local (Goldthorpe, Highgate & Bolton on Dearne) – Alan George gave an update saying the group are looking for new members for a fresh start to Big Local South, anyone who knows someone in the community please come forward, Vicky, Mick, Cllr Noble, Cllr Danforth all expressed an interest in joining the newly formed group to add some sparkle and experience from a WA point of view, this will also be good to keep the links between both parties so working together and not duplicating projects.

Sad news of some antisocial behavior where the scaffolding had been stolen from the Snapton but it hasn't impacted the work too much.

They are also looking to REBRAND from Big Local GBH to 'Snapton community hub'

#### **6. AOB**

Alan gave a brief outline of the resilience container and the grit/items we have now purchased for anyone needing the items see him direct.

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

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December (annual Xmas get together with QUIZ)
