

Notes for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance

Held on Wednesday 13 January 2021

Microsoft Teams

Present

Cllr Mick Stowe
Cllr Tim Shepherd
Cllr Robin Franklin
Cllr Chris Lamb
Cllr Jim Andrews

Hoyland Milton
Hoyland Milton
Hoyland Milton
Rockingham
Rockingham

Kerry Thompson
Peter Latham
Joy Hart
Janet Cartwright
Steve Chapman
Allan Wood

Age UK Barnsley

Friends of Elsecar Park
St Mary's with Holy Trinity Church Elsecar
Owd Marthas Yard Community Garden

Apologies

Anne Sanderson
Leanne Cook
Neil Spencer
Ian Warhirst
Councillor Nicola Sumner

Neighbourhood Watch
Bernaslai Homes
Forge Community Partnership
Hemingfield Action Group
Rockingham Ward

Councillor Mick Stowe Chaired the meeting

1. Welcomes and introductions

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting especially the two new members in attendance. Unfortunately, Pat Gregory has resigned from the alliance. The Chair asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Pat. Dawn was asked to arrange.

There was a suggestion that an invite to join the alliance should be sent to the two GP practices.

2. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 2 July 2020

Notes accepted as a true record

3. Update on Ward Alliance budget

There was a discussion about the amount currently in the Ward Alliance budget.

- Currently £9000 is ringfenced for a Ward Alliance project to help prevent anti-social off-road biking in Jump Valley.
- Owd Martha's Yard Community Garden will be returning some funding, the Chair of the group had received an invoice. The group intend having a sculpture made of Owd Martha's clock but unfortunately, they cannot get insurance for it. There was a suggestion the cupola

for the original clock is at the Heritage Centre. Dawn to contact the Heritage Centre to find out if it is there.

4. Funding Applications that need ratifying

Applications were all agreed

- Planting at the Cenotaph
- Christmas in Hoyland
- Christmas in Birdwell

Christmas trees were not good enough this year and a different supplier needs to be found. Christmas Trees for 2020 had been purchased from a well-known local supplier using the height specification in previous years. Complaints had been received from residents that they were too small and appeared to be of poor quality. The lights were also poor, the ones in Hoyland had been used the previous year. There were compliments for the Tree in Jump Village. The alliance needs to look at costings for 2021 and decide if the alliance would like to sponsor the Christmas Trees in 2021. This can be determined once prices are known.

5. Future Project Ideas

- A suggestion has been made about using Ward Alliance money to fund a job club for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham. Before this goes ahead it needs to be established what is already on offer in Barnsley through the Council, Dawn to contact Barnsley Adult and Community Education. Preliminary enquiries show that another area is running a job club at £33,000 pa for 3 sessions a week. It was suggested that the area has not economically hit the lowest point although it is anticipated there will be job losses it is not known what that impact will be or how much intervention will be required.
- The Ward Alliance has had a quiet 2020 due the current pandemic, so it needs kickstarting in 2021. The alliance briefly discussed two short term projects:
- Repeating the hanging basket sponsorship programme
- Putting together a free booklet of local walks – Alliance representatives are asked to share some of their favourite short walks. The intention is to get the booklet out for Easter.
- Is the time right to deliver the slips trips and falls project again?
- Alliance reps were invited to consider any projects that they would like to see happen and report back to the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

There was a reminder that Captain Allott's Fund can take application from parts of Elsecar for example Welland Crescent.

Jump Valley

There was a long discussion about this as the application has not been authorised although the funding remains ring fenced. There was a suggestion that the Councillors contact Alan Billings, the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the new Chief Superintendent to see what action the police can take to help prevent this long-term problem.

7. Date of next meeting

- 3 March 2021 on Microsoft Teams

