



Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting

Wednesday 24th February 2021 5:30 pm

Virtual Teams Meeting

Notes

Due to restrictions on meetings during the corona virus the Kingstone Ward Alliance was conducted via Micro Soft Teams

1. **Attended:** Sarah Davey (CDO), Cllr Williams (Chair), Stephen Bullcock, Tony Barraclough, Peter Robertshaw, Peter Roberts, Kelly Quinney, Florentine Bootha King
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Mitchel. The Ward Alliance would like to send their good wishes to Cllr Mitchell and hopes for a quick recovery
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary and None Pecuniary Interest** - N/A
4. **Notes & Matters arising from Previous Meeting:** no actions arising that were not on the agenda
 - **Ward Alliance Fund:** Budget available: **£10,393.00 (£990 Environment, £442 Events)**. This was currently being clarified along with other Ward Alliance budgets
 - **WAF Applications**
 - i. **Exodus Project:** Cllr Williams explained that the Covid Resilience Fund had been looked at to potentially fund this project, but that Exodus were not eligible for this as it is aimed at keeping organisations afloat who are financially struggling. The group approved this application
 - ii. **Worsbrough Common Primary School:** a question was raised about whether Ward Green was involved as in a different ward. The CDO explained that it was, but that the prizes from this bid were for Worsbrough Common School only. Cllr Williams added that they schools are now in the same academy trust. The group approved this application
 - iii. **Environment Budget:** It was agreed to transfer money to the Environmental working budget for environmental projects throughout the year

5. KWA Priorities Updates and Actions:-

- i. **Central Area healthy holiday** project : the CDO reported on the project. WCCA ran it in the Kingstone area and around 50 families were reached. The offer consisted of a food bag with ingredients and recipes to make two meals- pizza and burgers- a fruit basket and an activity pack. The Ward Alliance had paid for the fruit pack and the rest was funded by Good Food Barnsley. It had been very well received by families.

From Easter, the offer has changed in that the government are no longer giving the £15 vouchers for those on free school meals, but are instead funding councils to deliver a Food and Activity programme for those on free school meals. Generally this would involve 6 weeks of activity during school

holidays with 4 days a week of activities. Easter will be different because of restrictions, so will involve a food box with ingredients, an activity pack and a skipping rope.

The Ward Alliance felt that it was still important to reach those who were not on free school meals, but might be furloughed or have lost jobs due to Covid and that we would be able to enhance this offer by potentially focussing on those not on FSM

- ii. **HOPE in the community** : due to personal circumstances, Peter explained that they had not been able to run any Healthy Holiday activities in February half term, but they are working on future plans

- **Environmental activities: update**

- i. **Bulb planting** – The CDO reported that Twiggs were able to plant now at a cost of £660.00+ VAT for bulbs and £300 + VAT for planting. Prices are likely to be less in the Autumn. Peter Roberts pointed out that there were already many crocuses in the park and the local area, so it would be better to wait until Autumn when there would be less colour and therefore more impact. The group felt it was best to leave the planting till the Autumn and ask Twiggs to do this

ACTION POINT: CDO to Contact Twiggs to let them know we would like them to plant in Autumn and we will contact them soon to confirm details

- ii. **Hanging baskets – aiming for spring 2021:** Cllr Williams reminded the group of the cost of the baskets and if they were in agreement to fund initially with the aim of recouping some of that money through sponsorship of businesses. He asked how many the group would want to fund initially and how much they felt we should charge for the baskets.

The group felt it would be able to charge more than £80 as it was a cheap way for a business to advertise. If we were to charge about £100, that would work out at around £9 a month. The second year would simply be the cost of the basket which the company would fund directly. It was agreed to charge £100 but to let people know the full cost.

Steve suggested that we identify and approach potential businesses and others very quickly to raise awareness. The CDO mentioned that in Stairfoot where a similar project is happening, they have put out a leaflet on their Facebook group and within a week have had 21 people interested. About 50% are local businesses and 50% are individuals, many of these seeing this as a memorial for those they have lost. It was suggested that churches too might be able to signpost some people who might benefit from this way of remembering their loved ones.

Kelly suggested the gym on Dyson Street might want to fund one and other suggestions included the Co op and the vets.

The group discussed briefly location of the hanging baskets. Cllr Williams will be going out with Chad to check out suitable lampposts. Peter Roberts asked

that we consider the lampposts on the part of Keresforth Hill Road that runs down from the traffic lights past the co op, making it a good welcome to Kingstone.

ACTION POINTS:

- Cllr Williams to talk to Frank Farnham at Worsbrough who was involved in the project there
- The WA to get names of businesses to Cllr Williams as soon as possible, preferably in the next week
- Cllr Williams to meet Chad re the lampposts
- Order baskets by end of March: CDO

iii. Grit Bins: The CDO has ordered the bins at a cost of £120. The invoice has not yet been received and unsure if they have been filled yet

ACTION POINT: CDO to follow up

- **Winter Directory of Services – Age UK** – this has been distributed and there are some copies for members and others left in the office to distribute. Because we are currently working from home, arrangements will need to be made to get into the office to pick them up
- **Pen pal project** – The CDO reported that she had spoken to Alec and the project was going well. Over 72 letters had been written to two care homes- Eboracum House and Highstone Mews by children from Shawlands School. Children had received an Age UK boxed pen. The group have not done everything they wanted to as yet, but had asked if they could just continue after lockdown. The WA agreed. The group has further plans to do gardening and other activities at one of the homes in the future
- **Street Art:** Stephen talked about the possibility of a street art project in the area to enhance and brighten up the area and celebrate people and places relevant to Barnsley. Florentine suggested it would also be something for people to be involved in after lockdown to help people to express their feelings through graffiti. Peter Robertshaw suggested Creative Recovery might be good to involve but Cllr Williams explained they didn't currently have the capacity. It might be something they could be involved in later on. Kelly knows someone who has done this sort of work with young people and there was a strong feeling that young people should be involved in this project.

ACTION POINT: Before next meeting, people to send ideas of places and themes for the street art to Cllr Williams

6. **Ward Alliance Priorities 2021-2022:** The Ward Alliance looked at the current priorities and whether they wanted to change these or keep them as they are. It was agreed to keep them as they are for the next 12 months.
7. **Report from Central Area Council** – Information and issues that effect Kingstone Ward:
 - Cllr Williams
 - Cllr Williams explained that commissioned services had been extended for a third year due to Covid

- The tender for the Loneliness and isolation project had over 30 organisations showing interest and 12 applications went through to the next stage. Seven people looked at the applications and scored on a matrix and from this 4 groups are going to a meeting on 26th February to answer further questions about their projects. There is not enough money to fund all projects. Cllr Williams was a bit disappointed in the lack of innovation, with most groups seeming to want to continue what they are already doing and just link to social isolation.

8. Any other business:

- Peter Robertshaw shared that he had been asked by Michelle to be an administrator for Facebook social media and he was attending training on the first Friday in March
- Kelly shared that her daughter had received an Award from the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire for doing valuable service in the community. This is a rare award to be given and Kelly is rightly proud of her. The group passed on their congratulations. Peter said that he could write a piece about her if Kelly sends a bio which he might be able to get in the papers

ACTION: Kelly to send bio to Peter and Peter to write feature

- Florentine explained that ELSH was to be a centre for the Census in March to support people with this
- Junior Wardens scheme: Cllr Williams asked if the Ward Alliance wanted to support the Junior Wardens Scheme again in September. It costs £900 for a scheme and there would be 2 a year. 48 children would be part of this for 13 weeks. It was felt that it is a good scheme that would be relevant at this time as young people need something to get them going.

ACTION: Malcolm to put in a WAF bid

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th April at 5.30pm