

Notes

Monday 8th February 2021 (10:00 am)– Virtual Meeting

1. **Attendees:** Cllr Johnson, Cllr Gillis, Cllr Bowler, Rev Fiona Kouble, Cynthia Cunningham, Sian Pearson, Robert Stendall, Sarah Davey
2. **Apologies for Absence:** -Lisa Hammond, Ann Hart, Roy Marsden, Dave Winnard
3. **Introductions:** Cllr Johnson introduced Sarah Davey, the new Community Development Officer for the Central Area Council who will be temporarily acting as Doreen's replacement until the post has been successfully recruited for. Ward Alliance members introduced themselves and what they are currently doing in the communities within the Stairfoot Ward.
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interest:** None
5. **Notes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising:** The last minutes were from October and there were no matters arising
6. **Ward Alliance Fund – Remaining balance:**

Main budget: £16,066.74
Environmental Working Budget: £1884.85
Events Working Budget: £0
7. **Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan – 2020/2021**
 - a. **Environment**
 - i. Request for a collapsible trolley costing £50/£60 was approved to be delivered to Lisa Hammond from Environmental Working Budget
 - ii. Myra's bench: currently deciding on the best place and should be in place within a week to 10 days. Discussion around whether two planters could be placed at the sides of the bench if they could be secured

ACTION: CDO to contact John Twigg to deliver trolley to Lisa: done
 - b. **Healthy Holidays Project**
 - i. **Christmas Healthy Holidays:** This went very well and families who participated were really pleased with the food hampers. Cllr Johnson expressed disappointment about the activity packs which had been produced by Good Food Barnsley as they were lacking things that were promised. However, alternative holiday packs were put together by Cllr Johnson and others with a variety of activities such as crosswords, word searches, a diary and a calendar
 - ii. **Healthy Holidays February half-term:** Packs will be put together with ingredients and recipe cards for two family meals. There will also be a fruit basket and an activity pack printed professionally by the Council. Volunteers will need to put together the food bags from 9-11 on Tuesday 16th February at Ebenezer Church. Fiona gave apologies that she would not be able to help as her church was doing something similar for Lent on the same day. It was felt there would be enough volunteers. Collection from families would be from 11 till 2.

35 families have been referred (40 bags of food due to size of some families). Also, Hunningley Primary School have been in contact after the closing date to see if they could be involved.

Sian mentioned that families sometimes find it very hard to ask for help.

ACTION: Sarah to contact Kath re being a volunteer for Healthy Holidays-done

c. Ebenezer Church

Keith Savage is very keen to use the space at Ebenezer Church for community activities going forwards. It was agreed that the church is in a great geographical location

d. Stairfoot Art project / Principal Towns

Robert gave an update on the Stairfoot Art Project. The plans for the **small park** are going well and Robert described the 'sculptures' and colourful floor spaces which would be used to brighten up the area. There would be three colourful poles with a design on the tops. School children had been consulted about what they wanted to see and the artists had incorporated their designs into the product. The tree has already been removed from the park, creating a more open space. The metal box by the park will also be covered with art- work.

Sculpture at Stairfoot: this is meant to represent a bottle from Barnsley's glass industry and will be created in a contemporary style. The artist is currently making some adaptations to his design, after some thoughts had been expressed by the Stairfoot Art Project group.

Cllr Gillis explained that the artist was also looking into a painted brick surround to represent Stairfoot's brick industry and a piece of coal to represent the coal mining industry. Robert made some other suggestions as to where they might also be able to focus on the coal mining industry.

Signage on the Trail: Signage was being created on the trail which involves images of animals which appear to move when people pass them. The artist is working on the designs to show at the next meeting of the Stairfoot Art Project group.

Everyone agreed that the artists were very talented and that the art projects would enhance Stairfoot and make it more a place where people want to stop and visit. The sculptures would also create a focal point to meet.

e. Hanging Baskets

Cllr Johnson explained he had done a lamppost survey along the routes leading from the Stairfoot roundabout hub. He shared how Worsbrough had placed their hanging baskets along the A61 to the Red Lion pub opposite Worsbrough Country Park and how this had lifted the area. Cllr Johnson showed pictures of hanging baskets from Worsbrough. Discussion was had around whether we could do the hanging baskets in the same way at Worsbrough, though the community had been heavily involved in the Worsbrough project.

Prices were discussed- £120 for basket and bracket in first year with £28 for signage. For the second year, it would be £55 for the cost of the basket. All costs included fitting. The baskets would be watered by the Council. Signs could be re-cycled. There was some confusion re the costs, so these would be checked by the CDO.

Cllr Johnson suggested that we charge £85 per hanging basket which would cover the basket and the sign and that the Ward Alliance would cover the rest of the cost, i.e. for the brackets where brackets were needed. This was agreed.

Sponsorship of the baskets was discussed. It was felt that local businesses might struggle with paying for baskets at this time, having been hit hard by Covid, but that the price of £85 might make it accessible for them. It was suggested that individuals might want to sponsor a basket in memory of a loved one and that churches might be a starting point for this.

There was a discussion around whether businesses or individuals might want a basket directly outside their home or business or whether that would be too random and detract from the idea of the hub.

Fiona expressed that she felt that the hanging baskets would look lovely and build a positive community feel.

It was agreed to put aside £1000 from the budget to be used as needed for the project. If the project does not go ahead, or there was surplus money, this would go back into the pot.

ACTION: CDO to double check prices without brackets- done

ACTION: Cllr Johnson to send posters to CDO to distribute to the Ward Alliance members

f. **Spring bulb planting:** it was confirmed that this was too late for this year

8. **Ward Alliance Priorities 2021-2022**

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting when it is clearer what is happening re Covid/ lockdown etc

9. **Obstacles to attending meetings**

This was discussed briefly though it was noted that there had been a good attendance at this meeting. The main issue seems to be around people working/caring responsibilities at the times of some meetings or some feeling 'zoomed out' if Zoom meetings happen consecutively, It was agreed to look into whether we could have at least some meetings around 4/4.30 to enable more people to attend

ACTION: CDO to check with Lisa and David to see if this time would be more suitable for them- done

10. **Any other business**

- i. **Data base of organisations in the Stairfoot Ward:** Councillor Gillis explained about the discussion had with the CDO re an up to date data base of organisations in Stairfoot. It was felt there was already one somewhere which seemed to be updated regularly as people were asked for updates. CDO explained that Alice, the Project Officer from the Central Area Team was currently compiling a list.

ACTION: CDO to look for the existing list

- ii. **Fence repair:** Robert reported that a fence had been broken down and there had been a really quick response from the Parks department and to express appreciation for this
- iii. **AFACT:** the group had carried out their activity at Christmas with Santa but had not yet received any money in their sacks/ bank account!

ACTION: CDO to check out

- iv. **Benches in Ardsley:** Robert mentioned that they were looking for two additional benches for Ardsley Park for when people started to get out more- this would create opportunities for social interaction whilst keeping socially distanced. It would cost approximately £1000. It was felt this would be a Ward Alliance Funding bid, though Cllr Johnson also mentioned the potential of buying the second bench created alongside Myra's bench

ACTION: CDO to send WAF to Robert

11. Date and time of next meeting: 8th March 16.15- 17.45