

## **Warwick Ahead – Board Meeting AGM March 2014**

When: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Where: The Addy

Times: 6.00 – 8.00pm

### **Attendees:**

#### **RESIDENTS**

Hazel Richardson (Chairing), Cllr Stokes, Cllr Burton, Wendy Abbott, Mary Abbott, Jane Byford, Brendon Thompson, Margaret Mather, Sue Henderson, Eric Henderson, Lynne Nuttol, Doreen Zackarow, Maureen Ward, Shona Hogg, Gwen Jones, Gillian Cook, April Wetherall, Lynne Ward, Angela Jordan, Mary Gladman, Emma Crompton, Becki Jones, Sheila Hutley, Anna Moffat, Margaret Martin, Abby Kennedy, Iris Jones, Douglas Jones, Harry Swallow, Gail Merrifield, Sharon Blackburn, Nicola Haigh, Sam Thorley, John Fulcher

#### **WORKERS**

Sally Holdsworth WDH, Helen Monks (Wakefield Council), Shelley McIntyre (Additional Needs / Addy), Holly Ellis (Addy), Joanne Smith (WDH), Mike Dando (Big Local Rep), Judi Alston (One to One Development Trust), Georgina Swift (Wakefield Council), Kathy Engler and Nicola McClellan (Leeds Mind), Juliet Kripp (Groundwork), Tara Watson-Morgan (The Addy), Stuart Kirbyson & Sam Dobson (PCSO's)

1. The meeting was opened by the Acting Chair Person, Hazel Richardson. Hazel gave a good overview of the previous year laying out the successes and some of the challenges the Community Board faced. One highlight was the partnership working and one area to be mindful of was to keep involving all aspects of the community young and old.
2. There were apologies from: Matthew Poxon, Christine Martin, Natalie Guy, Samantha Wooton (Childrens Centre), Andy and Sophie Cable
3. The minutes from the 2013 AGM were approved
4. A series of short presentations followed about key projects:
  - a. **Community Transport**  
WA worked with Re-Connect to develop policies/procedures, we are now planning a membership scheme. The project will be called Warwick wheels. Links are being formed with Osgoldcross Forum
  - b. Gail Merrifield - **Northern College**  
NC offered bespoke courses to different Big Local areas. Lots of our Board members attended courses both day and residential courses and found them very affirming and a good chance to meet new people and hear new ideas from other BL areas.
  - c. Anna and Margaret **Luncheon Club**  
There are increasing numbers and it is much appreciated by the older folk.  
WA is paying for kitchen staff and subsidising the meal costs  
Recently extended the provision to Tuesday afternoon teas

- d. **Events**  
4 events have run: Dragon Boat Race, Knottingley Gala, Summer Party and Christmas Fayre  
The community events are all drawing more people in  
Planning and organising is getting better with volunteers having a good opportunity to develop their skills
- e. **Environment projects**  
A new group Warwick Watchers has started as a Junior Neighbourhood Watch. They are focusing on the Lanes  
The Garden Project has been awarded to Groundwork  
The Play Spaces project been awarded to TCV
- f. Shelley, (worker) and Emma (parent) - **Run Riot**  
A dedicated worker has been recruited. There are now regular support and play sessions with numbers of families wanting to join increasing.
- g. **Peer to Peer support**  
There is a good link with Leeds Mind who ran a taster session at the Christmas party. A three month pilot project with longer term aims to train up volunteers as peer support workers.
- h. Sheila Hutley stood in for Christine Martin - **Credit Union**  
Developing a project with White Rose Credit Union to offer residents loans and savings advice. Based on the estate 1 or 2 days a week.
- i. **Warwick Community Group**  
Got a new Board in place.  
Been looking to take on a lease for the shop next door which would be called The Hub. This is where all the workers when in place would be based and would become a 'hub' for Warwick Ahead. Underspend in funds in funds so approaching Big Local to appropriate funds to pay some of the WCG bills
- j. Judi Alston - **Media Project**  
The newsletters have an increased print run from 1000 to 1500.  
Social media and website are active  
One to One bought media equipment for the Addy  
Produced a film about Run Riot (showing tonight), Planning animation project with Simpsons Lane Academy.
- k. Holly Ellis - **The Addy**  
The caretaker was employed and is going well. The Addy are working on a Strategic Plan and a funding bid for Reaching Communities as their core funding runs out this year. It may be that Big Local funding is needed as an interim solution to keep the Addy running. Sports Worker post is on hold for now.

5. Finance

Judi went through the finances of what has been apportioned to different groups so far, copies of this were circulated. (see attached)

The Chair Person called a break for refreshments – scones and drinks were provided by Anna and Margaret. Sophie Cable produced a Warwick Ahead exhibition of progress so far.

Members of the meeting were invited to fill in leaves to tie onto a willow tree, with 2 points, firstly – what has worked well in Year 1 of the Plan, and secondly, what are you looking forward to in Year 2 of the Plan.

The Run Riot film produced by One to One Development Trust was shown and got a very moving and emotional response.

6. What it means to be a Board Member.

Jane Byford told her story of getting involved with Warwick Ahead and how it had brought her out of herself and increased her confidence and skills. Jane went from being very timid and on the side-lines to becoming a fully elected board member and a coach for the Knottingley Angels.

7. (and 7) A new board was elected. As follows:

**Resident Elected Members**

1. Sheila Hutley **Chair Person**
  2. Matthew Poxon
  3. Becki Jones **Secretary**
  4. Jane Byford **Vice Secretary**
  5. Cllr Graham Stokes
  6. Abby Kennedy Young person (aged under 21)
  7. Gail Merrifield
  8. Andy Cable
  9. Wendy Abbott
  10. Angela Jordan
  11. Doreen Zackarow
  12. Gillian Cook
  13. Sharon Blackburn
  14. Gwen Jones (voted on, then came straight off that night) – (Christine Martin)
  15. Emma Crompton
  16. Hazel Richardson
- (Vice Chair still to be agreed – Matthew Poxon recommended)

8. AOB

Judi proposed re-launching the subgroups around themes and had charts up around the room to see if people liked this idea (see attached). Juliet asked for the Natural Play Areas to be moved from Families, to Environment. This could be developed over the year and would be led by residents with a particular interest in a group.

The Addy were thanked for hosting the AGM

The new Chair Person Sheila Hutley thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the meeting.

The AGM for 2015 was set as Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.00pm at the Addy