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Annual General Meeting 12th October 2005

Darfield Methodist Chapel, Barnsley Road, 7:00pm

Minutes

Members Present

Glenda Sheppard (Chair), Chris Bramall (Treasurer), Beverley Buxton (Director)
Brian Lee (Director), Lisa Nadin (Director) , Kristina Ruddy (Director),
Colleen Studd (Director), Dennis Cox, Gillian Bates, Terry Dixon, Bert Beaumont,
Marlene Taylor, Pat Myers , Doreen Parry

Apologies

Margaret Barlow, Carmen Hancock Jones

Non-Members Present

Kevin Kitchen (Minutes)

Welcome & Opening Address

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a summary of the activities over the previous year.

Current Staffing levels.

The current staffing level is 4 Darfield Project Team Workers, 4 V4 Partnership Workers and 2 WEA workers based in Darfield

The funding for the HLP Workers is scheduled to end in March 2006 and the WEA Workers come to an end in May 2006.

We are currently working with PCT and WEA to achieve continuity.

V4 Youth Worker to be appointed within next 3 months. Funding Gained

The Admin Finance officer Pru.Shaw has recently passed away after losing her battle against cancer, The post is currently vacant but being advertised.

WHAT HAVE WE ALL ACHIEVED

- DCA have become a company limited by Guarantee. Gained a £5,000 grant for Business Plan development from the BDA.
- Events Held Christmas Fayre, Community BBQs, Gala, Party in the Park, Summer Play schemes
- Youth Projects Started, Youth Café at City Learning, Centre 17 Re-opened, Darfield Junior Rugby Club. Many Events held by the Cra
- Helped local groups – Bluebells Pre School Care. Gained a management committee, articles of memorandum.
- Supported Dearne Big Band and helped them secure a £10,000 grant from the CRT to support young musicians and given access to practice area.
- Health Improvement Workers have undertaken many health events. The Sunrise Group for young parents has been so successful that it has gained a further £25,000 to continue with a Parenting Scheme. Webster Stratton Training will be available for parents.
Ran a Mature Worker programme with funding from Fair Play.
- Formed the Friends of Darfield Park a sub group of DCA. £125,000 of work is currently being undertaken at the Phase 1 stage. Park Pavilion refurbishment currently under review.
- Bellbrooke Play area refurbished.
- Inkerman Play area refurbished.
- Children's Play equipment included in the Park.
- Next Play area will be proposed for the Bridge Inn playing field.
- Hanging Baskets provided by Area Forum Grant
- Notice Boards provided by Area Forum Grant.
- We have gained approval in principal for an Open Space Project in Partnership with Groundwork.
- Dapper Project. Local Residents completed a book of poems and personal thoughts which is to be published. Some of the participants were engaged in Basic Literacy Classes less than a year ago. A tremendous effort.
- Darfield Calendar to be produced by same group.

What is needed is for more local people to become involved and join our sub groups, board or volunteer bureau.

I need to thank all people involved in the development of funding applications, implementation and helping to make it happen in Darfield.

Report from the Treasurer

An overview of the current funding streams was provided together the current liquidity of the organisation.

Approval of the Accounts of 2004-2005

The audited accounts were reviewed and a recommendation given that they be approved.

This was approved unanimously.

Election of Officers & Management Committee

The following were elected :-

Chair - Glenda Sheppard

Treasurer – Chris Bramall

Secretary – Keith Bird

Director – Beverley Buxton

Director – Lisa Nadin

Director – Kristina Ruddy

The Following directors are in post and were not due for retirement this year :-

Brian Lee, Colleen Stud

Chairpersons Closing Comments.

The chair thanked everyone for attending the AGM and closed the meeting