

**BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL**

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

42. **Present:** Councillors Barnard (Chair), Hand-Davis, Rusby, Starling and Wilson.

43. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.**

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

44. **Minutes from the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

Members discussed the changes to the waste and recycling service, and it was noted that meetings had taken place with officers in Waste Management to highlight concerns.

The meeting felt that previously the service was easy to understand and therefore rates of recycling were high, however the new arrangements were thought to be confusing and therefore concerns were expressed that recycling rates would reduce.

Suggestions were made about engaging the press in order to try to raise awareness of the changes to waste collection.

It was agreed to pass any concerns and issues on to the chair to pass on to the Waste Management Service on behalf of the Area Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

(i) that the minutes from the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be approved as a true and correct record;

(ii) that Members forward any concerns with regards to the waste and recycling service to the Chair to pass onto officers in Waste Management.

45. **Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.**

The meeting considered the notes from the Ward Alliance held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

Attention was brought to discussions about the introduction of a 20mph zone within Penistone Town Centre and it was noted that this would be brought to the attention of the Police and Crime Commissioner, who was scheduled to attend the Ward Alliance in September.

**RESOLVED:-** that the notes from Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be received.

46. **Penistone Area Council update on priorities and commissioning.**

The Area Council Manager introduced the report, which referred to progress being made against the priorities of the Area Council.

It was noted that discussions had taken place to develop proposals for a subsidised bus service. This was felt of increased importance due to the reductions in subsidy for older people using public transport. It was noted that more developed proposals would be considered by the next meeting of the Area Council.

With regards to improvements within Penistone Town Centre, it was noted that some work has also been scheduled and therefore this project may not require the same magnitude of support from the Area Council as originally envisaged. It was therefore suggested that this may be funded through the Devolved Ward Budget.

Members suggested that, where possible, town centre improvements should be completed by the summer in time for the Tour de France.

The meeting then considered the specification of requirements for 'Country Skills Training' alongside the procurement strategy for the proposal.

Members expressed concern that the process was complex and would deter small business from tendering. However, it was noted that a number of events had been arranged to engage small businesses and ongoing support was available through NPS.

Members were supportive of the project and felt it addressed a number of issues within the area.

Though the project was set to engage a minimum of 18 young people, aged 16-18 from the Penistone area, it was suggested that if this was not achievable that this could be extended to looked after children in the care of the authority, or 15 year olds with the support of their school.

With regards to evaluating tenders, it was agreed that the Ward Alliance be asked to provide a member for the tender evaluation panel and that Cllr Starling act as a deputy for Cllr Hand-Davis.

**RESOLVED:-**

(i) that the progress in taking forward the Area Council priorities be noted;

(ii) that the specification of requirements for ' Countryside Skills Training' be approved to a value of £100,000 and with a price/quality split of 30:70 in favour of quality, subject to the agreement that that if the required numbers of young people aged 16-18 for are not reached that this be extended to included looked after children in the care of the authority, or 15 year olds with the relevant support of their school;

(iii) that Penistone Ward Alliance be asked to nominate a Community Representative to take part in the Tender Evaluation Panel for the ' Countryside Skills Training' proposal;

(iv) that Cllr Starling act as deputy to Cllr Hand-Davies for the Tender Evaluation Panel considering the ' Countryside Skills Training' proposal;

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Chair