

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL

17th April, 2014

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

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

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

49. **Minutes from the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 20th March, 2014.**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 20th March, 2014.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting, held on the 20th March, 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

50. **Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 20th March, 2014.**

The meeting considered the notes from the Ward Alliance meeting held on 20th March, 2014. It was noted that an application for Ward Alliance Funds had been received from Tankersley Bowling Club in order to purchase a storage container. However, it was noted that there was a group in Hoylandswaine that had a container that they wished to dispose of. It was agreed that the Chair try to arrange a meeting between the two groups to discuss options.

RESOLVED:- that the notes from Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 20th March, 2014 be received.

51. **Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund.**

Members considered the report which detailed expenditure from April 2013 to March 2014. It was noted that any remaining finance could be carried over and would be added to totals for 2014/15.

The meeting discussed the use of finance and it was felt that the allocation of finance would be accelerated in 2014/15 as all processes were now fully established. Members stressed the need to ensure added value from each grant given, maximising the contribution from volunteers.

RESOLVED:- that the report detailing the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund be noted.

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

The Area Council Manager introduced the report, which referred to the progress being made against the priorities of the Area Council. It was noted that the Countryside Skills Training project had gone out to tender on the 4th April, 2014.

With regards to the proposed improvements to Penistone Town Centre it was noted that the details were still to be confirmed, and discussions with members were still ongoing.

The meeting went on to discuss the proposal for a Subsidised Rural Bus Service on Market days. It was noted that the specification of requirements did not contain large amounts of detail, as it was felt that organisations submitting tenders would have a greater level of experience and knowledge to design an appropriate route and designate times and stops. Members were supportive of the proposal and felt that it could help support the viability of the town centre, whilst also increasing access for people in outlying areas.

Members noted the intent to charge a nominal amount for the service, but recognised the need to ensure this was affordable so the service was used. It was suggested that the evaluation included some detail on how the tendered service will work with existing transport services to help avoid duplication and ensure integration.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the progress in taking forward the Area Council priorities be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the specification of requirements and procurement strategy for 'a Subsidised Rural Bus Service', to a value of £15,000 and with a price quality split of 40:60 in favour of quality.

53. **Community representatives on the Ward Alliance.**

Members considered the report, proposing an individual from Hunshelf Parish Council to become a community representative on the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance.

RESOLVED:- that the proposed individual be approved to act as community representative for the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance for the remainder of the municipal year.

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Chair