

PENISTONE EAST & WEST WARDS

Ward Alliance Meeting

**10am on Thursday the 11th July 2013
Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall**

Notes

1. Present Councillors:- R Barnard, (Chair), P Hand-Davis, A Rusby, A Millner, and T Wood, A Pestell, D Paddey, D Hopkin, R Blythe, K Richardson, S Catterall, and J Unsworth.

Officers:- E Slater, Penistone Area Council Manager, and J Openshaw Senior Local Support Officer.

2. Apologies: - S Webber and R Green

3. Ward Alliance

The Chair and the Area Council Manager gave an overview of the purpose and role of the Ward Alliance and the new governance arrangements. Councillors have agreed that as the Penistone East & West Wards work closely together the 'Ward Alliance' would be a joint ward alliance.

The Ward Alliance is programmed to meet 6 times per year. The alliance members may consider the times and dates of future meetings. The Alliance is tasked with working towards a vision for the area and to develop an area plan. It was agreed that the starting point for the area plan would be the 'Penistone Town Council Plan' being launched on the 20th July and to expand it to include the parishes not included within the Town Council plan, some having already developing their own plans. The focus of the plans will be to set priorities for the area with a wider view of priorities across the whole of the Penistone East and West Wards.

The area manager explained that the group is an independent group which could access external funding, and has the ability to set up its own bank account.

The meeting discussed the funding available; the alliance has an allocated budget of £10,000.00 per ward with a focus upon attracting volunteers. The ward councillors also have a 'Devolved Budget' of £20,000.00 per ward which will increase to £100,000.00 in 2014. These budgets would be utilised to address the priorities identified within the 'Area Plan'.

4. Funding Applications

Following the clarification of the funding available the Ward Alliance considered funding applications received.

Penistone & District Community Partnership, 'Cycle Penistone' a request for £1,785.00 for the purchase of Bicycles , Child Seats, Water Bottles and Bike Locks. The project would attract support of 100 volunteer hours and in kind support of £2,500.00. Following discussions on the application it was agreed to defer the decisions until further information on the application could be obtained, number of cycles held by the project, who is the project targeted at, and quantify the volunteer time.

Woodhead Mountain Rescue Team, 'Midhope War Memorial Project' a request for £1,700.00 for the purchase of display cabinets and boards and an audio visual display. Following discussions on the application it was agreed to defer the decisions until further information on the application could be obtained, location of the project, quantify the volunteer time, and match funds available.

Penistone West Crime & Safety, 'Youth Disco' a request for £1,788.00 to hire a D J and Equipment and room hire for a number of young people's discos. Following discussions on the application it was agreed to defer the decision until further information on the application could be obtained, quantify the volunteer time, number of sessions, match funds, bank balance and entrance fees if any.

5. Meeting Dates, Times and Venue

Members discussed the Date and Times of future meetings, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 12th September 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.