

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 9 February 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Millner, Unsworth and Wilson.

35 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

36 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 8th December, 2016 (PAC.09.02.2017/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th December, 2016.

Members noted that the report requested to provide details on each of the Ward Alliance Fund projects had been started, but work was still ongoing. It was suggested that this be considered at the next meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 8th December, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

37 Minutes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance meetings held on 17th November, 2016 and 12th January, 2017 (PAC.09.02.2017/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 17th November, 2016 and 12th January, 2017.

It was noted that the installation of the Wifi in the Market Barn was still ongoing.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 17th November, 2016 and 12th January, 2017 be received.

38 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (PAC.09.02.2017/4)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item. Members noted that, from a fund of £51,000 for 2016/17, a total of £7,787.06 remained.

The meeting was made aware of applications due to be considered by the Ward Alliance meeting in February. In addition a number of applications were also in development, linked to Yorkshire Le Tour. If these were approved, the amount of finance expected to remain at the end of the financial year was approximately £2,000.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

39 Performance Report (PAC.09.02.2017/5)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were made aware that there had only been minor updates to the previously submitted report, as no monitoring had yet taken place for the current quarter.

With regards to the Clean and Tidy Team, it was noted that one operative had left the team in November. However, some of the capacity of the team had been restored though the engagement of an agency worker. This had left an amount of underspend within the contract.

Members noted that the apprentices employed through the contract had completed their training in health and safety and to use chainsaws. Attention was drawn to the case studies supplied, which Members thought impressive.

With regards to the contract with DIAL to provide the Penistone Advice Drop-In service, Members commented on the high figures for the return on investment. It was suggested that a breakdown of these figures be sought from DIAL in order to explain why the figures were so high.

Feedback was provided on the Young People into Radio project, noting that Radio Sheffield was now engaged, and willing to provide further experience to students. Penistone Grammar School was also engaged with the station as part of its enrichment activities. It was noted that the community radio licence would next be reviewed in 2019, but the station was considering the situation post this date very carefully.

It was acknowledged that future reports would include further information on the performance of initiatives funded through the Working Together Fund.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

40 Clean and Tidy Team (PAC.09.02.2017/6)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, noting that a draft specification for a revised Clean and Tidy Team was being developed and would be circulated to Members for comment.

A business case had been developed for the new service, and the Area Council Manager drew attention to the changes from the current service. These included, amongst other things, an increased emphasis on sharing skills with community groups; being more proactive in areas where fly tipping and dog fouling was prevalent; and a greater focus on educational engagement with young people. Members were supportive and were happy to endorse proposals.

With regards to the existing Clean and Tidy Team contract, Members were reminded that the contract was likely to be underspent. It was therefore suggested that, if possible, this be used to extend the contract.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the update on the clean and tidy commission, be noted;
- (ii) That up to £100,000 per annum be approved for a Clean and Tidy Team, initially for a year with an option to extend for a further year;

- (iii) That approval be given for the Executive Director, Communities, following consultation with the Chair of the Area Council and the Area Council Manager, to approve all necessary documentation in order to ensure timely procurement;
- (iv) That approval be given to utilise any underspend of the current Clean and Tidy Contract to briefly extend the service.

41 Principal Towns Investment Programme (PAC.09.02.2017/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, and gave a presentation on the programme. The £5million investment programme was intended to ensure the regeneration taking place in Barnsley Town Centre was also experienced in other centres around the borough.

Members heard how the programme would be looking to invest in 8 Principal Towns and 11 Local Centres, with projects being in excess of £100,000 in Principal Towns and over £50,000 in Local Centres. Examples of the types of investment that could be made were given.

The meeting noted that two Project Managers would be employed to assist in delivering the programme, and these would be working with the Ward Alliance, Area Teams and other stakeholders to develop schemes, including business cases for investment.

Members noted that a project board would be established and would meet three times a year to assess business cases against set criteria.

Members discussed a number of proposals in development, emanating from both the Tourism Forum and the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was suggested that proposals in the area focus on Penistone Town Centre, which would include gateways, signage, traffic flows and parking for cars and coaches. It was noted that the board would be looking for match funding, from either the private or voluntary sector.

RESOLVED that the report be noted, and that Members engage in stakeholder events to develop proposals.

42 Tour de Yorkshire (PAC.09.02.2017/8)

Councillor Hand-Davis updated the meeting on preparations being made for the Tour de Yorkshire (Yorkshire le Tour) coming through the area on Sunday 30th April, 2017.

Arrangements were being made to decorate the route with bikes and bunting, together with flowers in planters. It was likely that there would be a competition involving local businesses, and a focus on activity within the market barn in the Town Centre.

Members noted that Barnsley MBC was working with local landowners to create land art adjacent to the route.

It was noted that media engagement was crucial, and it was agreed to circulate detailed information once arrangements had been confirmed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that all Members work to promote the event when arrangements are confirmed.

Chair