

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 25th May 2017, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr Joe Unsworth (Vice Chair), Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Andrew Millner, Ann Walker, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Graham Saunders, Robert Blythe, David Edmondson

In Attendance: Stephen Miller

Apologies, Cllr Robert Barnard, Cllr David Griffin, Adrian Laurence, Allen Pestell, Bob Green, Paul Reckless

Thanks given to Kathryn Battye who is stepping down from her role with the Ward Alliance.

1. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Ann Walker declared an interest in the Oxspring Community Orchard application.

2. Tour de Yorkshire

Thanks were given to the Ward Alliance for their funding towards the Tour de Yorkshire. Also noted for thanks was Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Penistone Town Council, individual parish councils, Dransfield Properties, Penistone Show Ground committee, Penistone Scouts and Woodhead Mountain Rescue.

The community response in the build-up, during and after the event was excellent; far exceeding expectations in terms of turnout and economic impact. Future large scale events should be encouraged.

Mention was also given to the sad death of David Worthington whilst taking part in the Sportive event.

3. Correspondence

Receipts received from Oxspring Parish Council for the Ward Alliance contribution to their costs for Tour de Yorkshire (50% was agreed at the last Ward Alliance meeting). It was agreed to release £143.50.

4. Notes of the Meeting Held on 23rd March 2017

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting were an accurate record.

5. To Consider any Matters Arising from the Notes

None Raised.

6. The following applications for financial assistance were considered:-

Applications submitted to the meeting on the 1st March 2017

a) Green Moor Delf Field Refurbishment- Hunshelf Parish Council

Request of £3,500 towards drainage project for green space in Green Moor. Members were supportive of the aim to make green spaces more accessible and usable by the local community, supporting priorities around environment and health and well-being. Questions were raised about some of costs and figures in the application. Members recommended an allocation of £2,500.

b) Oxspring Community Orchard- Oxspring Parish Council

Request for £700 for the creation of a community orchard. Members praised the project and the selection and prices sourced for the trees and wildflower seed. Members recommended an allocation of £700.

c) Summer Hanging Baskets- Neighbourhood Pride BMBC

Request for £2,314.50 for the planting and maintenance of hanging baskets. Members raised concerns about the validity of this for a Ward Alliance application, does it contribute to volunteering and community action. Members recommended an allocation of £2,314.50 but commented that alternative options should be sought in the future (Silkstone Common sponsorship of hanging baskets was praised as an example). An approach to Penistone Area Council would be made to release further funding to Ward Alliance.

d) Bedding Plants- Neighbourhood Pride BMBC

Request for £1,300 for the planting of beds in Penistone town centre. Similar concerns raised to the above application. Members recommended an allocation of £1,300 but commented that alternative options should be sought in the future.

e) Pigeon Defences- Neighbourhood Price BMBC

Request for £237.49 towards a project to install pigeon defences in Penistone town centre. Members praised both Clarke's Chemist and Cinnamon Spice for their contributions to the project. Members raised questions about the relevance of the application to Ward Alliance. Members recommended an allocation of £237.49.

f) Community Magazine- Hoylandswaine Village Festival

Request for £700 towards a community magazine. Members praised ambition and expansion plans but questions were raised about sustainability after already receiving Ward Alliance funding for previous editions. It was recommended the group focus on advertising revenue to support sustainability. Members recommended an allocation of £350.

g) Armed Forces Day- Penistone Community Raisers

Request for £3,500 towards Penistone Armed Forces Day. Members praised the group's ambitious plans and professional application. It was noted that there was mention of the Mayor of Sheffield but not the Mayor of Barnsley, this should be rectified. Members recommended an allocation of £3,500.

h) Ivy Millennium Green Seating- Ivy Millennium Green Sub Committee

Request for £1,800 for replacement seating. Members recommended an allocation of £1,800.

7. Any other business

Members were made aware of a Dementia Awareness session taking place at Penistone Library on 9th June 2017 by Age UK Barnsley.

Members discussed the successful South Yorkshire Chief Constable meeting in Penistone. Excellent community response and positives for the future of policing in the Penistone Area.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 15th June May 2017, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall. Stephen Miller to check members' availability to ensure the meeting is quorate.