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

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

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

21. **Minutes from the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 5th September, 2013.**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes from the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 5th September, 2013 be approved as a true and correct record.

22. **Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 12th September, 2013.**

The meeting considered the notes. A number of deferred applications for the Ward Alliance Fund were discussed. It was noted that a number of applicants had been contacted for further information and in certain circumstances had been visited.

RESOLVED:- that the notes from Penistone East and West Ward Alliance on 12th September, 2013 be received.

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

The meeting considered the report which suggested two individuals for approval to act as community representatives on the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance.

Members discussed the possibility of a representative from Penistone Grammar School, noting previous discussions had already taken place. The chair agreed to reopen dialogue on this issue.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the individuals proposed be approved as a community representative on the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

(ii) that the chair makes contact with Penistone Grammar School to discuss a representative attending the Ward Alliance.

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The meeting received a report which detail the expenditure from April 13 to October 13. The Penistone Area Council Manager made the meeting aware that the project to control pests now featured in the Ward Budget expenditure and that the Ward Alliance Fund was starting to be spent; specifically against the environmental priority.

Members discussed the a previous proposal of installing a planter in front of the Rose and Crown pub, which would be incorporated into the highway as a traffic calming measure. It was noted that quote for this had not yet been received.

With regards to traffic calming on the 'square-about', Members were concerned about issues with the white lines and urged that highways be contacted so that they be repainted as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report on the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund be noted.

25. Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS)

A presentation was given by Phil Lawson and Julie Hammerton, which described the revised offer from the IYSS.

The meeting heard how the whole service had been transformed to provide a new approach, which would move towards becoming more of an enabler, rather than a provide of service and would respond to significant cuts of a total of 43% within the service.

The current service includes the following resources:-

- Youth services (including youth clubs);
- Youth justice (Youth Offending Team);
- Targeted Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) - formerly Connexions;
- Positive Activities;
- Participation and Inclusion (Voice and influence and Democratic Engagement).

It was noted that the revised service will focus on three areas:- Open Access Services; Targeted Youth Support Services and Youth Justice Services. It was noted that although open access services were not mandatory, £1 invested in early intervention can save up to £8 in more targeted intervention.

The meeting heard how the revised service would be delivered through a hub and spoke model, with Penistone Youth Centre acting as a hub, supported by a series of community access points as spokes. These would not necessarily be run by the Council, but could be through community groups for example. It was noted that support from officers was available to ensure groups were organised appropriately.

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Members noted the offer in each hub, branded I Know I Can (IKIC) Young People's Centres. The offer included the following:-

- Youth Services, including health awareness;
- Help and advice for employability and enterprise;
- Targeted and early intervention programmes for more vulnerable young people;
- Signposting to things to do and positive activities including volunteering and for young people to influence local change;
- Activities and support to prevent offending and reduce crime.

It was stressed that consultation was still ongoing and that, within financial constraints, the service could evolve to respond to the needs of the Penistone area.

The meeting discussed the need for informal youth provision as this was an important part of identifying potential issues before they escalated. Members discussed in depth how support could be provided to organisations to provide informal youth provision, with support available from the IYSS and potentially through the area arrangements.

Members discussed a number of specific groups and venues which would support the delivery of provision. Members suggested additional support of the PAC disco would be useful and it was agreed that it should be possible to accommodate this request.

A potential project with Millhouse Green Community Association to provide provision in the area was also discussed and it was agreed that relevant parties would meet to discuss this in more depth.

Members acknowledged the offer provided by Penistone FM and it was noted that a number of young people had successfully gained experience and training in media.

The Young Farmers was suggested as a significant and very active organisation to engage with young people age 10-26, which could be further promoted.

It was acknowledged that scouting is very popular in the area and the group very ambitious to expand. It was suggested that they may benefit from funding advice from Rebecca Keep in the authority, part of who's role was to support community groups to access external funds.

It was suggested that a catalogue of venues, associated contact details and their availability be compiled by the area team in order to see where available accommodation for youth provision 'spokes' occurred.

The meeting agreed to feed information of available provision including opportunities to Phil and Julie in order to ensure this was promoted as part of the offer to young people.

Phil and Julie were thanked for their presentation and members looked forward to a close working relationship on this issue in the future.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) that details of available venues be sent to the Area Team in order to compile a directory;
- (ii) that details of additional youth provision arranged through external providers be supplied to Phil Lawson and Julie Hammerton;
- (iii) that details of support available through the IYSS and through Rebecca Keep be circulated to Members.

26. Priorities for Penistone Area Council and Draft Penistone Area Plan.

The Chair introduced the item, referring to the summary leaflet of the Penistone Area Plan. Contained within were five priorities as follows:-

- The Environment;
- The Local Economy;
- Roads and Transport/Road Safety;
- Access to Healthcare Services;
- Activities/support for Young People.

Members were generally happy with the priorities and were encouraged to see that fast broadband was highlighted as an issue with regards to the economy. The chair made the meeting aware that some discussions were taking place to establish whether the DRL infrastructure could still be utilised to assist broadband capacity in the area.

On this subject it was suggested that consideration could be given to providing free Wi-Fi both in the Penistone Library and perhaps in Penistone town centre. The idea of businesses providing free WI-FI had been discussed previously and it was felt it may be an opportune time to re-consider this due to the new town centre business development.

The meeting discussed the format of the Area Plan leaflet and praise was received for its concise but informative nature.

Members went on to discuss various opportunities to consult the public on the area priorities using the leaflet. These included the Penistone Town Council website, Parish Council websites, Penistone FM and through the Neighbourhood Network.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the draft Penistone Area Plan summary leaflet is approved for use in consultation.

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Chair