

Penistone Ward Alliance
13th February 2014
7pm Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

Notes

Present: Cllr R Barnard (Chair), Cllr P Starling, Cllr A Millner, Cllr A Rusby, K Coulton, B Green, D Paddey, B Blythe, A Pestell, J Unsworth, R Leech, E Wright, D O'Hara, E Slater Area Manager, C Tomilinson & J Openshaw Area Support Officers.

Apologies: Cllr J Wilson, Cllr P Hand-Davis, A James, and S Webber.

1. **Introductions**, the Chair invited members to introduce themselves.
2. **Correspondence**, None to report.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**, the notes of the meeting held on the 23rd January were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising**, Cllr Starling gave an update on meeting with the Thurlstone Community Group and their proposals to improve the site around the recently installed War Memorial. It was proposed that a further meeting with the group would be arranged to decide upon the works required and a further funding application be prepared.
5. **Ward Priorities, Members will consider priorities from Parish Councils & Community Groups across the area.** The Chair gave an overview of priorities agreed for the Penistone Area, The Environment, The Local Economy, Access to Healthcare Service and Activities/Support for young people, requesting proposals to address the priorities agreed.
The Environment, The Area Support Officer gave an overview of the proposed Countryside Skills project, A youth training project to offer skills in Dry Stone Walling, Hedge Laying and other skills associated with farming and the countryside. Other proposals put forward were, Ditching, looking at land drainage issues. Footpath Maintenance across the parishes with parish councils identifying the footpaths requiring improvements and maintenance, it was also proposed that The Ramblers Association could help in the identification of footpaths and Stock Fencing, skills in the installation of boundary fencing. Wigfield Farm and Cannon Hall were identified as possible partners.
Local Economy, a number of proposals were put forward, Improvements to the footpaths within the town centre, Broadband coverage.
Roads & Transport/Road Safety, some concerns were raised around rural bus services, with issues such as the with the withdrawal of bus pass use on trains, the Transport Interchange, Rural Taxi Service and a Dial a Ride service. It was proposed that a 3 month trial project should be undertaken to test the need. The service would be promoted through doctors surgeries, parish newsletters etc. A number of road safety proposals were put forward, 20mph zone within Penistone town centre and around schools across the area. On the issue of speed limits in general it was proposed to write to the Police & Crime Commissioner inviting him to a Penistone Ward Alliance meeting.

Other priorities raised were, speed limit in Millhouse Green, Road surface at Hartcliffe Road and pedestrian's crossing in the town centre square-about.

Access to Healthcare Service, access to dentist and doctor's service has been highlighted by residents; it was proposed that the services available should be promoted more widely to patients and residents by the surgeries, via Penistone FM, Newsletters and Local Newspapers.

Activities/Support for young people members reported that a Media training course was provided by Penistone FM to young people between the ages of 14 to 21. The organisation is always looking for external funding to deliver this course which is popular with pupils from local schools and colleges. Members asked for information about the services offered by BMBC and the Penistone Youth Hub and the lack of provision in outlying areas. It was agreed that an invitation should be extended to the Area Youth Worker to give a presentation to the Ward Alliance on the support available in Penistone and the Parishes.

6. **Action Plan**, the proposals put forward would be assembled into an action plan for the individual wards.
7. **Any Other Business**
No items raised
8. **Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting** it was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday the 20th March 2014 at Penistone Town Hall.

The chair closed the meeting at 9:45pm