

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 10 December 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

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

24 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

Councillor Hand-Davis declared a non pecuniary interest in minute number 25 in relation to discussion about DIAL, due to his position as a trustee.

25 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 22nd October, 2015. (PAC.10.12.2015/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd October, 2015.

The Area Council Manager made Members aware that DIAL would be delivering a service in the area for 0.5 days a week from January, 2016. This was to be delivered from the Town Hall in Penistone. Other possible venues were discussed, and it was noted that the venue could be changed if take up of the service was low at the Town Hall.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 22nd October, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

26 Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 29th October, 2015. (PAC.10.12.2015/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 29th October, 2015.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 29th October, 2015 be received.

27 Ward Alliance Membership and Attendance.

The Chair introduced the item, highlighting that a small number of community members on the Ward Alliance neither attended, nor sent apologies.

Ward Alliance guidance suggested that individuals would cease to be Members, should they neither attend nor send apologies for 3 consecutive meetings. However, it was noted that this had not been strictly applied.

It was suggested that the Chair send a letter to those in question, reiterating the desire for their organisation to be part of the Ward Alliance and asking them to nominate another representative should they no longer be able to attend. It was also

suggested that it may be useful to highlight the work of the Ward Alliance and stress that this may be different from their observations at its inception.

Members discussed representation from Penistone Grammar School, and it was agreed to try to discuss the matter again with the headteacher.

RESOLVED that the Chair writes to community representatives on the Ward Alliance who have neither attended or send apologies for some time, with reference to their membership.

**28 Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund.
(PAC.10.12.2015/5)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who provided up to date figures detailing expenditure from the Devolved Ward Budget, Ward Alliance Fund, which included funds allocated from Public Health.

From the Devolved Ward Budget, approximately £800 remained to be allocated in Penistone East, and approximately £2,100 in Penistone West.

From the combined Ward Alliance Fund approximately £27,000 remained. Members noted that applications to the value of around £7,500 were due to be considered by the next meeting of the Ward Alliance.

RESOLVED that the report detailing the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund be noted.

**29 Penistone Area Council commissioning, procurement and funding update.
(PAC.10.12.2015/6)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were made aware of the outcome of the recent monitoring meeting with Growforest regarding the Countryside Skills Training commission. It was noted that 16 learners had now achieved a LANTRA Level 1 qualification in dry stone walling, and that 10 further trainees were due to take the test in December, 2015.

A number of case studies were considered and those present praised the impact the commission had on the lives of participants. It was acknowledged that only a small number of participants perceived countryside skills as a viable enterprise, and perhaps more support to provide the skills to become self employed was required.

With regards to the Clean and Tidy Commission, it was noted that delivery had now commenced, with two staff and one apprentice to be employed by the service. A number of ideas to engage volunteers had been developed and it was agreed to circulate details about these arrangements to Councillors when they became available.

Members heard how two proposals submitted to the Working Together Fund had now proceeded to be further developed into second stage applications. The meeting was reminded that the fund was still open for applications.

RESOLVED that the update on the delivery of commissions and the financial position of the Area Council commissioning budget for 2015/16 and 2016/17 be noted.

30 Community Magazine - final draft. (PAC.10.12.2015/7)

Members considered the final version of the community magazine, noting that this would shortly be delivered to each house in both Penistone East and Penistone West Wards.

The meeting was reminded that the next edition would be circulated in Summer 2016, and that articles had to be provided by the end of March, 2016. It was suggested that the magazine ought to feature arrangements being made to commemorate the centenary of the battle of the Somme.

RESOLVED that the final draft of the Community Magazine 'Penistone Matters' be received.

Chair