

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 11 April 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), Hand-Davis, Kitching, Millner and Wilson

41 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

42 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 14th February, 2019 (Pac.11.04.2019/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th February, 2019.

Members discussed the recent issues at Sporting Penistone and the successful crowdfunding campaign to contribute to the roof repairs.

Members heard of the discussions taking place between South Pennine Community Bus Service, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, and other partners. It was noted that the outcome of these discussions would feed into a future meeting of the Area Council.

It was noted that Penistone FM would shortly be celebrating its 10 year anniversary and had received confirmation of a licence to broadcast for a further 5 years. Members expressed their congratulations on this valuable service.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 14th February, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

43 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance Held on 21st February, and 14th March, 2019 (Pac.11.04.2019/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 21st February and 14th March, 2019.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance be received.

44 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.11.04.2019/4)

Members received the report, noting the wide range of projects supported through the fund. Noted was the £6,014 remaining to be carried forward into 2019/20. An allocated of £10,000 per ward would supplement this to enable a starting budget of £26,014 for the 2019/20 financial year.

It was noted that the 1st official Park Run in Penistone would be held on Saturday 13th April, and it was hoped this would be successful, with many people often travelling long distances for the launch of a new Park Run. Members suggested that this would offer the opportunity to attract visitors to the area.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

45 Interim Performance Report (Pac.11.04.2019/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the report, noting that performance information for the end of the quarter would be available at the next meeting of the Area Council.

Members heard how the DIAL advice service was still very heavily used and the volunteer who assisted the delivery had been commended at the Mayor's volunteer celebration event. It was noted that they not only assisted clients, but gained much from volunteering themselves.

With regards to the Clean, Green and Tidy team, Members noted that the commission continued to work alongside more longer established groups such as the Marketeers and Team Green Moor. In addition a relationship had been developed with Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group, helping to engage businesses in the area. Members also noted the work on Annat Royd Nature Reserve. The Area Council Manager added that work was underway to promote the service with Parish Councils.

Members also noted the work of Twiggs Grounds Maintenance with Incredible Edible outside Penistone Hall and in Watermeadows Park. In addition, the variety of events to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean was noted.

Members heard of the services agreed through the Supporting Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Grant. Age UK would be establishing a volunteer befriending service, developing groups aimed at improving health and wellbeing, and also establishing a health and wellbeing network. Those present heard of the positive feedback from the first network meeting. Noted was the work to try and engage isolated and vulnerable men, with a 'Men in Sheds' project being considered. Also noted was the work with Penistone Grammar School to establish intergenerational projects.

The Penistone Young Voices project was making positive progress, with eight young people engaged. This not only provided them with a qualification which was recognised by universities, but also valuable work experience.

An update on the South Pennine Community Bus Service was provided. This was due to end shortly and a further application to the Working Together Fund had previously been welcomed. Members heard of the discussions with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and with local sponsors, which had yet to be concluded, the outcome of which would feed into any application for funding.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

46 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.11.04.2019/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who drew the attention of Members to the contracts awarded under the Supporting Isolation and Older People Grant Fund. Pre-contract meetings had been held with Age UK and good progress was being made in delivery.

Members considered the projects currently funded through the Working Together Fund, which included the continuation of the service provided through DIAL and the recently established pilot being delivered by Citizen's Advice Bureau. Those present discussed the delays in the Trans-pennine Trail Station project, with formal approval expected from Network Rail shortly.

It was noted that the Clean, Green and Tidy Service was in its second year, and that decisions would need to be taken as to whether to commission a similar service going forward. Twiggs were scheduled to attend the next meeting of the Area Council to present performance and any lessons learned to inform any future service.

Members noted that the Ward Alliance Fund had received its annual allocation from core budgets of £10,000 per ward. It was agreed that this be monitored carefully throughout the year to assess whether any further finance was required to be devolved from the Area Council.

Previous discussions on the Community Magazine were referred to and a suggestion was made to make finance available for space within the Penistone Living magazine.

The Area Council Manager provided an update of the financial position of the Area Council, with any underspend from the 2018/19 to be allocated to the Working Together Fund.

It was noted that for the 2019/20 financial year approximately £140,000 remained for allocation.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the updates on procurement activity, the Working Together Fund, the Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant Fund, and the Clean, Green and Green Contract be noted;
- (ii) That approval be given for the inclusion of content detailing the work of the Penistone Area Council and Ward Alliance in the Penistone Living magazine over the next 12 months at a cost of up to £2,664;
- (iii) That the end of year financial statement for 2018/19 and current position for 2019/20 be noted.

Chair