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MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 10 February 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

AGENDA

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Adam and Wendy Twigg
- 5 Working Together Fund - Citizen's Advice Bureau Debt Advice Service Update -
David Andy

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To: Chair and Members of Penistone Area Council:-

Councillors Barnard (Chair), Greenhough, Hand-Davis, Kitching, Lowe-Fiello and Wilson

Area Council Support Officers:

Matt Bell, Penistone Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
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Wednesday, 2 February 2022

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MINUTES

Present

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

23 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

24 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 7th October, 2021 (Pac.02.12.2021/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th October, 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 7th October, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

25 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th November, 2021 (Pac.02.12.2021/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th November, 2021.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th November, 2021 be received.

26 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.02.12.2021/4)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report and members noted its content. The out of school activities funds were briefly mentioned with an overall agreement that they be kept aside for the February Half Term.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27 Performance Report Q2 (Pac.02.12.2021/5)

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an overview of performance for Quarter 2 and all contracted Services.

Members were reminded of the Area Council priorities and which Area Council funded contracts supported them. Members had their attention drawn to the significant increase in volunteer numbers both in Adults but particularly with under 18s, which was a consequence of new projects emerging supporting young people.

The Community Car Share Scheme had also seen a significant rise in people using the service. Members commented that whilst it may have been unfair to compare numbers to 2020, it was seen as an encouraging indicator of how things were moving forward in the journey out of the pandemic.

The Clean, Green and Tidy contract delivered by Twiggs Ground Maintenance continued to support volunteers and make progress with their outcomes with 214 volunteers being supported covering 551 volunteer hours. The number of rubbish bags collected was down from the previous quarter due to that period including different activities that had taken place around the Great British Spring Clean event. The numbers of Groups and parishes supported had increased to 13 from a target of 10 and work with 10 individual businesses had taken place with a further 14 joint working activities. In addition, support had been provided for 6 individual groups, 23 additional projects had commenced, and 17 individual litter picks had taken place. Members were informed that a new apprentice had been appointed due to the previous one moving on as part of the Job Ready Programme and that Twiggs were also involved in the restoration of benches identified as part of the Age friendly Barnsley 'Take a Seat' Campaign.

Age UK, delivering the support to vulnerable and isolated older people, had supported 238 people, made 517 interventions and had worked with 39 volunteers, with an estimated gain in benefits of £35,125.11.

Lot 1 focussed on social action and volunteering and quarter 2 had seen an increase in face to face interactions following the lifting of restrictions and an uptake in trips out for older people with one significant age friendly event at Cubley Hall taking place which had been well attended. 11 new service users had been provided with information and advice, 28 community car journeys had taken place and two new volunteers were in the processes of being trained. It was noted that there had been an increase in more complex needs resulting in the need for referrals to the Dementia Alliance and also an increase of falls in the home resulting in physical activities being increased with an offer of Tai Chi, Healthy Bones classes and walking groups.

Lot 2 concentrated on community activities and supporting people to become active and connect back into groups with an emphasis on health and wellbeing now that restrictions had been lifted. A number of activities had taken place across the Penistone Area with 2 new sessions started, one being a singing group at St Johns Church and a new group geared towards dementia held at the Happy Vibes Café in Penistone Leisure Centre. Members were informed that a survey had taken place in Carlecoates, Crow Edge and Dunford Bridge in order to establish whether there would be any interest in those areas for local group activities, once the results from the survey are collated members would be informed of the outcome. Men in Sheds had made links with Penistone Theatre Group and were working on the set design for their annual Pantomime with the potential to use the workshop in future.

Lot 3 focussed on the creation of SOPPA (The Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area) which was a network of people and groups who would support older and more vulnerable people in and around Penistone. Members were informed that what was happening in Penistone was significant in contributing to the Age Friendly

Barnsley Steering Group and making connections with Age Friendly Barnsley and influencing it across the Borough wide agenda.

The Barnsley Citizens Advice Service had supported 23 people and had assisted with £1million of debt management and £23,629 of claimed benefits. Members noted that the expected surge in debt recovery cases once County Courts had reopened and processed routine cases remained to be seen but that it was very much still anticipated. A wide range of issues were dealt with during the quarter with 37 issues in total, 35% of those being for benefits advice.

It was reported that the DIAL Barnsley contract had continually received high numbers focussing on benefits claims as opposed to debt recovery like the Citizens Advice contract. Members noted that 17% of advice had been around social isolation with the feeling this was around older people using the service resulting in continued work around welfare checks. 106 enquiries had been received in quarter 2, with 60 volunteer hours and £87,396 of benefits claims processed, resulting in a return of £23 for every £1 invested. Members were informed that all advice and guidance had been successfully dealt with over the telephone, but that there was an expectation for a return to face to face appointments in Penistone Town Hall in the near future once risk assessments had been made.

Members received an update that all projects funded through the Supporting Young People Grant Fund had commenced with the exception of Penistone Grammar School which had been unable to commence due to the significant impact of Covid-19 in the school.

Ad Astra had been into Penistone Grammar and supported 39 people through the 8 sessions they had delivered. 540 leaflets had been handed out and 600 conversations had been held with young people informing them of the work they were undertaking and why they were in school. One issue that had arisen was lack of confidential space but work was being undertaken to try and resolve this issue. Members were informed that some issues that had been discussed were around self-esteem, body image, diet, food issues, healthy lifestyles and concerns around positive healthy relationships. Twice weekly visits would be continued walking around the dining hall with a hope that a confidential space could be found.

Members noted that Angel Voices had carried out 5 workshops with 28 people in attendance and 13 volunteers resulting in £465 being raised for local charities from the community performance events and 13 people going on to formal training and qualifications. It was hoped that workshops would be able to move around the area but that there had been difficulties in getting in contact with people to organise these events.

The Active Minds Project, run by Penistone FM, had been launched in July, 2021 with 21 attending and taking part in podcasts for young people around their experiences during the pandemic and also links had been made with the NHS CAMHS service for referrals.

The development of a new 'Challenge' Badge project in the Girl Guides was being developed but was yet to be rolled out, 2 brownies had been declared joint winners from the competition for the design of the badge culminating in a planned activity day for the last Saturday in March, 2022.

Sporting Penistone had launched a number of activities but due to staffing changes and the effects of the pandemic some sessions were unable to commence at the time of the meeting. Of the activities that were able to commence, Smash Hit sessions were proving a success with 8 regular attendees and 14 volunteers were in training to support the Calm Kids programme which was aimed at 5-11 year olds to calm and reduce stress and anxiety and was planned to start in November/December.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

28 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.02.12.2021/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who drew members attention to the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Grant.

Members were reminded that a number of contract extensions had been agreed in previous meetings in order to defer the procurement exercise for a new service and that these decisions had been made due to the impacts of the pandemic. Members were informed that a change in the procurement procedure rules required a more detailed process which would take around 3 months to complete resulting in the need for a further short term extension to the contract. Initially a 3 month extension was proposed at a cost of £17,500 but following discussions members were concerned whether that would be a long enough period of time and it was agreed that it would be more preferable to be cautious and have a 5 month extension at a pro rata cost.

Members heard how no further applications had been received for the Working Together Fund and that the figure for allocation remained at £33,699.

It was reported that the Working Together Grant Fund – Supporting Young People projects that had been funded were initially delayed in starting due to the pandemic but that 4 out of the 5 had been able to start from July, 2021 with updates on those projects being made at the meeting.

Members were informed that the Clean, Green and Tidy Service was in the second year of its contract and it was agreed that they would be asked to provide a full year 2 performance report at the Penistone Area Council meeting to be held on 10th February, 2022 ahead of any decision to continue a further years delivery.

It was noted that the Penistone Ward Alliance had commenced the 2021/22 financial year with a budget of £26,925 with a further ring fence of £10,000 to encourage groups to come forward to submit applications for summer holiday activities during 2021. Members were informed that a number of applications had been received for Ward Alliance funds resulting in further approved projects totalling £6,000 which left a budget total of £12,295.13. From the £10,000 ringfenced budget, projects totalling £1590 had been approved leaving £8410 which, if unspent would be returned to the Penistone Area Council budget. Due to the upsurge in applications being received members agreed to allocate a further £10,000 from the Penistone Area Council budget in order to support the Ward Alliance budget to the end of the 2021/22 financial year.

A briefing workshop was held on the 4th November, 2021 in order to present Penistone Area Council members with information from the Housing Stock Modelling and database report which had been commissioned by Barnsley MBC to provide a detailed housing stock condition survey, details of which were being used to create a Private Sector Housing Plan for the Borough. Members were informed that, compared to the rest of the Borough, private sector housing stock in Penistone East and West Wards demonstrated the highest risk to occupants from excess cold and fuel poverty.

Following the workshop members were asked to consider a number of options in relation to a Private Sector Housing Support Officer who, amongst other things, would be the first point of contact within the community to identify early indications of neglect and inability to cope with properties in disarray leading to a possible health hazard to those living there and/or others in the area.

Members agreed there was a need in the area for something to help tackle the issues highlighted at the workshop, but also raised their concerns as to what type of support or enforcement the Housing Officer could have against a private landlord or a householder who did not wish to, or could not afford to improve their home/living arrangements. There was also a concern that this could be seen as an interference resulting in causing offence to people.

The 4 options for members to consider were:

- Commission a full time Housing Officer post for 12 months
- Commission a half time Housing Officer post for 12 months
- Commission a half time Housing Officer post to undertake research and feasibility and report back after 6 months
- No additional support and continue as

Following a lengthy discussion, members decided that Option 3 would be the most suitable to allow for the officer appointed to report back with their findings and whether it could make a difference in the area. The Area Council Manager agreed to bring a report to a future Area Council Meeting for a decision.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that members noted the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and agreed a 5 month extension from January 2022 to the end of May, 2022 at a cost of £29,166 to accommodate the procurement process for future provision in support of this priority;

(ii) that the update on the current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be received;

(iii) that the update on the ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Fund to establish specific activities that will support young people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic be received;

(iv) that the update on the Clean, Green and Tidy contract which commenced in April, 2020 be noted and that the recommendation of a Year 2 update to be given at the Penistone Area Council meeting to be held in February 2022 be agreed;

(v) that the update on the Ward Alliance budget be noted and that the allocation of £10,000 from within the Penistone Area Council budget 2021/22 to enhance current Ward Alliance funds be agreed with approvals to be made through previously agreed mechanisms;

(vi) that the proposed options to procure a Private Sector Housing Support Officer resource be received and that Option 3 be agreed as the preferred way forward with a detailed report to be presented to members for approval at a future meeting of the Area Council; and

(vii) that the current financial position for the 2021/22 budget in light of the decisions made at the meeting be noted

Chair

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 9th December 2021, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

1. Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Allen Pestell, Cllr John Wilson, Jon Cutts, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Cllr David Greenhough, Ann Walker, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Ann Rusby, Richard Leech and Pauline Ogden.

In Attendance: Tanya Dickinson

Apologies: Chrissie Yates, Barbara Lee, Graham Saunders and Bob Blythe

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Paul Hand-Davis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Springvale Community Garden funding application due to being an active volunteer with the group.

3. Notes of the Meeting Held on 11 November 2021

Approved.

4. To Consider any Matters Arising from the Notes

The S106 Project Manager will be attending the January meeting to give an overview of how this process works.

Following on from the last meeting, the Penistone Xmas Hamper project was successfully referred into the Local Support Grant and received all the funding they had requested.

5. Update from Penistone Area Council

Cllr Barnard informed the WA that the Area Council agreed to devolve £10k into the Ward Alliance Fund.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard confirmed the Penistone Ward Alliance fund now stands at £11,826.13 following the above top-up by the Area Council. There is also an allocation of £8,410 remaining to support school holiday activities under the 'School's Out' programme.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

a) Springvale Community Garden - £1316.40

The WA recognised what a great community asset the garden is. A proposal of £1316.40 was recommended for approval.

A follow-on conversation took place about the community bank of equipment facilitated by Penistone Town Council and whether a list could be obtained as to what equipment is available with a view of the WA being able to direct groups to the resource if appropriate. Action: Tanya.

b) Penistone Arts Week - £800

This is a successful event providing good publicity / business support for Penistone. A proposal of £800 was recommended for approval.

A representative of Penistone Arts Week to be invited to a WA meeting after the event to give an update on how well it went and discuss future plans.

Schools Out Fund:

a) Cawthorne Cricket Club - £590

The WA felt the holiday club was a good way to get children involved with the sport. A proposal of £590 was recommended for approval.

The Alliance would welcome some feedback from the group on how well the holiday club is received as they are keen to know what appetite exists within the community for such provision. Action: Tanya

8. Any other business

- Tanya offered an update on the recent funding advice workshop with SYFAB. The appointments were well received with 8 groups receiving support. Another session will take place in March 2022 and will be held at Thurgoland Village Hall.
- Ann Walker informed the WA that Oxspring Parish Council are planning on holding a family fun day as part of the Queens Jubilee in June and asked if the WA wanted to do as they did for the Tour de Yorkshire and ringfence some funding specifically for events in relation to this. Action: WA members to have a think ahead of the new year.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 13th January, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2021/22 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2021/22 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

2021/22 Final Ward Project Allocations

PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£20,000.00	base allocation
£6,925.00	carried forward from 2020/21
£10,000	Area Council - Ringfenced Summer Activities Fund underspend to be returned
£36,925.00	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			£13,462.50	£36,925.00
Tankersley Bench Renewal	£3,000	£3,000	£13,462.50	£33,925.00
Penistone Camera Club	£1,435.40	£1,435.40	£13,462.50	£32,489.60
Oxspring MUGA	£1,700	£27,566.40	£13,462.50	£30,789.60

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Cawthorne Toddler and Baby Group	£475	£0	£12,987.50	£30,314.60
Thurgoland Welfare Replanting	£1,000	£2,274	£12,987.50	£29,314.60
Tankersley and Pilley Environmental Group (TPEG)	£677.77	£1,370	£12,987.50	£28,636.83
Barnsley Road Club Summer Club	£590	£1,150.80	£12,987.50	£28,046.83
Oxspring United JFC New Goals	£1,020	£1,849	£12,987.50	£27,026.83
Penistone Gala Penistone By The Sea	£1,650	£5,260.80	£12,987.50	£25,376.83
Springvale Community Garden Summer Activities	£1,000	£739.80	£12,987.50	£24,376.83
Penistone Cricket Club drainage	£2,000	£18,000	£12,987.50	£22,376.83
Tankersley Welfare Hall Garden	£750	£1,356.30	£12,987.50	£21,626.83
Conroyd Wood Footpath Project	£2,000	£2,466	£12,987.50	£19,626.83
Hoylandswaine Dog Poo Bags	£350	£123.30	£12,987.50	£19,276.83
Thurgoland iPad Station	£656.70	£2,466	£12,987.50	£18,620.13
Norcroft Pit Memorial	£325	£328.80	£12,987.50	£18,295.13

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Hunshelf Parish Council	£2,000	£712.40	£12,987.50	£16,295.13
Stottercliffe Cemetery Children's Memorial	£2,000	£2,740	£12,987.50	£14,295.13
Thurgoland Bowls Club	£2,000	£3,370.20	£12,987.50	£12,295.13
Feb Half Term Cricket Camp Cawthorne CC	£590	£739.80	£12,987.50	£11,705.13
Penistone Arts Week 2022 Promotion	£800	£1808.40	£12,987.50	£10,905.13
Springvale Community Garden Activities	£1316.40	£1068.60	£12,987.50	£9588.73
Penistone Area Council Extra allocation December 2021	£10,000			£19588.73

Red = Summer Activities Funds

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October to
December
2021

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Penistone Area Council

Performance Report



Area Council Priorities

**Health
and
Wellbeing**



**Supporting
Young
People**



**Local
Economy
+ tourism**









**Helping
People
connect**



**Our
Environment**



These services address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Penistone Area Council.

Priority	Service	Contract /Grant	Contract end date	Provider
	Clean, Green and Tidy	£100,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2022 option to extend further 1 year	Twiggs
	Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people	£70,000 per annum	Funded until May 2022	Age UK Barnsley
	Debt advice service	£12,118 per annum	Funded until March 2022	Citizens Advice Barnsley
	Information and Advice service	£10,136 per annum	Funded until January 2023	DIAL
	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	July 2022	Various
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC

	Outcome indicator	This Quarter	This year 2021/22	Last year 2020/21	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	13	39	14	187
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	27	40	2	647
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	47	164	22	483
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	2	1	5
	People taking up work experience placements	0	1	0	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	47	95	13	769
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	107	156	2	386
	Community groups supported	19	56	86	653
	New community groups supported	1	3	3	60
	Community car scheme journeys	94	126	4	980
	Adult volunteers engaged	160	680	138	3223
	New volunteers	51	123	40	938
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	250	571	761	2359
	Residents referred to health and advice	15	67	76	160
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	2	3	24.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£21,701.25	£48,765.60	£13,668.52	£347,490.09
	Volunteer opportunities created	105	509	150	1976
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	5	0	157
	People receiving training	52	103	52	1116

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



141 volunteers supported

318.5 volunteer hours supported

128 rubbish bags filled

Tool Bank supported 31 households

This contract provides a service to help maintain a clean, green and tidy environment in the wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The emphasis is to work with the community; incorporating volunteers, local businesses, parish councils and local schools to empower and enable a sustainable approach. In spite of restrictions due to the pandemic, the contract has continued to provide a supportive service for community groups and parish maintained areas, finding different ways to work with volunteers within COVID guidelines as well as identifying specific projects across the patch to maintain the appearance of the Penistone area.

Highlights

11 (Target 10) Groups and parishes supported.
Scope for much more activity this quarter directly with groups.

Groups worked with this quarter included:
Penistone Archives, Team Green Moor, HB+ & Hoylandswaine Village Hall, Royd Community Gardens, Springvale Community Gardens, Watermeadows Park, Hoylandswaine Events Group, TPEG, Penistone Town Council/Area Team, High Hoyland Residents group





16 individual projects (target 15) – Twiggs taking initiative in the area.

These have been particularly beneficial during pandemic restriction periods working on areas such clearance of moss, leaves and overgrown areas for safety from footpath, litter removal as well as renovation of benches to support the take a seat campaign. Some of the areas covered this quarter included: Maple Road, Tankersley, Eastfield Avenue TPT entrance, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine Sign, Royd Moor grass cut, Ingbirchworth Nature Reserve, Cote Lane, TPT Entrance, Thurgoland, Rockley Fearn. St John's church expressed thanks for support with the grave yard maintenance work Twiggs carried out.

- 20 (target 15) individual litter picks undertaken and a total of 128 large black bags of litter removed (includes bags collected as part the Tool Bank scheme for Penistone area)
- This quarter has seen an increase in young volunteers by working with St Johns primary school the team have taken children out into the community to educate about litter and pollution working with Penistone Football club, market barn and skate park, Springvale gardens. Each of the children were issued with a Twiggs Educational Pack to complete at home, along with some herb recipes which can be picked from the Incredible Edible beds located around Penistone.
- 13 (target4) activities working with businesses this quarter. Twiggs have been able to connect businesses into the community through distribution of donations from TESCO, COOP, SPAR, as well as employees from Bank End Café, McDonalds and A61 truck stop participating in community action with groups in their area supported by the Twiggs team



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people Grants

Age UK Barnsley



781 interventions

194 people helped

28 volunteers worked with

£22,193.60 estimated gains in
benefits

LOT 1: Social Action and Volunteering

Supporting people one to one through volunteer be-friending, providing specific information and advice for older people, assisting with travel through the community car scheme, and connecting people through small scale activities such as walking for health.

Number of existing service users 1:1	26
Number of new service users 1:1	2
Number I&A Service Users	23
Community Car Journeys	94
Number Volunteers <i>Existing , active volunteers</i>	21
Number of new volunteers; <i>Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers</i>	0



Highlights

- 14 new referrals this quarter coming from the social prescribing adviser, family, self-referrals and social services. (4 with complex needs referred back, seen increase in demand due to impacts on health and social care)
- volunteers continue to support with face-to-face visits, and have supported the Walk for Health Group, the singing group at St John's Church and the Wortley Golf Club Christmas lunch. 3 volunteers are now no longer available and recruitment is being prioritised (Area team to support)
- Service user mobility is still a concern but this is being addressed with the introduction of Otago and healthy bones classes in the area
- Three outings this quarter to Cannon Hall, Fox Valley and Penistone Paramount. 26 service users enjoyed a Christmas lunch provided by Wortley Golf Club members.

- Links continue with Thurlstone Primary School 50 Christmas cards made by children and 32 items of chocolates and biscuits (donated by parents) given to Age UK for distribution to local elderly residents and bug hotel maker also made the school 2 large planters which are to be positioned outside the school entrance
- 23 new service users received information and advice. Type of advice given - Benefits 16, Social Care 4, Housing 1, Energy 1, Travel 5, Other 1. Benefit gains decreased slightly this quarter Fuel poverty discussions continue to take place with all benefit form completion and benefit check work
- The community car scheme has increased this quarter with 8 separate service users taking this up making journeys Education - 30, Leisure - 42, Visiting - 12 and Health - 10. Still only 2 volunteers , more needed. Further promotion to take place next quarter.



Lot 2 – Community Activities

The focus of this is to provide group based activities with an emphasis on achieving health outcomes, activities to engage men, activities to promote intergenerational relationships and creating opportunities where there are none in outlying villages.

Highlights 36 new participants this quarter



- Pilley Healthy Life group continues to meet on a weekly basis with 11 regular members. A Christmas lunch was arranged at a local pub and all 11 members attended
- Wortley Afternoon Social at St. Leonard's Church is still meeting and numbers remain steady at 4 plus 2 volunteers. 5 people attended the Wortley Golf Club Christmas lunch
- Crow Edge, Carlecotes, Dunford Bridge still intending to conduct a community survey once safe to do so
- Thurgoland , 3 residents on the Churchfields estate attended the Christmas lunch at Wortley Golf Club on 1st December. There are still limited opportunities for the residents on this estate to meet up regularly but we are maintaining contact with regular phone calls and will involve them in any events and activities as and when they take place.

Penistone Men in Sheds an enquiry was received from the Penistone Theatre Group asking if the Men in sheds would be interested in making props and scenery for the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' which will be on at the Penistone Paramount in January 2022. The members accepted and have been busy over the last few months working with the members of the theatre group to help design props and scenery. The theatre group has provided free tickets for the men to attend the production and to see their work actually on stage. A page of the theatre programme has been made available to promote the Men in Sheds project and the wider activities of the Penistone Social Inclusion Project and 500 copies will be circulated

The group is meeting twice per week on Wednesdays and Fridays in their new working space and new members have joined in this quarter and the total now stands at 20



- **Silkstone Walk for Health.** During this quarter, numbers have begun to dwindle as the weather turns more unpredictable. Volunteer walk leaders have tested out an alternative route to try through the winter which is more suitable and safer under foot. This will be trialled early in the New Year with the regular walkers and feedback obtained. It has been agreed to try and attract more regular walkers by re-advertising in the New Year.
- **Wentworth Castle Gardens Walk** - No new walks have taken place since the last quarter and this is largely due to the weather and the number of suitable participants in the Penistone Area being able to walk around the gardens without assistance. Furthermore, the gardens are now closed Mondays & Tuesdays, thus restricting availability. There are plans to introduce further walk leader training in the New Year and continue to develop the partnership
- **Healthy Bones** As part of BOPPAA, Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance, now set up a new weekly Healthy Bones class in Thurgoland village hall with an average weekly attendance of 6. This exercise programme focusses on postural stability aimed at falls prevention.
- **Singing Group** The group met on 21st December and enjoyed a festive session of carol singing with mince pies and mulled wine. There are plans to build up numbers in the new year and the next session is planned for the last Tuesday in January (subject to any ongoing restrictions).
- **Tai Chi** Penistone The Penistone group continues to be well attended with an average of 8 per week. A couple of sessions were cancelled in December due to the Omicron virus.
- **Barnsley U3A Groups** have continued to meet although attendances were affected in December due to the Omicron virus , Age Uk continues to support and help promote these.

Lot 3- Creating and Managing Responsive Networks

The emphasis on this is to create a sustainable network of people and groups who support older and more vulnerable people in the Penistone area. The Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area (SOPPA) has been created to take this forward. Covid restriction have meant that the group had to meet virtually which has had a limited impact

Rather than try to continue with meetings, either face-to-face or virtually, it has been decided that the SIW will act as a link between the members and will act as an enabler / intermediary by contacting members on a regular basis and taking up any enquiries or requests for information. Time has been diverted to support the Age Friendly Penistone work as a result.

Age Friendly Penistone

- Age UK Barnsley is working in partnership with Berneslai Homes and Energise Barnsley on a battery storage project on a number of homes fitted with solar panels. These homes are mainly bungalows occupied by over 50's tenants, some of which are in Oxspring and the scheme will enable them to save on energy bills. Extra funding for this initiative was available to charities and Age UK Barnsley was able to take advantage of this and be a project partner. The National Energy Association will compile a report on this and another project in the south of England to show what a difference this has made to those households involved.
- As part of the Take a Seat scheme, a site has been identified at Cubley Hill in Penistone for a new bench to be installed.
- Age UK Barnsley continues to look at how public and community transport can be improved for older people and has fed into consultations and reviews in conjunction with the South Yorkshire Mayor Dan Jarvis.
- Age UK Barnsley has secured funding over the next 6 months to get seats into shops.
- Further funding has been secured to enable another 45 elderly households across Barnsley to get online and some of these will be households in the Penistone area.

Future Planned activities for Q3

- Being responsive to the ever changing needs of service users created by the effects of Covid and adapting our support as required.
- Continued focus on physical activities – developing new classes and introducing new participants.
- Identify new community projects for Men in Sheds.
- Recruitment of new volunteers, particularly befrienders and car scheme drivers.

Barnsley Citizens Advice

19 people supported (25 target)

£1,136,084 of debt managed since start (none this quarter)

£18,510 of benefits claimed (£188k since start)



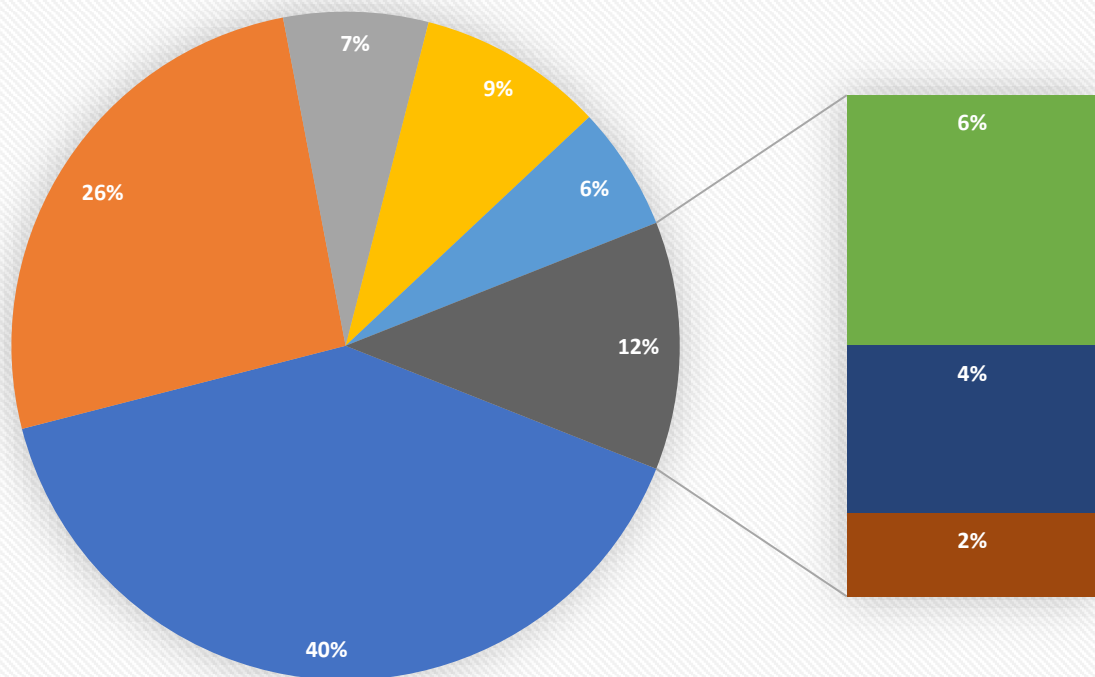
The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helps to improve health and wellbeing, reduces client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client's ability to cope through self-help.

Since the start of this contract in October 2020, the project has seen a total of 150 client contacts. Currently all clients are being assisted via Adviceline and Email service.

During this quarter no clients wanted debt advice. (since start of the service in Penistone 1st April 2019 we have assisted clients with £1,136,084 of debt and under the current contract from 01/10/2020 £1,066,069) and claim £18,510 of benefits in the current quarter (£187,762 of benefits since 1st April 2019 and claim £42,139 under the current contract from 01/10/2020).

The number of clients seeking debt advice is low due to the pandemic and lockdowns, along with guidance and instructions from the Government affecting actions being taken against clients. However, this is expected to rise significantly once the courts, creditors and others start chasing clients and take action against them, once restrictions are lifted and life starts to return to normal.

Barnsley Citizens Advice 53 issues dealt with this quarter



■ Benefits ■ Employment ■ Universal Credit ■ Relationships ■ Legal ■ Education ■ GVA & Hate Crime ■ Housing

DIAL Barnsley

100 enquires made

£115,596 benefits claims supported

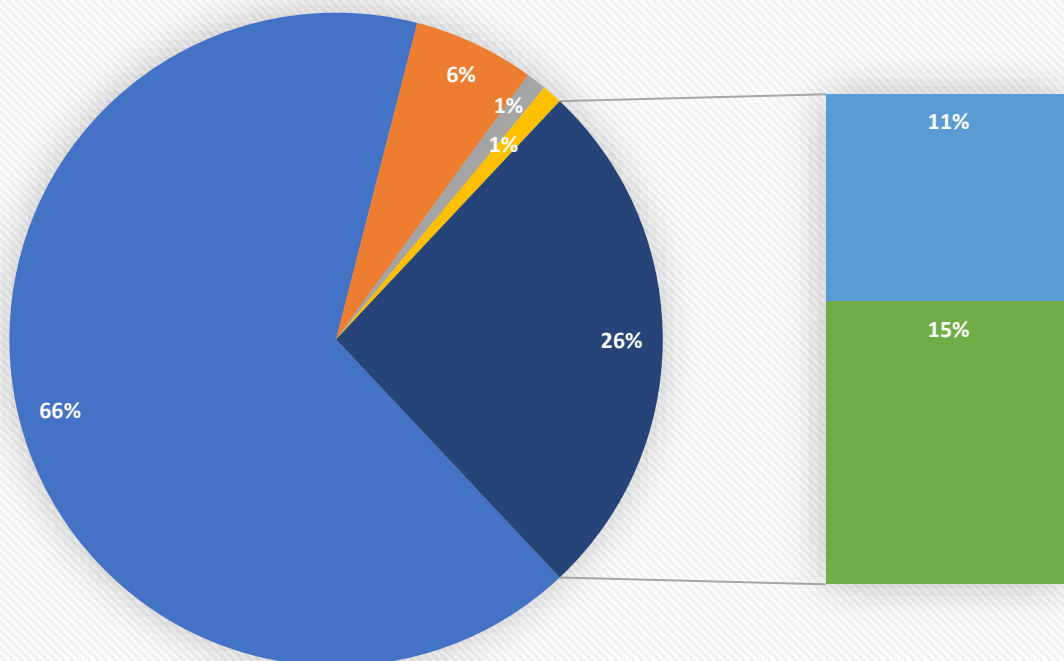
60 hours of volunteer involvement

For every £1 invested in the project £11.40
returned to the area this quarter



DIAL help to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they continued to concentrate on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with Public Health Advice and guidance via self and well checks.

**DIAL Barnsley
100 Issues Delt With**



The vast majority of benefit issues were in relation to Personal Independence Payments, with some universal credit and attendance allowance.

Self and well checks provide an opportunity to keep in touch with clients during the pandemic period and have resulted in public health information and guidance. The checks have also revealed a high incidence of loneliness especially amongst 40-55 year olds. A recent consultation exercise has also revealed a broad spectrum of mental health issues amongst all the clients surveyed.

The DIAL adviser visited Penistone Town hall before Christmas to look at returning to face to face work but this was put on hold following the outbreak of the Omicron variant. This will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so.

This quarter is the last one for this year (although funding is earmarked for 2022 from PAC funds). The below shows the full extent of advice given over the last 12 months by DIAL. The project has benefitted from additional funds via the Lottery as well as BMBC Advice line funding which supplements the hours currently funded by Area council. Together this has provided 28 hours of Advice line support per week.

	QTR 1 Jan to Mar 2021		QTR 2 Apr to Jun 2021		QTR 3 Jul to Sep 2021		QTR 4 Oct to Dec 2021		Total Project target
Activity/Intervention	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
No of people accessing the advice service	46	120	46	96	46	106	46	100	184
No of volunteers supporting the project centrally	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No of volunteers supporting the project locally on site	1		1		1		1		1
No of hours volunteers support the project	60	50	60	50	60	60	60	60	240

During this quarter, DIAL has also accessed support from the Penistone Area Team to access the Local Support Grant which has provided funding for Well and Warm packs for their most vulnerable clients in our area.

Fuel Poverty

This has **not** been highlighted as a major issue for clients in the Penistone Area. DIAL support more people to help with switching providers (an issue for clients with limited phone access) and will link people into the warmer homes discounts and benefits available.

Supporting Young People Grant Fund

This grant fund was set up in May 2021. All projects funded under this did not start to deliver until the end of June/beginning of July, with some starting as schools returned in September.



Ad Astra – providing gender specific mental wellbeing sessions to pre-16 pupils at Penistone Grammar. Started promoting it via leaflets and with a couple of taster sessions before the end of term. From September will be working Monday and Thursday Lunch Times covering Y7 and Y10 on a Monday and Y8 and Y9 on a Thursday. Peer support model.

Due to Covid restrictions in the school the project has had to adapt the proposed delivery models which has inevitably led to reduced outcomes from what was originally planned. Space to talk in confidence has been an issue, meaning that information sessions have been delivered in more public areas such as the dining room, and a small space in the entrance to speak to small groups or have one to one sessions – this is not ideal as if a young person is talking about personal issues they don't want other young people to know their concerns. Planned walk and talk session cannot currently be delivered and peer support groups cannot be arranged until there is space for training to take place safely.

The project has reached out to 215 pupils despite the restrictions with a core group of between 10 – 15 young people seeking support on a weekly basis.

The project has supported young people with a variety of issues that are having an impact on their daily lives – food and body image – not being able to exercise – educational aspirations – college prospects – friendship groups – relationships – personal and family expectations.

Plans are in place to develop the base line assessment so that analysis of young people's needs can be used to direct future work, operating within covid guidelines. A short video of the work in Penistone is also planned so that this can be promoted to all young people via their form time, and further use of the lunch time sessions to promote materials on the day will be made.

Penistone Grammar School

Post 16 support

300 people accessing sessions

19 sessions delivered



Penistone Grammar school – Mind for the Future provides mental wellbeing sessions with post-16 pupils from September to enhance educational achievement and prevent mental health impacts on later life chances.

Due to the impacts of the Covid pandemic this project has like many others been unable to delivery on the outcomes detailed on the project proposal. With restrictions in the number of outside visitors to the school recruiting volunteers has been a problem, however the school managed to recruit one volunteer counsellor (from Leeds Beckett University) who has been coming into school and doing mindfulness/low mood sessions with Post 16 students (taking on 3 students a week, sometimes for a number of weeks).

The pupil wellbeing assessment tool 'PASS' has been taken up by 300 students and has been really successful as students engaged really well with it and it has given an overview of mental health and wellbeing for both the cohort and for individual students.

The Post 16 team have then analysed this and put in place –

- 1) Assemblies to address areas identified as a cohort.
- 2) Mentor sessions which focus on specific issues (in particular self-image and self-worth which came out low, in particular for Y13 girls).
- 3) One to one mentor sessions with the pastoral lead for students who are a concern.
- 4) Counselling for students who display significant low mood.

Further details on outcomes will be know for next quarter.

Girlguiding Barnsley West

5 ways to wellbeing

Challenge badge syllabus

300 people expected to take part



Penistone Girl Guiding – supporting young women through positive experiences and activities to enhance self esteem and wellbeing as part of a ‘Challenge’ Badge and local event.

The Challenge Badge syllabus has now been developed and approved by the Girl Guiding association. A badge design has been created based on a competition winning design , developed by one of the Girl Guides. A lot of interest has been expressed in the new badge, which is currently being produced ready for distribution. The number of badges achieved should be known for the next quarter once requests have come in.

The activity event, originally planned for September 2021 has now been postponed and is planned to take place at Kingswood outdoor centre on Saturday 26th March. The event is open to the whole Barnsley West division with 200 places being made available at a much reduced cost as a result of the Area Council project monies. The reduced cost will ensure that the event attracts a greater number of participants, many of whom will be experiencing outdoor activities for the first time. The event will significantly contribute to health and wellbeing outcomes for participants and contribute to achievements which can be accredited as part of the challenge badge.

As a result of this project, the number of young women participating in the Girl Guides in the area is steadily increasing. Further detail on outcomes is expected during the next quarter.

Angel Voices

31 people attending

18 volunteers (501 volunteers hours)

3 workshops

13 people going on to formal training/qualifications



Angel Voices – community based singing workshops, culminating in community performance events to raise funds for charity .

The project so far has been extremely successful. The impact on the local community has been extremely noticeable, children have been learning about techniques that help their physical health and mental well-being that they have taken home to their families and friends. People in shops have said how nice it is to see events in the community which has also allowed for publicity via word of mouth.

Workshops have predominately taken place in St Johns community centre in Penistone but the project has started to move around the villages to Millhouse Green and Cawthorne, with proposed sessions planned next quarter in other villages in our area. Following the successful fundraising concert in Cawthorne last quarter , a Christmas concert was held at St Johns church in December. A total of **£736** has been raised from concerts so far which has been donated to Cawthorne village hall to help with refurbishments and St Johns church in Penistone.

The workshops are proving to be having a significant impact on many of the young people taking part providing skills and confidence to young people experiencing a number of health issues such as autism, epilepsy, eating disorders and low self esteem and confidence. An added bonus for the project has been the number of young people taking up formal training in performance arts since first attending the workshops.



Penistone Leisure Centre

Date for Calm Kids set

Boot camp organised

Teen boxing established



Well Penistone Youth, delivered by Sporting Penistone. Project to provide a range of physical activities such as Teen Boxing, skating and a planned resilience bootcamp for September, also structured targeted activities to support young people with additional needs and mental health issues (volunteers to be recruited and trained to run these).

After a start was made in the summer months with the Teen Boxing, and Glow sessions much of the project has been delayed largely due to the effects of the Pandemic and staffing changes.

Positive progress has been made with the recruitment and training of volunteers, so that most of the sessions planned will start to operate from February onwards. Targets have been pushed forward and further detailed progress will be available in Quarter 4.

Penistone FM

10 people attending

9 people trained in digital techniques

5 projects produced and ready for distribution



Active Minds project Penistone FM – to train a core group of young people in broadcasting skills who would then engage with other young people to provide their experiences and advice for others via podcasts.

The project has progressed well so far with 2 groups of young people now trained and working on the Podcasts. Good links have been established with Penistone Grammar School and young people are recommending the training to others in their peer groups. The project also continues to be widely publicised through various means including Barnsley Chronicles magazine and paper, Darton Arrow and Look Local, social media platforms and one of the students who was a part of the first group talked with Cera on BBC Radio Sheffield about how she has benefited from the Active Minds Project.

Cera who leads the project attended an online mental health conference to connect and talk with more people to publicise the project and how it benefits young people and their mental health. In attendance was the Youth Mental Health Ambassador Dr. Alex George, who re-shared a post from Cera's Instagram about mental health to his 2million followers.

The project is engaging with various community groups such as Cycle Penistone, Royd Community Gardens, Penistone Scouts and the Penistone Country Market where videos have been created about what they do to give students the experience of using camera/audio equipment



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BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council
February 10th 2022**

**Summary report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager**

Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:
- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
 - Working Together Fund
 - Supporting Young People Fund
 - Clean & Tidy Service
- 1.2 The report outlines the current budget position of the Penistone Ward Alliance
- 1.3 The report outlines the 2021/2022 financial position for Penistone Area Council and provides a current budget update for the financial year 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 **That members note the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and note the timelines for the procurement of a new service.**
- 2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund and agree to encourage an application from Citizen's Advice Bureau to continue to provide a debt advice service for the Penistone area**
- 2.3 **That members receive the update on ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Fund to establish specific activities that will support young people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic**
- 2.4 **That members note the updates on the new Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 and agree the recommendation to continue the service for a further 12 months to April 2023 at a cost of £100k from the 2022/23 budget allocation.**
- 2.5 **That members note the update on the Ward Alliance budget.**
- 2.6 **That members note the update on proposals discussed to procure Private Sector Housing support.**

- 2.7 **That members consider the need to continue to publicise the work of PAC and Ward Alliance via the Penistone Living publication, and agree £3000 to be allocated for this purpose from within the 2021/22 budget.**
- 2.8 **That Members note the current financial position for the 2021/22 budget in light of any decisions taken within this meeting and potential carry forward to 2022/23 budget.**
- 3.0 **Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service**
- 3.1 The current grant contracts held by Age UK have continued to perform satisfactorily, operating against flexed outcomes during the Covid-19 period which has been reflected in the performance reporting presented at previous meetings of PAC.
- 3.2 At the PAC meeting 1st October 2020 members were advised that current contracts to provide the existing service were due to end in January 2021, and it was agreed that £70K is made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.3 In light of the ongoing impacts of the Covid -19 pandemic, and the need to provide continuity of service to vulnerable members of the Penistone Community, members agreed at PAC December 3rd 2020 to the allocation of £35k from the 2020/21 PAC budget to allow a six month extension for current contracts held by Age UK to June 2021 and to defer procurement activity for a new service until June 2021
- 3.4 Members were advised at PAC June 3rd 2021 that due to further impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, it had become necessary to make a further deferment of the procurement of a new service beyond the original intended date of June 2021. As a result members agreed the allocation of £35k from within the 2021/22 PAC budget to support a further 6 month extension to the current Age UK Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people grants contracts.
- 3.5 Following a Member workshop in August 2020 to review current provision by Age UK, a forward plan was agreed for the new grant specifications. In order to meet current procurement requirements to ensure wider market engagement, it was agreed by members at PAC on December 2nd 2021 that a further extension of the current contract with Age UK be granted to the end of May 2022 at a cost of £29,166. A new procurement timeline has been drawn up for a new service and Members will be kept informed and included in the process over the next few months.
- 3.6 All grant contracts with Age UK continue to perform satisfactorily, with a quarter three report presented at this meeting
- 4.0 **Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**
- 4.1 At the Area Council meeting of October 1st 2020 members agreed that the Working Together Grant should be promoted to accept applications to fund activities which will support covid recovery intentions with a deadline of 27th November 2020.

- 4.2 At PAC June 3rd 2021 Members were advised that two applications have been approved by the Grant Panel to fund a continuation of the debt advice service to be delivered by Citizens Advice Bureau at a cost of £8118 and an information and advice service to be delivered by DIAL at a cost of £10,136. Both contracts have been supplemented by pandemic financial hardship funds, made available to support area council budgets, this has enabled extended provision to support higher demand in the last 12 months.
- 4.3 A further application from Penistone FM to support young people has also been approved as part of this grant this year at a cost of £8583, and £594 has also been taken from this grant to supplement the Supporting Young people ringfenced pot.
- 4.4 The Working Together grant continues to be promoted by the Area Team to encourage further applications and support with the community recovery process post pandemic.
- 4.5 Members are reminded that the current Debt Advice service delivered by CAB and funded from the Working Together Grant finishes at the end of March 2022. An update of this service is provided within this meeting. Members are asked if they would like to encourage a further funding application from this grant in order to continue this service.
- 4.6 A current total of £33,599 is remaining in this pot which members may wish to review at future PAC meeting.
- 4.7 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group (Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£ 5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00

DIAL (Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8118
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8583
Total Allocations to date	£236,293
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£594
<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	£33,599

5.0

Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

5.1

At PAC meeting October 1st 2020 members agreed to an additional £40k allocated from within the current 2020/21 PAC commissioning budget to be ringfenced within the Working Together Fund and promoted solely for the use of activities which will support the physical and mental wellbeing of young people.

5.2

5.3

Following grant panel assessment of applications in late April /early May 2021 five project proposals were approved for funding at a total cost of £40,594. The additional £594 outside of the ringfenced grant allocation is recouped from the main Working Together Fund grant pot as show in 4.7 within this report.

- 5.4 The impacts of the pandemic created delays for some of the projects in being able to start, however all projects are now up and running with updates on performance to date included within this meeting

Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant

6.0	Ad Astra – supporting young people pre16 in Penistone Grammar school	£8640
	Penistone Leisure Centre	£6454
	Angel Voices	£10,000
6.1	Penistone Girl Guiding	£5,500
	Penistone Grammar – supporting Young people post 16	£10,000
	Total allocations	£40,594

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

- 6.2 Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider for the Penistone Clean, Green and Tidy service and started their contract on the 1st April 2020 at a cost of £100,000 for the year from within the 2020/21 area council budget allocation.
- 6.3 The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it was agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performed satisfactorily within the flexed terms with performance highlighted at PAC meetings during 2020.
- 6.4 Members at PAC February 11th 2021 agreed to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021 at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 PAC budget. A full update of this service, and performance during the pandemic period was received by members at PAC June 3rd 2021.
- 6.5 Year two of the Clean Green and Tidy service contract has continued to be reviewed and flexed in order to accommodate the ongoing impact of the pandemic in 2021. Performance has continued to be satisfactory in line with reviewed outcomes. . A full review of this year's contract is presented within this meeting.
- 7.0 It is recommended that members agree to continue this service to the third and final year of the existing contract from April 2022 at a cost of £100k from the 2022/23 PAC budget.
- 7.1

Penistone Ward Alliance

- 7.2 A budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) has been made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2021/22. This, together with underspend of £6,925 from the previous financial year 2020/21 provided the Ward Alliance with a working budget of £26,925 for the 2021/22 financial year.
- 7.3 In light of the growing demand on the Ward Alliance funds during last year, PAC agreed at it's meeting on December 3rd 2021 to allocate an additional sum of £10k to support the Ward Alliance Budget to the end of the current financial year 2021/2022.
- 7.4 Applications to the Ward Alliance for funding have continued to increase as community groups start to become active following the Covid-19 pandemic. Projects totalling £2,706 were approved at the last meeting on December 2nd 2021, which taken together with the extra £10k allocations from PAC now leaves a budget total of £19588.73

At PAC June 3rd Members approved £10k from within the PAC budget 2021/22 to be allocated to the Ward Alliance budget to provide a small ring fenced funding pot to encourage applications from groups to provide activities during the school summer holiday period 2021. Projects totalling £1590 were approved leaving a total of £8410 still within this pot.

- 8.0 Members are reminded that any unspent monies may be returned to the PAC budget within the financial year.
- 8.1

Private Sector Housing support to the Penistone area

- 8.2 At a briefing workshop held on November 4th 2021, PAC members were presented with information from the Housing Stock Modelling and database report commissioned by BMBC and produced in October 2020 to provide a detailed housing stock condition survey for Barnsley. The findings from this report are being used to inform a Private Sector Housing Plan for the borough.

- 8.3 Members were made aware at the briefing that the stock condition survey highlighted that private sector properties in both Penistone East and West wards demonstrated the highest incidence of risk to occupants from excess cold and fuel poverty when compared to the rest of the borough. This accounted for a higher than average number of owner occupiers across the two wards, many of whom are older and have limited means to maintain properties to ensure energy efficiency.

- 8.4 Discussion of the impacts of this revealed the detrimental effects to individual health and wellbeing and individual cases were shared with members where home owners were no longer coping with properties and had allowed them to become a health hazard to themselves and others in the area.

- 8.5 At the PAC meeting on 2nd December 2021 members considered a range of options in relation to private sector housing support for the Penistone area. It was agreed that an option to investigate the need further be explored.

Members are advised that work on this is ongoing and will be presented at a later meeting.

9.0

9.1

Penistone Area Council Community Magazine

9.2

Following discussion at the Area Council meeting on February 14th 2019, Members agreed the option for communicating the work of the Area Council and Ward Alliance to the Penistone area via content for the Penistone Living Magazine.

9.3

Members agreed at PAC on April 11th to allocate £2,664 from 2019/2020 budget to provide up to six pages of content for inclusion in each of two editions of Penistone Living Magazine over a 12 month period. Information updates were included in the August 2019 and February 2020 editions of Penistone Living and were well received by members.

9.4

As a result of the covid-19 pandemic from March 2020 publications were halted but members indicated an intention to continue to use Penistone Living when next available at their meeting of 23rd July 2020. As a result members approved for content at a cost of £921.60 to be included in a publication at the end of October 2020 and agreed a further allocation of £3000 for future publications.

9.5

Due to the limited number of publications during the pandemic 2020-21, content has only been submitted for one further publication, leaving a current total of £1,157 from within the original allocation available for spend on this item.

10.0

Members are asked if they wish to continue with the option of utilising Penistone Living for communicating the work of the Area Council and Ward Alliance during 2022, and if so it is recommended that a further allocation of £3000 is made from within the 2021/22 budget in support of this.

10.1

Current Financial Summary Position

10.2

A PAC budget allocation of £200k was made available for spend within the financial year 2021/22. This, together with carry forward from the 2020/21 budget of £15,225, gave a total working budget of £215,225 (plus £10k financial hardship monies) .

10.3

A self Isolation fund made available to support the most clinically vulnerable during the pandemic, was successfully drawn down to support people in the Penistone area at a revised value of £13,845 which has been added to the income giving a total budget of £239,070.

Approved spend currently totals £184,166 and should members approve recommended spend at 9.5 within this report this will leave a remaining budget total of £41,904 which can be carried forward to PAC 2022/23 budget allocation from April 2022.

2021/22 Budget allocations

Approved spend items in operation in 2021/2022	Current approved expenditure from 2021/2022 budget
New Clean Green and Tidy contract Year two	£100,000
Age UK grant contract extensions to December 2021	£35,000
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities	£10,000
Additional monies to Ward alliance budget	£10,000
Age UK grant contract extension to May 2022	£29,166
Total allocated spend to date	£184,166
<i>Proposed recommended spend</i>	
Communications budget for publication content via Penistone Living	£3000
Budget 2021/22	
Base budget	£200,000
Additional income to base budget	
Underspend from 2020/21 budget	£ 15,225
Financial hardship monies (earmarked)	£ 10,000
Self Isolation Funds	£13,845
Total budget available for spend 2021/22	£239,070
Current remaining total in 2021/22 budget to carry forward if recommended spend approved	£41,904
Budget 2022/2023	
Twiggs year 3 contract recommended spend	£100k
Potential budget for spend in 2022/23 (inc C/F from 2021/22)	£141,904

10.5 PAC Financial summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2021/22					
Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2019/20	Commissioning Budget 2020/21	Commissioning Budget 2021/22		
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Spend	
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00	£200,000.00		
Underspend from previous year	£63,358.75	£115,224.75	£15,225.00		
Countryside Skills Training					
Countryside Skills Training Extension					
Clean & Green					
Clean & Green extension					
Working Together Fund	£50,000.00				
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16					
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17					
Reducing Isolation in older people					
Public Health Funds	£3,820.00				
Supporting Older People Fund					
Supporting Older People Fund ex	£17,500.00	£52,500.00			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2		£35,000.00			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 3			£35,000.00	£35,000.00	
Supporting Older People Fund ex 4			£29,166.00		
Supporting Young People Fund		£40,000.00			
Community Magazine distribution costs					
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18					
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19					
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20	£10,000.00				
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21			£10,000.00		
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)					
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)	£57,171.00				
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)	£40,836.00				
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)		£100,000.00			
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)			£100,000.00	£80,000.00	
Penistone Living Inserts	£2,664.00	£3,000.00		£1,843.20	
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021		£70,000.00	£10,000.00	£1,590.00	
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities					
Income					
Public Health Monies					
financial hardship monies			£10,000.00		
Practical Support Grant			£18,880.00	£5,035.60	
Expenditure Incurred in Year				£123,468.80	
What funds are available			£200,000.00		

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Findings Report



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Introduction

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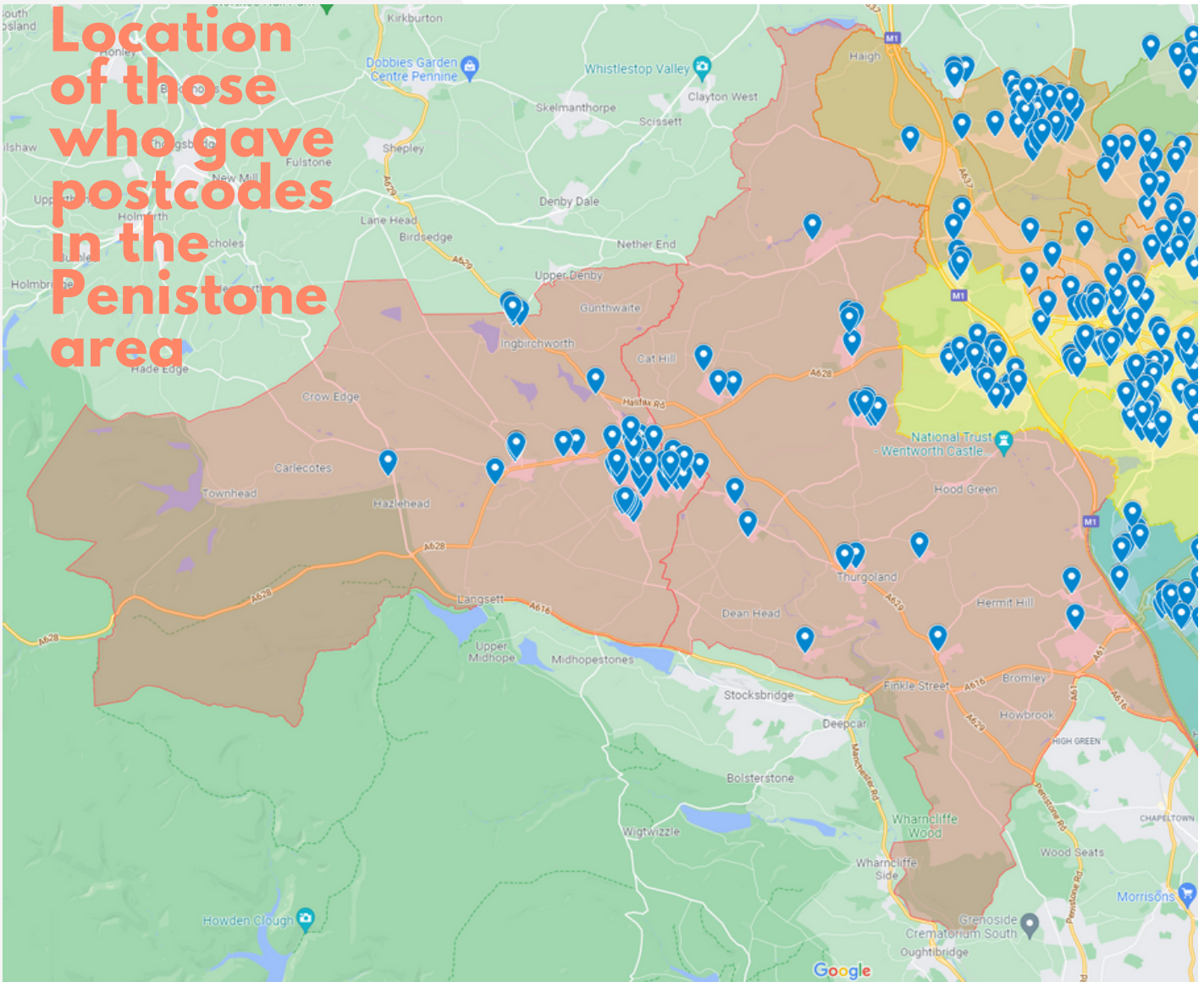
People took part many giving very detailed answers

Over the summer the Penistone Area Team held Community Listening sessions. A series of events to get a conversation going about people's feelings and the challenges they face because of the pandemic.

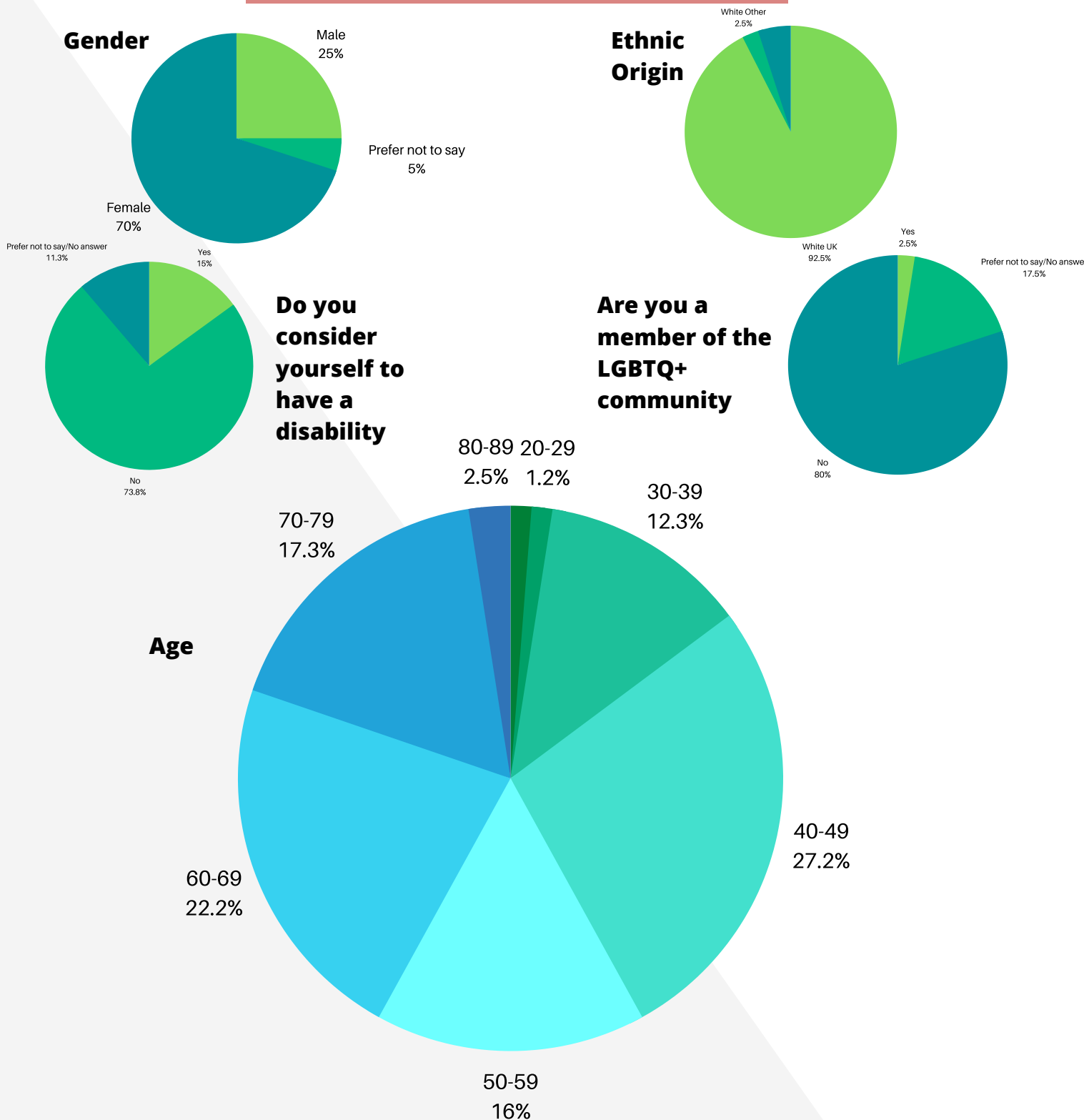
The conversations and online survey were part of a wider exercise that took place across Barnsley by Stronger Communities staff.

The responses were given in long-form free text meaning a level of interpretation, categorisation and analysis was needed. Where possible answers were matched to the same categories used by the Penistone Area Council and Ward Alliances.

Location of those who gave postcodes in the Penistone area



Demographics



A good range of ages took part with the majority (70%) being aged between 20-69. Also, the spread of ages was good with no one age group dominating allowing a representative collection of views.

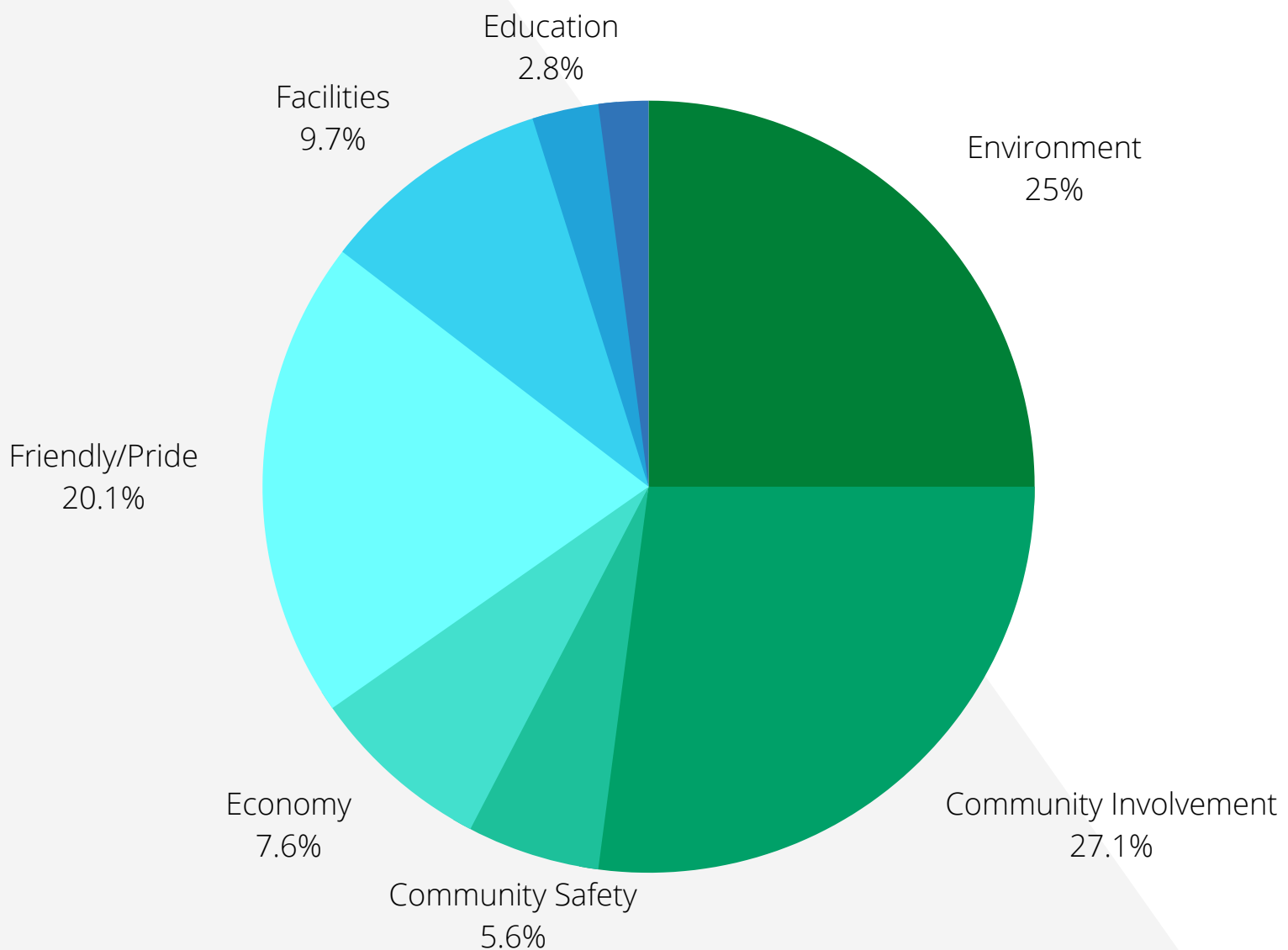
However, the majority of those taking part were female (70%) and minority groups were underrepresented. Possible because the focus was collecting as many views as possible rather than targeting specific groups.

Question One

What do you love about your community?

People's answers to this question mostly focused on other people. They enjoy the fact that the community is tight knit, friendly and people are willing to help each other. The responses show that people value the amount of support for each other in both formal organised groups and informal neighbours helping neighbours.

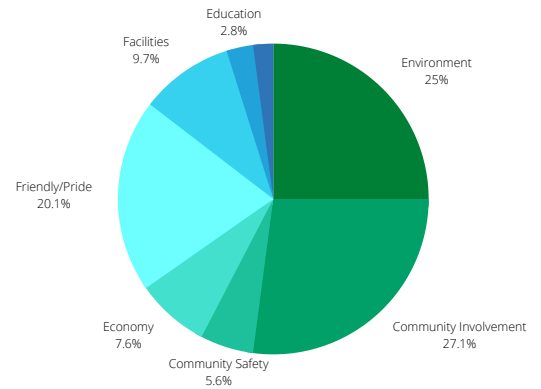
People also value the green spaces, parks and nearby countryside as well as the facilities. Which in this case referred to the community centres, activities available and sporting opportunities nearby.



Question One

Examples

Here is a look at the responses that made up each category.



Community Involvement 27.1%

"Everyone is very friendly, it has a huge community feel about it where everyone gets together"

"The projects that are available to the community"

"There are lots of groups in the area including the Penistone Allotment Society"

"people are committed to the community and want it to be a good area to live for everyone"

"I love the way the community comes together in times of need"

"Community Spirit - there is a great network here"

Environment 25%

"Green open spaces"

"The accessible greenbelt land that's on our doorstep"

"I love the rural location"

"The countryside - we have some great views"

"I love its ruralness and the TPT. It has easy access to the countryside"

Friendly/Pride 20.1%

"Its a lovely place and a friendly community"

"friendly community"

"Good sense of belonging"

"the pride local residents have"

"The people are great. Everyone likes to chip in whenever they can"

"People seem to take pride in where they live"

Facilities 9.7%

"Very friendly community Paramount is great"

"Good amenities"

It's a fully functioning town with everything you might need ie. cinema, railway station, market, doctors surgery etc"

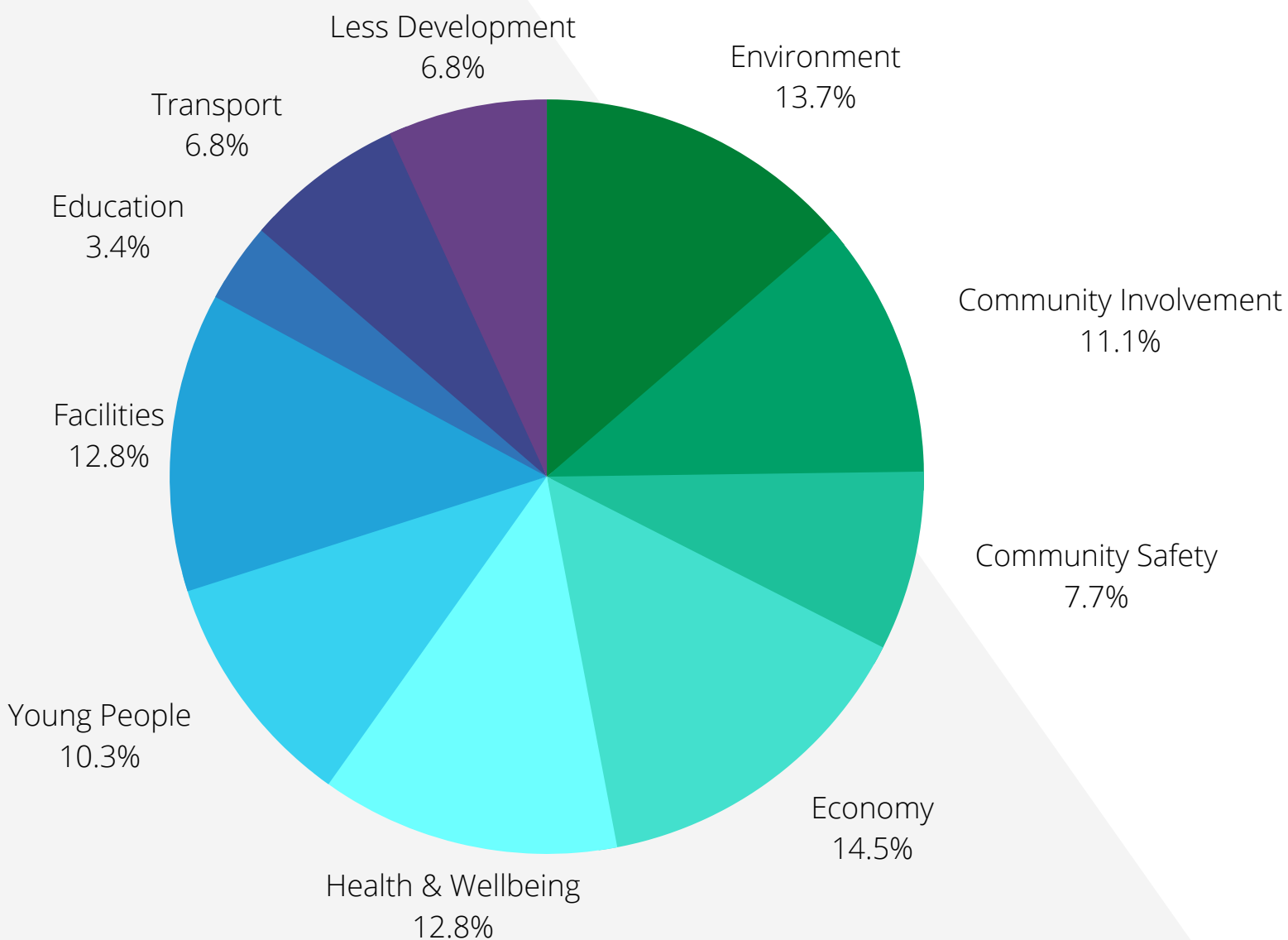
"It has easy access to the countryside, good facilities and good schools"

Question Two

What is needed now and in the future in your community?

There wasn't one stand out answer for this question responses were fairly evenly split among the categories. However, people are concerned about the economy. Answers tended to focus on retail and the need to protect and improve. This is likely as people recognise this as a tough period and if businesses are lost they will be difficult to replace.

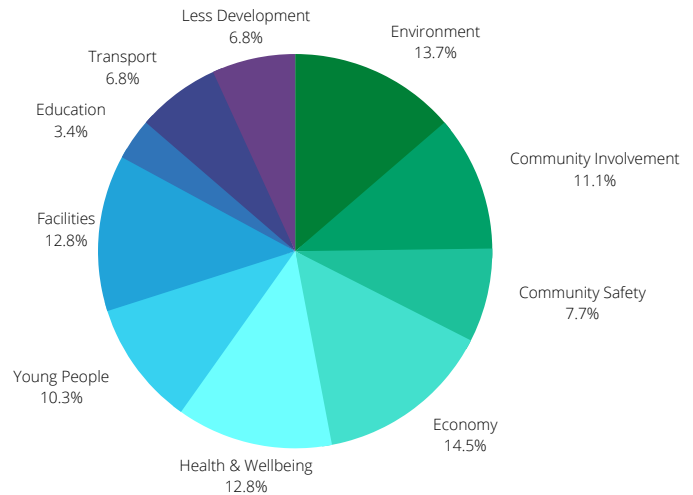
Environmental comments focused on litter and keeping things tidy. While people also mentioned that more community facilities are needed. There was also a concern about access to primary care. It is likely this is linked to planned development and the impact people think this will have on services



Question Two

Examples

Here is a look at the responses that made up each category.



Economy 14.5%

"better high street - to make the experience of socialising more"

"We should be trying to encourage more local shops to open and get more people to shop locally"

"More restaurants and bars"

"A wider variety of businesses on the High Street which will encourage people to shop local"

"If we want to encourage people to come here we could do with better signage especially from the railway station"

Environment 13.7%

"Dog waste is one of the biggest problems. It's an absolute joke"

"Litter picking and educating people more on waste management"

"Protection of green spaces Reductions in traffic volume Increased provision for alternative transport"

"More areas with flowers and/or blossom trees, especially on the entrance to the village"

"Better street cleaning and improved pavements to help elderly"

Facilities 12.8%

"More allotment provision"

"we are saddened at the loss of facilities within our community. We have no community hub - hopefully the Fountain Inn will help rectify this"

"More outdoor play equipment for pre-school children like the one at Oxspring."

"Community centre in Oxspring."

" We could do with improved public toilets"

Health & Wellbeing 12.8%

"More doctors, schools and dentists"

"Better primary care services - very difficult to get an appointment at the doctors, long waits"

"Day services for people with learning disabilities"

"New resources - doctors, dental and schools - more people in the area have overwhelmed what is there"

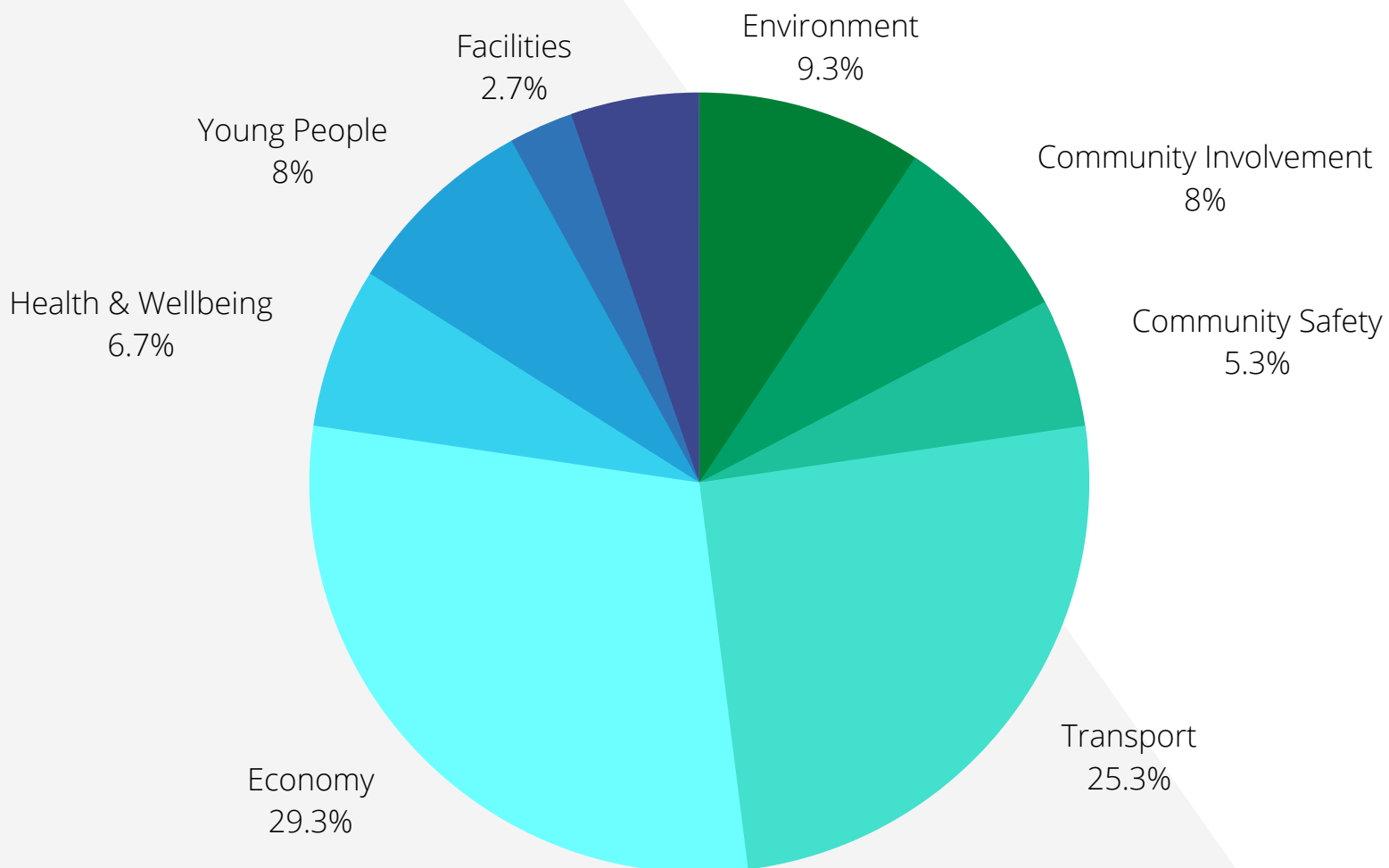
Question Three

What would add to the quality of life in your community?

While this question seems similar to question two most people answered it differently. The focus shifted from a broad range of issues to a focus on transport and the economy.

Broadly they expanded on the answers given in question two wanting the retailers and food and drink establishments to survive and grow. The key reasons were if the current businesses go it could create a domino effect, they might not be replaced and the local community would then need to travel for shopping and leisure.

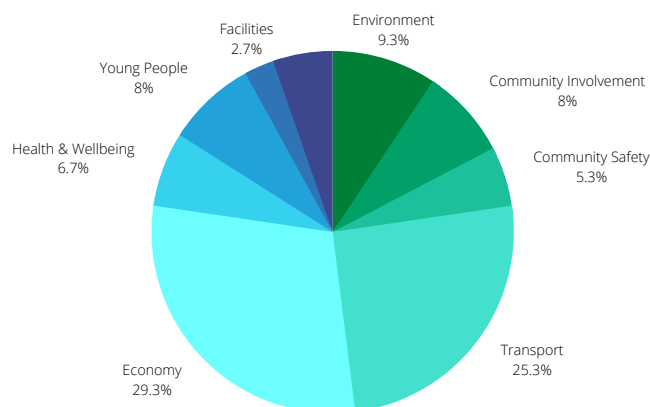
People were also keen that transport links are at least maintained or upgraded and that road safety levels improve. These are seen as vital to keeping the community vibrant.



Question Three

Examples

Here is a look at the responses that made up each category.



Economy 29.3%

"For poorer sections of the community could be offered more targeted help"

"Another supermarket"

"Need to keep the high street vibrant"

"The town is getting better now - the high street got run down but it's good to see more local shops, would be good to get more. Still feels like we don't get the money we should be getting out here. "

"Keeping the local pub running"

Transport 25.3%

"Improvement in traffic management - not necessarily speed bumps"

"Something needs to be done about speeding on the main road through the village."

"there's a lot of traffic which makes cycling difficult "

"Better more often bus service to and from Silkstone to Penistone"

"Less traffic and alternative route via bridge end"

"Better transport links"

Environment 9.3%

"I would like to see the trees looked after, there are a lot overgrowing on to the roads"

"Better litter picking"

"Protection of greenbelt and nature and a change in direction from BMBC to protect our precious green spaces"

"the green areas not be vulnerable to fly tipping"

"Regular maintenance of bankings/sidings to maintain tidiness. If these areas are to be left then they need to be actively managed to form wildflower areas "

Young People 8%

"Probably something for young people"

"We once had a youth club for young ones in our village but they shut it up for some reason"

"More activities for children and families"

"Needs more facilities for the younger ones - from babies to 17years"

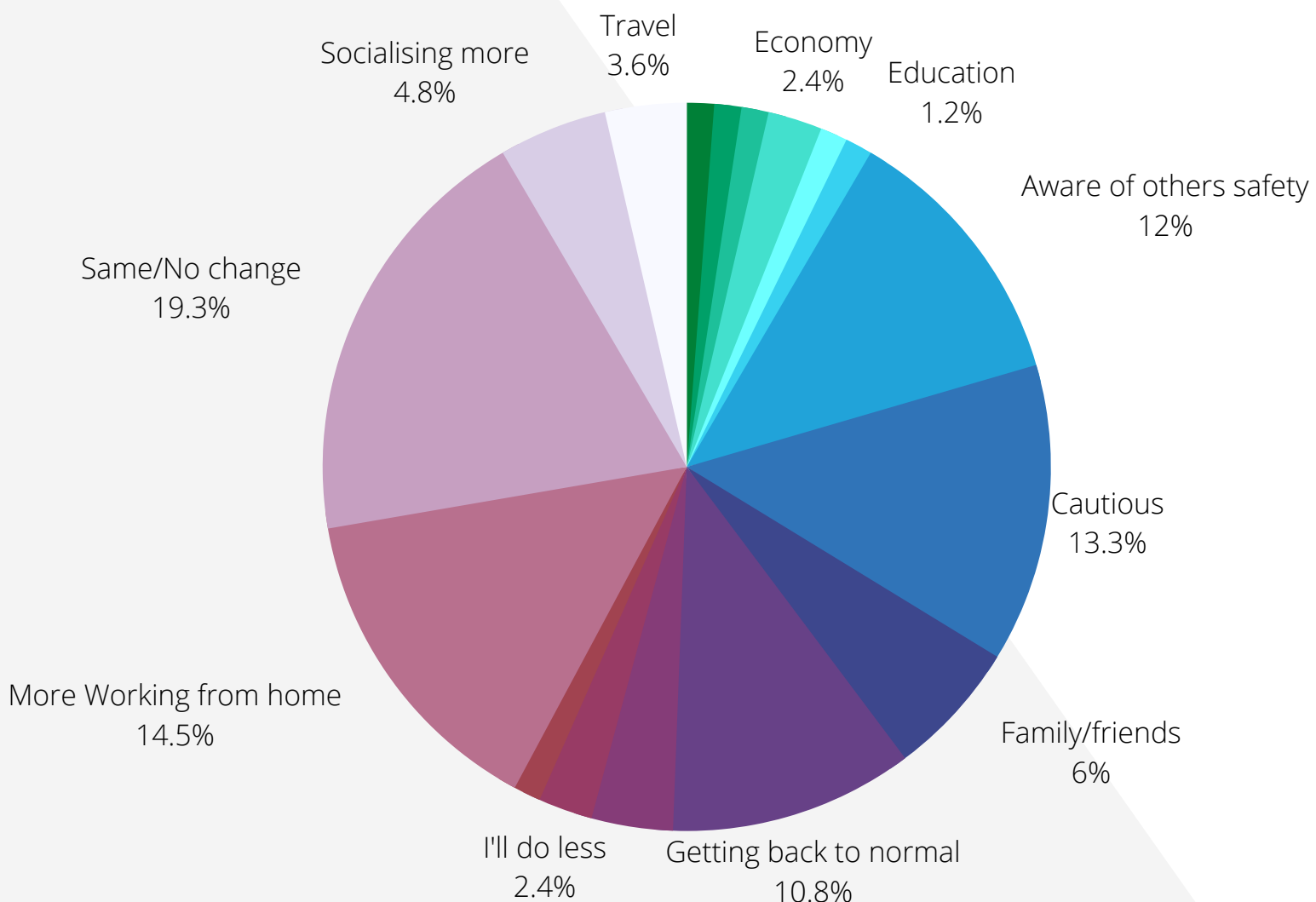
"More activities for younger old people"

Question Four

Looking forward how will your life be different as a result of COVID-19?

With this question, most people gave answers that reflected their own personal circumstances rather than think about the community as a whole. As a result, the answers did not fit into the categories used in the other questions.

The answers reflected where people were in the summer after around 18 months of restrictions. The general themes were around continuing as they had done through the pandemic and returning to 'normal'. Although some were still going to be cautious. This is likely because around the time of the survey the wearing of mandatory face coverings was dropped. Other restrictions (e.g. 2 metre rule) were still advised causing some confusion.



Question Four

Examples

Due to the nature of answers here is a sample of responses

"I'll be working at home more less commuting"

"Lower income"

"I will wear masks in supermarkets"

"spending more time together as a family"

"My life will be no different as a result of COVID"

"hopefully business will pick up again"

"life back to normal and safe"

"everyone should still be cautious but get back to normal"

"Worked throughout - life continues as normal for me"

"We will value our friends and family more"

"able to go on holidays and looking forward to it"

"adapting to future customers shopping habits"

"I hope people continue to support their neighbours and others"

"I don't want to get on the bus as I feel anxious about other people"

"taking advantage of getting out and about more in the local area"

"struggling at times with anxiety"

"It has helped me to re-focus my life"

"just the same as it is now"

"A lot more careful and aware of crowds"

"appreciate the smaller things, open spaces and more time for family"

"appreciation about how lonely it can be not being able to leave the house"

"I've had to sell my business"

"never take anything for granted"

Conclusions

The response to Community Listening was very positive with a wide of individuals taking part and in some cases giving detailed answers which covered a range of issues. While the conversations and survey has limitations they gave us an opportunity to re-engage with the general public, introduce and promote the role of the Penistone Area Team, Area Council and Ward Alliance. It also gave the team the opportunity to physically work together after staff changes and the limitations of the pandemic.

The answers reveal that the people, community and the sense of togetherness are the main things that individuals like about the area. While there is a broad range of things that people think are needed to improve the community, people are concerned about the economy and transport. This is likely because although they like living in the area they recognise that it could be exposed and possibly cut off if the economy and transport links do not remain strong.

People would also like to see the commitment to the environment continue, The green spaces and countryside are major reasons why people choose to live in the area. They feel passionate about protecting it and keeping it tidy.

While some of the issues raised go beyond the remit and scope of Area Team, Area Council and Ward Alliance they can form part of the focus of future work. The results will also help when influencing Barnsley Council colleagues and partner agencies about the concerns and feelings of people across the Penistone area.

