

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 7 April 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

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

38 **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

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

39 **Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 10th February, 2022 (Pac.7.4.2022/2)**

The Area Council received the minutes from the previous meeting held on 10th March, 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 2nd December, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

40 **Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 10th March, 2022 (Pac.7.4.2022/3)**

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 10th March, 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 10th March, 2022 be received.

41 **Penistone FM Active Minds Final Project Outcomes Presentation**

Cera O'Rourke, from Penistone FM provided members with an update on the Active Minds Project that is funded from the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the Working Together Fund.

Members were informed that there had been a significant increase in students being affected by a range of mental health issues including stress, anxiety, self harm, eating disorders and even suicide. The project had been designed to engage young people to interact and connect post lockdown and help them to learn new transferable skills to gain confidence and improve wellbeing and health and resilience in the community.

A 7 week project of fun activities was created with each week focussing on a different task. Examples of each week were given with the first week being an icebreaker where people taking part got to know each other leading to the last 2 weeks of creating podcasts or videos.

38 engagements had been achieved and 10 podcasts had been created. Overall it had been reported that the course had improved students confidence with 3 students getting jobs and 5 reporting that they felt able to go to University.

Hopes for the future were to help more young people by gaining further funding in order to hold more projects and also to connect with Penistone Grammar School in order to help students there.

Members were shown a video that had been created and heard a podcast that had been produced by some of the students taking part in the project.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and hard work undertaken by Penistone FM for their hard work in successfully delivering the project.

42 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.7.4.2022/5)

Rachel Payling, Head of Service Stronger Communities introduced the item and Members noted the contents with regard to the Ward Alliance funds.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

43 Q4 Interim Performance Update (Pac.7.4.2022/6)

Rachel Payling, Head of Service Stronger Communities introduced the item giving members a brief overview of the projects commissioned and their progress.

Members commented how it was pleasing to hear that the DIAL and CAB offer would hopefully be returning to a face to face appointment with a view to offering some online/telephone appointments for those who were unable to attend in person.

Concerns were raised about the future increase of people who would be requiring debt advice due to the increase in the cost of living and that these services would be crucial in helping those people.

Councillor Greenhough had attended the Girl Guide event held on 26th March, 2022 which was deemed a huge success with many attendees across all age ranges enjoying what was on offer.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

44 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.7.4.2022/7)

The Head of Service introduced the item previously circulated and invited questions or comments from Members on items mentioned within the report.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the update on the contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant Fund be noted and the updates to the procurement process for a new contracted service be noted;

- (ii) that the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be received;
- (iii) that the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced fund within the existing Working Together Grant Fund be received and that the option to extend the funding for a further year at a cost of £40,000 from the Penistone Area Council budget be approved;
- (iv) that the updates on the Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 be noted and that the agreed progressions to the third and final year of the contract be noted;
- (v) that the update on the Ward Alliance budget be noted;
- (vi) that the updates in relation to the agreed funding allocated for inserts into the Penistone Living publication be noted; and
- (vii) that the financial year end budget position for 2021/22 and the projected 2022/23 budget position be noted inclusive of decisions made within this meeting

Chair