

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 21 July 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), Greenhough, Kitching, Lowe-Flello and Wilson

8 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

9 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 9th June, 2022 (Pac.21.7.22/2)

The Area Council received the minutes from the previous meeting held on 9th June, 2022.

The Area Council Manager informed members that a workshop had been arranged to be held on 17th August to discuss a potential future Clean, Green and Tidy Contract.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 9th June, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

10 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 9th June, 2022 (Pac.21.7.22/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 9th June, 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 9th June, 2022 be received.

11 Young Voices Project Outcomes Presentation

Members of the Angel Voices Academy provided the Area Council members with an insight of their community based singing workshops and events which was presented in the form of various live performances as a way of thanking members for the contribution of £10,000 from the Working Together Grant Fund – Supporting Young People Grant.

Members heard of the various benefits of singing and were presented with a number of case studies of how the workshops had impacted and improved the physical and mental health of young people in the community

RESOLVED that members of the Angel Voices Academy be thanked for their interactive presentation.

12 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.21.7.22/5)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, drawing attention to the £28,737.23 total available funding for 2022/23 with an update on spend so far and that a further application had been received for a Young People Activity Day resulting in current revised total of £18,869 remaining.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13 Interim Performance Report (Pac.21.7.22/6)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an overview of performance of all contracted services and made members aware that they were between quarters and expecting the Quarter 1 update in September.

Highlights were provided of each contract, with the mention that Twiggs continued to try and work with groups that had not yet been active following the pandemic, and that work was being undertaken to encourage new groups and volunteers following a fall in numbers. A number of initiatives had been undertaken with businesses and work was ongoing with various Parishes. The jubilee celebrations were supported with clean ups beforehand and afterwards.

Age UK were completing their last contract this quarter and reported to be back to face to face appointments following the pandemic, and a volunteer recruitment event was planned for September as part of the new contract in the hope to recruit people to be community car drivers for the car share scheme and also befrienders. The Barnsley Older People's Physical Activity initiative (BOPPA) was having a positive effect on both physical and mental health of the older people that participate. Penistone Men in Sheds remained popular with an increase from 13 to 21 members and continued to take part in community projects including aiding Penistone Theatre Group with props and a new project was due to commence in collaboration with Twiggs on the Penistone Youth Club Garden.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) had commenced its contract in April 22 for a 12 month period. The target of 25 enquiries had been largely exceeded with the service receiving a total of 58 so far this quarter. The service would be monitoring the impacts of the cost of living crisis and report back as necessary once further information was available.

DIAL appointments remained online and over the phone but health and safety assessments had taken place to commence face to face appointments in Penistone Town Hall on a Tuesday morning on an appointment basis.

The Supporting Young People Grant Fund had funded a number of successful projects including Adastra, Post 16 Mental Health Support in Penistone Grammar School, Girlguiding Barnsley West and Angel Voices. It was reported that the Penistone Leisure Centre had been unable to provide its full planned programme of activities due to a number of staffing difficulties but that the delivery of the Teen Box and Glow activities had taken place and were well attended.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.21.7.22/7)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item providing members with a highlight of each commissioned contract.

The new Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service had been commissioned through Age UK at a cost of £70,000 per year for 2 years which started 1st June 2022.

The Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund had approved a grant of £8,191 to continue the debt advice service to March 2023 which was provided through Citizens Advice Bureau. Members were reminded of the full review of the welfare service which was unlikely to be in place when the contract ended. DIAL would be encouraged to submit a further application for funding in order for continuation of the service after December 2022. A total of £25,408 remained in the grant pot.

A breakdown of projects funded by the Supporting Young People Grant Fund was provided, all of which were praised as fantastic value for money from the outcomes that had been achieved from each project. The second grant fund which had been approved at the meeting held in April, 2022 had received 4 applications which would be assessed by a grant panel to be held in July, 2022.

The Clean, Green and Tidy contract was due to come to an end in April, 2023 and a workshop to review what the future contract would look like had been organised to be held on 17th August, 2023.

A workshop to review the Area Council priorities had been organised to be held on 8th September, 2022.

Members noted the opening budget allocation of £241,904, which included £13,845 from a ring fenced budget Self Isolation Funds and the spend to date of £140,000, leaving a total of £101,904, or £88,059 without the ringfenced monies, available for allocation.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the updates of the contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant Fund and new contract position be noted;
- (ii) that the current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be received and noted;
- (iii) that the updates on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund and the progress with round 2 of the funding be received;
- (iv) that the updates on the Clean Green and Tidy contract which commenced in April, 2020 be noted;
- (v) that the agreed process to review PAC priorities be noted;

(vi) that the update on the Ward Alliance Budget be noted; and

(vii) that the current financial budget position for 2022.23 and record of allocated spend be noted.

Chair