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

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Minutes and notes

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Performance

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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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MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), Hand-Davis, Kitching and Lowe-Flello

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

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

2 **Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 7th April, 2022 (Pac.9.6.2022/2)**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th April, 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 7th April, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance Meetings held on 14th April and 12th May, 2022 (Pac.9.6.2022/3)**

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 14th April and 12th May, 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 14th April and 12th May, 2022 be received.

4 **Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.9.6.2022/4)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, drawing attention to the base allocation and carry forward figure totalling £28,737.23 for the 2022/23 financial year. The Schools Out Fund was included within the total figure which amounted to £4,040. It was reported that whilst only a small number of Groups had initially made applications to the Schools Out Fund, those that had had proven a success and further promotional work would be carried out to encourage further applications.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5 **Q4 Performance Report (Pac.9.6.2022/5)**

The Area Council Manager provided members with an overview of performance for Quarter 4 covering January to March, 2022 and all contracted Services.

An overview of the projects assigned to the Area Council priorities was given and it was noted that a significant increase had been seen in residents and young people receiving support from CAB and DIAL and the number of young people engaging in events funded by the Working Together Grant Fund for Supporting Young People.

A highlight of the Clean, Green and Tidy commission delivered by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance was provided. Members were informed that previous concerns around communications had been addressed and were improving with Twiggs publicising their regular work and areas they would be covering during a 2 week period and also requesting reports of any areas of concern raising directly with them. Regular dialogue was also taking place due to a fortnightly drop-in meeting with a staff supervisor in order to relay any areas of concern or specific requests. It was noted that many of the groups that had previously been helped had become self-sufficient and relied very little on support from Twiggs due to the success of the mentoring service. It was also reported that volunteer numbers had been in decline and that there was a push to initiative and encourage people to come back.

As the contract was in it's final year, members were in agreement to hold a workshop towards the end of summer in order to review and discuss what a future Clean, Green and Tidy contract would look like and contain.

Lot 1 of the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Grant had seen an increase in one to one support and information and advice around fuel poverty issues. It was reported that the number of community car journeys had significantly increased and that more volunteer drivers were required. Members noted that the information contained in this section of the report was an update from the old provision with a final report provided to PAC in July, although the newly commissioned contract has now been established.

Lot 2 activities were reported as all up and running and getting good numbers through particularly around the targeted dementia work at the Happy Vibes Café and activities support physical mobility. Attention was drawn to the success of the Men in Sheds group which had gained publicity in the Barnsley Chronicle and Radio Sheffield and was holding 2 sessions a week and had recently completed a project with the help of Twiggs Grounds Maintenance in building bird boxes and delivering them out to various groups.

Lot 3 had seen a number of benches that had been identified for 'badging' up for the Take a Seat Campaign. A number of physical activity sessions were due to take place across the area including Tai Chi and seated exercises.

The information and advice contract was in it's last quarter for CAB with overall targets being above the original target of 150 and actually achieving 187. Face to face appointments were expected to return late summer. It was hoped to create links with the service and Adult Skills and Learning to aid the 25% of working age population to upskill and apply for vacancies.

The DIAL contract was operating successfully with 101 issues being dealt with in January alone, predominantly relating to benefits claims and personal independent payments. 49 winter warmth packs had been delivered to clients identified as being at risk on DIAL's register.

Members were made aware of investigations that were underway with regards to the information and advice contract and whether there could be a rationalised approach to commissioning across the Borough.

The Young People's projects had good outcomes so far with members having the opportunity to observe some of the work being undertaken by Ad Astra in Penistone Grammar school. An invitation had been received from the Deputy Principal for members to observe Mental Health Support in Penistone Grammar School which would be arranged late June/early July time.

Young Voices remained a successful project and continued to engage in singing workshops held at Cawthorne Village Hall. Money raised through events and concerts held had been donated back to the Village Hall.

It was reported that Penistone Leisure Centre had been unable to achieve their outcomes due to changes in staffing and difficulties with getting equipment and volunteers for some of the initiatives. The Area Council Manager informed members that a forward plan had been agreed and monitoring of the programme would continue.

Penistone FM had provided a presentation at the previous meeting of the Area Council and the programme progressed well.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6 Update on the Principal Towns Plan for Penistone - Fiona O'Brien

Fiona O'Brien and Gareth Web attended the meeting to provide members with a Principal Towns Updates.

Members were informed that the Penistone Sheep had been signed off by Highways and that their bases were being installed in time for the summer school holidays. The Sheep Trail information would be promoted on social media with a bio for each sheep in order for people to find and visit each one.

An update of the proposed Penistone Town Hall building works was provided with news that some changes had been made following the 4 years that had lapsed since the initial plans had been made including a change to office space and the removal of a planned cafe. Members expressed their frustrations as to the length of time it had taken with no proposed planning date for approval.

Members were minded to progress with the launch of the Penistone Sheep for the summer holidays with a view to also releasing communications for an approval date for going out to tender at the same time.

Members were informed that new market stalls had been ordered to boost the look of the market barn and make it more appealing for hosting events in order to increase footfall in the Town.

RESOLVED that Fiona and Gareth be thanked for the update.

7 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.9.6.2022/7)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who highlighted a few of the main items for decision.

The new contract for Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People had been rebranded as Penistone Ageing Well Together which would have a formal launch in July, 2022. Members were informed that a key feature of the new contract was eyes on the ground which involved leaflets being handed out to hairdressers and taxi drivers etc for referrals of lonely people into the programme. Members were informed that the contract was in its transition period from the previous contract and members would be informed of the launch date.

The Area Council Working Together Fund had received an application for the next CAB contract which had been approved in April. The DIAL contract was due to end in December 2022. Members were reminded of the update provided earlier in the meeting that there were plans for a central commission with the added option of Area Councils purchasing additional services based on the needs of the area.

The Penistone Area Council Working Together Grant Fund had a total of £25,408 and investigations were being carried out as to whether there would be a future potential need for the grant fund and an update would be provided at a future meeting.

The Working Together Grant Fund – Supporting Young People had a £40,000 in its budget with a view to promoting and progressing from the existing projects or new projects.

Members agreed to hold a workshop in order to look into the Clean, Green and Tidy Contract and review its priorities and what it would like to see from a new commission once the contract ended in 2023.

The work around the Private Sector Housing Support post in the Penistone area was agreed to be paused until the Penistone Area Council priorities had been reviewed. Members were informed that work would be carried out on the review following the pandemic with the proposal to hold a workshop late summer.

Members attention was drawn to the 2022/23 budget with an overall budget of £241,904 and an approved spend of £140,000 and a ringfenced self isolation fund of £13,845, leaving a total of £88,059.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated Older People Grant Fund be noted and the outcomes of 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 and the potential for future need be noted;
- (iii) that the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund be received;

(iv) that the update on the Clean, Green and Tidy contract which had commenced in April, 2020 be noted and that the recommendation to review the needs for a future service be agreed;

(v) that the update on the Ward Alliance budget be noted;

(vi) that the deferral of any future investigations into the need for private sector housing support until after Area Council priorities have been reviewed be agreed;

(vii) that the recommendation to review Penistone Area Council priorities in light of any emerging issues resulting from impacts of the pandemic over the last two years be agreed; and

(viii) that the current financial budget position for 2022/23 and allocated spend be noted.

Chair

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NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING **Thursday 9th June 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall**

Present: Allen Pestell, Ann Rusby, Pauline Ogden, Jon Cutts, Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr Mandy Lowe-Fello, Chrissie Yates, Barbara Lee, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Catherine Wood, Adults Skills and Community Learning.

1. Introductions and Apologies

A round of introductions was carried out to welcome Catherine to the meeting.

Apologies received from Richard Leech, Cllr David Greenhough, Joe Unsworth, Ann Walker, Cllr John Wilson, and Bob Blythe

2. Presentation from Adult Skills & Community Learning

Catherine gave an overview of the service and explained how they are keen to engage with those hard to reach and get out in the community to proactively seek this audience. Catherine can attend local groups who are interested in finding out more about the service and / or take up some of the training on offer. The wider the reach this service can have out in the community the more likely they are able to engage with those who most need this support.

A discussion took place, with Ward Alliance members suggesting several targeted audiences and community contacts.

The presentation is attached to these notes which contains Catherine's contact details should Ward Alliance members have any further suggestions for engagement or simply wish to discuss the support available further.

Action: Ward Alliance members to help promote the service where appropriate.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Notes of the Meeting held 12th May 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

None.

6. Ward Alliance Development

a) The attached final draft of the Ward Alliance Plan for 2022-2024 was circulated with members of the Alliance volunteering as lead representatives to help deliver the proposed projects.

Action: Any additional WA member wanting to be involved with the planning of these projects, please let Tanya know.

b) To help with consistency in decision making, a discussion took place around the types of activity the Ward Alliance are not minded to fund. These are listed in the attached document for comments.

Action: WA members to let Tanya know of any changes ahead of agreement being sought at the July meeting.

7. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £14,985.03 Ward Alliance Fund, and £5,670 School's Out Fund.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

a) Oxspring Pop-In Club - £3,000

It was felt that this form didn't contain enough costing information for the Ward Alliance to make an effective decision and so it was agreed not to support this application.

b) Penistone Leisure Centre - £666

A discussion took place around the food element of this project. Considering the earlier conversation around consistency in decision making it was felt food was an integral part of this project. A proposal of £666 was recommend for approval.

Decisions for ratification:

c) Thurlstone Community Group - £500

Due to timescales this application was considered by email after the May meeting. The decision to support this application for the full amount was ratified.

9. Area Council Update

Leaflets promoting the recently commissioned Ageing Well Together Service being delivered by Age UK Barnsley and their new 'Eyes on the Ground' initiative were circulated to WA members.

10. Any Other Business

- Concerns were raised about the standard of grass cutting taking place on local grass verges with areas highlighted where this has resulted in poorly cut grass. There have also been some complaints over the Council's Rewilding Initiative and the lack of management of these sites. Action: The Area Team to feed in these concerns to the relevant service.
- The Wellhouse Lane housing development was raised along with concerns about the temporary speed limit of 40mph being lifted. Those attending the WA meeting felt that the speed limit of this road needs carefully consideration by all concerned to ensure the safety of road users.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14th July 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2022/22 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 2021/22 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2022/23 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.

2022/23 Final Ward Project Allocations

PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£20,000.00	base allocation
£4,697.23	carried forward from 2021/22
£4,040.00	School's Out Fund carried forward from 2021/22 projects highlighted
£28,737.23	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			£14,368.61	£28,737.23
Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth Parish Council - footpath	£2,500	£0	£11,868.61	£26,237.23
Hoylandswaine Events Group - Swainefest	£500.00	£548.00	£11,868.61	£25,737.23

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Hunshelf Parish Council - Queen's Jubilee	£467	£493.20	£11,868.61	£25,270.23
Oxspring United JFC - Defib	£425	£95.90	£11,868.61	£24,845.23
Penistone Agricultural Society - Queen's Jubilee	£500	£2,329	£11,868.61	£24,345.23
Wortley Mens Club & Institute Queen's Jubilee	£400.00	£959	£11,868.61	£23,945.23
Skate Park engagement event Stay Safe & Active	£290	£232	£11,868.61	£23,655.23
Armed Forces Day	£2,500	£5466.30	£11,868.61	£21,155.23
Thurlstone Community Group - Queen's Jubilee	£500	£1086.00	£11,868.61	£20,655.23
Penistone Leisure Centre – Ukrainian Refugee support	£666	£1020.00	£11,868.61	£19,989.23

July
2022

Penistone Area Council

Q1 (April -June)

Interim Performance updates



Area Council Priorities

**Health
and
Wellbeing**



**Supporting
Young
People**



**Local
Economy
+ tourism**



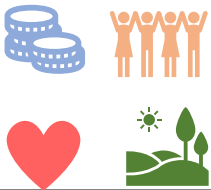





**Helping
People
connect**



**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 2023	Twiggs
	Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people	£70,000 per annum	Funded until 31 May 2022	Age UK Barnsley
	Debt advice service	£ 8,191	Funded until March 2023	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

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



Update

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.

The focus this quarter has been to continue encouraging the existing groups back to 'normal' life following the COVID restrictions. Penistone has some incredible and dedicated volunteer groups, with a wealth of knowledge and skills, which, if left unsupported would diminish given the harsh 2 years we have struggled through. A further emphasis has been placed on working with local businesses, to increase their visibility within the community, and further encourage local shopping in the Penistone Town Centre. The team has organised and carried out large impact sessions with multiple businesses to bring them together keeping storefronts clean and tidy. The project is going extremely well, and the team will continue supporting those businesses to build upon their improvements with the seasonal changes throughout the year

New links have been formed with the Silkstone Care Group who has been struggling for volunteers since the pandemic. Specific areas have been identified with the group in both Silkstone and Silkstone Common to reinstate pathways, plan and develop entrances to the village and help maintain village assets.

New links have also been forged with the Penistone WI, with the group being supported with a tree planting project for Watermeadows park as part of the Queen's green canopy scheme. The WI are keen to continue to work with the Twiggs team in the future.

Support has also been given to some areas preparing for Queen's Jubilee events such as Beacon lighting events in Penistone town centre, Green moor and Hood Green.

Further work continues with Parishes including Cawthorne, Silkstone, Ingbirchworth, Stainborough and Thurgoland.

A full report with outcomes will be provided for the quarter one report.

Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people Grant

Age UK Barnsley



This contract finished on May 31st 2022. A full report of outcomes will be provided as part of the Q1 performance report. A summary of the findings from the whole project is provided below including lessons learned. Age UK have been successful in securing the new contract which commenced on June 1st and have highlighted where lessons learned will be taken forward as part of this new contract.

Penistone Project Monitoring – Summary Report June 2022

What has gone well

Overall, the project has performed well in achieving projected targets and outcomes and in many cases has over achieved. From March 2020 we have been working in exceptional circumstances due to the Covid 19 pandemic and have had to revise our delivery strategy and find creative ways of supporting service users during the lockdown periods when many older people were shielding and face-to-face meetings could not take place.

We delivered the 'Activities at Home' project where various activity packs were put together and delivered to doorsteps so that service users remained engaged with us. This meant that we were able to continue with regular contact and older people were able to focus on enjoyable activities such as arts, crafts, food tastings, nature and other topics. We received very positive feedback on this and people told us that it had made a huge difference to them in what was a very challenging situation.

Volunteers and staff maintained contact with service users by making regular welfare calls, delivering shopping, essential food packs and prescriptions and generally making sure that older people were not struggling for support.

Since restrictions were lifted we were able to resume face-to-face home visits for individual service users and volunteers slowly started to be available once again. Our own and other groups started to meet up again and staff and volunteers have slowly been able to help build up confidence in service users and support them to attend groups and other activities once again.

There are, however, a few people still living in fear of Covid and it will take time for some older people to feel that they can start going out safely again with support from the new contracted Project, 'Penistone Ageing Well Together'.

Overall our volunteer numbers are good and have remained stable due to new volunteers being able to replace those that have had to retire through a change in personal circumstances or due to ill health. Demand for befrienders continues to increase and we now operate a waiting list. A volunteer recruitment event is planned for September and we hope to recruit more befrienders and community car drivers.

The Covid lockdowns forced older people to stay at home for several months and this contributed to less physical movement and more sedentary lives. The effect of this is that some older people have reduced levels of mobility and this has led to an increase in falls and failing health. We have addressed this by having a focus on physical activities, some of which we are running through the BOPPA initiative (Barnsley Older People's Physical Activity). We have summarised these in the full monitoring report. Feedback shows that participation in these activities is already having a positive effect on both the physical and mental health of those older people who take part.

The Penistone Men in Sheds has gone from strength to strength. Following a period of several months when the group wasn't able to meet during lockdown, there has been an increase from 13 to 21 members. They have been involved in several community projects such as making props for the Penistone Theatre Group and their pantomime. Further work has been done to provide bird boxes and bat boxes in several schools, planters for older people in the community, and a noticeboard for the Royd community garden. A new project is starting soon to work with Twigg's on the Penistone Youth Club Garden.

The men meet regularly outside of the official sessions and have formed strong friendships. They are very proactive in sourcing materials donated from various places in the community and are always keen to plan and move onto the next project.

The only thing holding them back is the size of the shed and lack of proper workshop space but steps are being taken to source a new base and it is hoped that a move will take place later this year.

What hasn't gone so well.

Many of our volunteers are retired older people and some were reluctant to put themselves at risk of infection. Our car driver scheme has suffered particularly and we have now only 2 active drivers as opposed to the original 6. This is due to a decline in volunteer health and one driver has sadly passed away. We intend to recruit more drivers when we hold a volunteer recruitment event in September. We will also promote volunteering opportunities at the Penistone Show on 10th September.

Transport continues to be a problem and Barnsley Dial-a-Ride are struggling to maintain their level of driver provision which means that they have not been able to provide transport for group hire to enable us to get older people to events. We have used private companies and are looking into alternatives for the longer term.

The SOPPA group stopped meeting during Covid as more apologies were given and numbers dwindled. This was partly due to all member organisations and community group leaders having to deal with changing priorities. It was also due to holding meetings online; it is generally felt that people used to get more value from face-to-face meetings which presented better networking opportunities and sharing of information. The intention is to re-launch this with face-to-face meetings once again.

Citizens Advice Barnsley



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.

The new contract started in April 2022 and is funded from the Penistone Working Together Grant Fund for the next 12 months. The service continues to operate via telephone and online appointments only and is investigating a gradual return to face to face work. It is intended that the service will return to a face to face drop in service in the Penistone area from September 2022.

Numbers have continued to exceed stated targets (a full breakdown of outcomes will be provided as part of the quarter one performance report) , and CAB are monitoring the situation re impacts of cost of living increases. It is their view that the full impacts of the fuel price increases may not be apparent until the autumn.

DIAL Barnsley



DIAL help to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. The service is now in the final year of a 2 year contract which comes to an end in January 2023.

During the last quarter, the advice service continued to concentrate on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with Public Health Advice and guidance via safe and well checks. Following a visit to Penistone Town Hall earlier in the year a risk assessment was carried out to enable a return to face to face advice via an appointment only system. This was started in June and now takes place every Tuesday morning. The new adviser for Penistone is Kat, previously a volunteer with the adviser for the Penistone area, who has now successfully developed to take on a paid adviser role.

The focus of advice is mostly on benefit claims particularly for Personal Independence Payments and appeals advice. Take up is still exceeding targets and a full breakdown of outcomes will be provided in the full quarter 1 performance report. To date DIAL have not yet reported any significant increase in demand resulting from cost of living increases but this continues to be monitored as part of the contract monitoring process.

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 2021, with some starting as schools returned in September. Projects are now starting to come to an end, with outcomes detailed in the full Q1 performance report. A further round of grant funding has been made available by Penistone Area Council and is open for applications.

Ad Astra



Update

Originally designed to provide gender specific mental wellbeing sessions to pre-16 pupils at Penistone Grammar, the project has adapted during the covid lockdown and subsequent easing of restrictions to meet the needs presented by pupils and as requested by the school. This has included lunch time drop in sessions, and more recently one to one support to Looked after children as well as year specific group work based on self and teacher referral.

The project has built good relationships with the school and is providing early support to pupils with a range of mental health issues that may not have been identified until they reached crisis point. Since April half day year specific groups have picked up young people presenting with a range of issues which have been identified as impacting on pupil attainment. The project is working with the school to look at measuring the impact of the project's intervention and further outcomes will be provided as part of the quarter one full performance report.

Members have attended visits to gain further knowledge and updates

Penistone Grammar School



Update

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

The project has continued to adapt and develop during this period from its original proposal. The focus has been on responding to outcomes identified as part of the PASS assessment process undertaken with all post 16 pupils to identify specific issues impacting on mental wellbeing. This has led to targeted assemblies, specific mentoring sessions with pupils and sessions with a trainee counsellor providing both group and individual support. The success of this has led to the school becoming a registered centre for student placements from Leeds Beckett University which will continue beyond the project lifespan.

A full report of outcomes including the impact of interventions will be provided in the quarter one report after the PASS assessment process has been repeated with students

Members have attended a school visit to attain more in-depth findings during the last couple of months.

Girlguiding Barnsley West



Update

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 project has now finished but has reached been able to reach over 200 young girls through both the Challenge Badge syllabus development and attainment and the Kingswood Activity day.

The challenge badge was developed locally and is now approved by the Girl Guiding association. The badges have been awarded for both the in unit activity and attending on the activity day. Badges are an important Guiding tradition – one of the slogans is "Giving girls badges not labels", so this was an important part of the project.

The work in the units has looked at the 5 ways to wellbeing in an age appropriate way, and involved a wide variety of activities, from over 300 donations to the local food bank, to singing to local older folk and from adventure walks to crafting. The 5 ways to wellbeing fits very well with the Girlguiding programme and it was helpful to know that our regular activities also make a positive impact on the well being of local girls and women.

190 local Girlguiding members aged 4- 18 with the support of 50 adult volunteers meet at the Kingswood Centre, Penistone, to enjoy a day of adventures, challenges and new friendships. The day was sunny and warm which added to the sense of fun and excitement as girls took on climbing, zip lining, 3g swing, fire lighting, raft building, orienteering, team challenges and much more. The event was named 'Barnsley West Together' as this was the first time in 3 years that the whole of the area had the chance to get together and it was a big deal for everyone. The aim of the day was to offer an outdoor event that enabled the participants to develop team building skills, meet new people after Covid restrictions and have lots of fun.

Some of the positive outcomes from the day :

"I was so scared of the zip line – but I did it anyway, and have conquered my fear now"

Guide aged 13

"We had a great time, we've not stopped talking about it all weekend. It was so much fun"

Mum of a Rainbow (aged 5) and Brownie (aged 8) who also volunteered with her husband and made it a family day out



Angel Voices



Update

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.

This quarter the project has been able to return to workshops following the temporary suspension of events following an accident last march. The workshops continue to be very popular, and are connecting with people whichever venue they use either Cawthorne village hall or St Johns in Penistone.

The project has been supplemented with additional funds from the Ward Alliance to provide a 'Sing Out' providing outdoor drop in workshops over the May bank holiday weekend. This was really popular with Penistone high street shops who commented on the events helping to increase footfall in the town centre.

Plans are being made for a final summer concert to end the project.

Some of the outcomes for young people include:

Attendee B did not want to leave the car in the carpark of the workshops because of severe anxiety. After gentle encouragement from the volunteers, Attendee B came to the workshops and has performed multiple times in front of other attendees, firstly with assistance and support from volunteers and then on their own.

Attendee H has epilepsy that isn't fully diagnosed. When they first came to the workshops they struggled with their speech and could only sing songs on one note. They are prone to weekly seizures so a risk assessment needed to be done and a parent present at the workshops. After attending the workshops, this person began learning how to sing with pitch and became an amazing performer adding dance moves to their performances. It was very clear how much they enjoyed singing and performing from the moment they first stood up in front of the other attendees.

Penistone Leisure Centre



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 support for children with additional needs such as autism through calm kids sessions and sensational play activity centre.

Unfortunately this project has not been able to deliver on the full planned programme of activities. The impact of Covid has been significant on the staff for the centre and in spite of a good start in getting volunteers trained up and engaging coaches for the activities at the outset, the whole project has been let down by coaches leaving and a lack of staff able to support the volunteers who were lined up to support specific aspects of the programme.

Funds have been diverted to only 2 aspects of the programme Teen Box and Glow! Activities earmarked to support young people with additional needs such as Sensational and Calm Kids had to be abandoned due to the lack of staff support, and the centre was unable to recruit a coach for the Resilience Bootcamp aimed at families.

The Teen box sessions have attracted an average of 10 young people per quarter (limited numbers due to the type of session and need for more intensive support) whereas the Glow sessions have attracted over 100 young people during the course of the project.

As Penistone area council funds only contributed to part of the project costs (the remainder were to be stood by the Leisure centre) the outcomes from the 2 sessions which did run provided some value for money.

The project has now finished as it was scheduled to complete by mid June.

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BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council
July 21st 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 Grant Fund
- Supporting Young People Grant Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report outlines the current budget position of the Penistone Ward Alliance

1.3 The report outlines the financial position for Penistone Area Council and provides a current budget update for the financial year 2022/23.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That members note the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and new contract position update.**

2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund.**

2.3 **That members receive the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund and update on the progress with round 2 of this funding.**

2.4 **That members note the updates on the Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020.**

2.5 **That members note the agreed process to review PAC priorities**

2.6 **That members note the update on the Ward Alliance budget.**

2.7 **That Members note the current financial budget position for 2022/23 and record of allocated spend.**

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 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, June 3rd 2021 and December 2nd 2021 to the allocation of grant extensions for these contracts totally £99,166 to enable the service to continue until 31st May 2022. A final update on performance of current contracts delivered by Age UK is provided to PAC within this meeting.
- 3.3 At the PAC meeting 1st October 2020 it was agreed that £70K was 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.
- 3.4 Existing contract provision was reviewed by members at a workshop in August 2021 and 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 June 3rd 2021 that procurement should allow for a new service to start from June 1st 2022.
- 3.5 Following a recent robust grant procurement process a new service has now been secured to support vulnerable and isolated older people which will be delivered by Age UK. The new contract started from June 1st at a cost of £70k per year for two years. A performance update on the new contract will be provided to PAC at its meeting on September 15th 2022.

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 had 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 was approved as part of the grant last 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 An application for **£8191** from Citizens Advice Bureau was approved by the grant panel in April 2022 that enables continuation of the delivery of the Debt Advice service to March 2023. Members are also advised that the current DIAL contract will expire at the end of December 2022. Options for a more consistent commissioning and contracting model to

manage future welfare advice services, whilst maintaining local provision and oversight of delivery, are still being explored by officers, and members will be provided with a further update at a subsequent area council meeting.

- 4.5 A current total of **£25,408** remains within this grant pot. Members are advised that the area team is continuing to look into future potential need for this grant fund and an update will be provided to PAC at its meeting on September 15th 2022.
- 4.6 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
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£594
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to April 2023	£8191
Total Allocations to date	£245,078
<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	£25,408

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 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 4.6 within this report.

5.3 Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant

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

5.4 Most of this provision has now concluded and all projects have been well received within the community and have demonstrated the benefit of provision which supports young people with their physical and mental wellbeing.

5.5 At its meeting of April 7th 2022 PAC members approved for a second round of Supporting Young People Grant at a cost of £40k from within the current budget to encourage further provision. The grant has now been advertised and 4 applications have been received. Members are invited to represent at the grant panel to be held in July to assess suitability of applicants.

6.0 **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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. A full summary of Year 2 performance was presented to members at PAC on February 10th 2022. In light of the findings of this, members agreed to continue to fund the final year of this contract from April 2022 at a cost of £100k from the 2022/23 PAC budget.
- 6.5 At it's meeting of June 9th 2022 PAC members agreed to participate in a review workshop during August 2022 to consider any future requirement for a new Clean, Green and Tidy Service for the Penistone area. Outcomes from this will support any future procurement exercise.
- 6.6 A full quarter one performance report for year 3 of the existing contract will be presented to PAC members at their meeting on September 15th 2022.

7.0 **Penistone Ward Alliance**

- 7.1 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 2022/23. This, together with underspend of **£4,697** from the previous financial year 2021/22 and a carry forward allocation of **£4,040** from the ring fenced School's Out allocations provides the Ward Alliance with a working budget of **£28,737.23** for the 2022/23 financial year.
- 7.2 Following Ward Alliance meetings on April 14th, May 12th and June 9th 2022 an overall total of **£19,989.23** remains from the 2022/2023 allocation. Members may wish to review this in light of demand later in the year and whether there is need to provide any additional allocation from the 2022/2023 PAC budget.

8.0 Penistone Area Council Priorities

- 8.1 The current area governance arrangements recommend that Area Council priorities are reviewed on a regular basis in order to ensure that these reflect the current and emerging needs of the area and funding can be allocated appropriately.
- 8.2 During the pandemic in June 2020, it was recommended that Area Councils review existing priorities to ensure that they might impact on both local need, and contribute to the wider recovery priorities for the borough. To assist in this process, further information was presented at PAC 23rd July and at a workshop on 2nd September 2020.
- 8.3 Following the workshop on 2nd September 2020 members concluded that current PAC priorities were valid in terms of providing support for any emerging needs for the Penistone area in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic.
- 8.4 In light of the recent relaxation of restrictions following the pandemic period, it is recommended that priorities are reviewed again to ensure future budget decisions are relevant. At PAC June 9th 2022 members agreed to participate in a workshop in early September to reconsider PAC priorities.

9.0 Current Financial Summary Position

- 9.1 A PAC budget allocation of **£200k** has been made available for spend within the financial year 2022/23. Approved spend at the end of the financial year 2021/22 left a surplus of **£41,904** which has been carried forward giving a total working budget of **£228,059**.
- 9.2 A ring fenced 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 in 2021/22 at a value of **£13,845**. This has yet to be allocated and is therefore carried forward within the overall budget giving a total budget of **£241,904**
- 9.3 Approved spend to date totals **£140k**, leaving a total of **£101,904** available for allocation (**£88,059** without ring fenced monies)
- 9.4 **2022/23 Budget Allocations**

Approved Spend items in operation 2022/23	Current approved expenditure from 2022/23 budget
Twiggs year 3 contract	£100,000
Young people's Grant Round 2	£40,000
Total approved spend to end of quarter one	£140,000
Budget 2022/23	
Base budget	£200,000
Additional income to base budget Underspend from 2021/22 budget Self Isolation Funds carried forward	£28,059 £13,845 (ring fenced)

Total budget available for spend 2022/23	£241,904
Current remaining total available for spend	£101,904 £88,059 (minus ring fenced monies)

10.0 PAC Financial summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2022/23

Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2021/22	Commissioning Budget 2022/23	
	Budget	Budget	Spend
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00	
Underspend from previous year	£15,225.00	£28,095.00	
Countryside Skills Training			
Countryside Skills Training Extension			
Clean & Green			
Clean & Green extension			
Working Together Fund			£2,047.75
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16			
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17			
Reducing Isolation in older people			
Public Health Funds			
Supporting Older People Fund			
Supporting Older People Fund ex			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 3	£35,000.00		
Supporting Older People Fund ex 4	£29,166.00		
Supporting Young People Fund			
Supporting Young People Fund 2022/23		£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			
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21	£10,000.00		
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)			
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)			
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)			
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)			
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)	£100,000.00		
Clean & Green April 2022 (Y3)		£100,000.00	£25,000.00
Penistone Living Inserts	£3,000.00		
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021			
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities	£10,000.00		
Income			
Public Health Monies			
financial hardship monies			
Practical Support Grant	£13,844.40	£13,844.40	
Expenditure Incurred in Year	£187,166.00		£27,047.75
What funds are available	£28,059.00	£241,939.40	
Carry forward = What funds are available + Practical Support	£41,903.40		

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