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MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 15 September 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

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Minutes and notes

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To: Chair and Members of Penistone Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

Matt Bell, Penistone Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Elaine Equeall, Penistone Area Council Manager
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
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Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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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

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING Thursday 14th July 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Allen Pestell, Jon Cutts, Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flelo, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Graham Saunders, Bob Blythe, Cllr David Greenhough and Cllr John Wilson

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Joe Unsworth, Ann Walker, Chrissie Yates, and Barbara Lee

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Jon Cutts declared a non-pecuniary interest in the St Andrews Church application.

3. Notes of the Meeting held 9th June 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

There were no matters arising.

5. Ward Alliance Development

Consistency in decision making - The attached document was agreed as a true reflection of discussions held at the previous meeting and will be used to help maintain consistency in decision making moving forward. It was mentioned that we are further developing consistency through our ongoing discussions as a group.

Penistone Volunteer Celebration Event – Tanya offered an update on behalf of the working group. An initial planning meeting has taken place and the proposed outline is to approach all Parish Councils to ask them to put forward 2 nominations linked to our local priorities. Nominees are then to be invited to a thank you celebration event at Wortley Hall during w/c 26th September to receive a framed certificate. Further details will be shared with the WA as and when they become available.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £14,319.03 Ward Alliance Fund, and £5,670 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

a) St Andrews Church - £5,000

After discussion, it was felt this application was too large an amount for Ward Alliance funding and that the group be referred to SYFAB for funding support. Action: Tanya to sign post the group to Lorna Lewis, Barnsley Funding Advisor.

If the group is short of an item further down the line after being able to secure alternative funding, then the Ward Alliance would be willing to consider a 2nd application from them if they wished to re-apply at that time. Although the Alliance are not minded to funding capital spend for local churches,

they were open to considering any smaller items required to enhance the community offer this church provides.

b) Thurgoland Football Club - £3,600

The Alliance appreciated that the club was seeking funds to get themselves re-established. However due to the pitch hire fees going to a facility out of the area and the view that the club should be using its subs policy to help cover running costs of the team it was felt that on this occasion that this application be rejected. Once the team is more established, the Alliance would welcome an application from them for any smaller items the team may need such as training equipment.

c) Penistone Cricket Club – Contribution towards a new club house

The efforts from the club to raise funds for the club house was commended however due to the group being a way off their target, it was agreed for them to be invited to re-apply for a contribution once they are much closer to the amount needed.

School's Out Funding

d) Penistone Skate Park – Mural Workshop/Personal Safety Event - £1,320

After discussion it was agreed to support this application. A proposal of £1320 was recommended for approval.

8. Area Council Update

Penistone Area Council recently paid for a 6-page supplement to go out in the Summer Living magazine, printed by Barnsley Council. This has gone out across the borough and a great opportunity to showcase the work taking place in the Penistone area.

9. Any Other Business

- A thank you letter has been received from Oxspring thanking us for their jubilee funding.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 11th August 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Penistone Ward Alliance – Consistency in decision making

It was agreed at the June 2022 meeting that the Ward Alliance are not minded to funding the following activity:

Decision	Reason behind it	Exceptions to the rule
<p>Annual / re-occurring running costs of a regular activity or group.</p> <p>For example - insurance, room hire, utilities.</p>	<p>To encourage long term sustainability and reduce reliance on grant funding.</p>	<p>Start-up groups / activities.</p> <p>One off activity or event which incurs the group additional spend such as specific event insurance, extra room hire charges for new activity.</p>
<p>Provision of food where it is deemed to be a ‘treat’ rather than integral to the activity itself.</p>	<p>To encourage organic involvement / support from the wider community network which is more likely to help towards long term sustainability of the activity.</p> <p>This provision could be sought elsewhere by approaching local businesses or asking for donations of home-baking etc. from residents.</p>	<p>Food costs will be considered where it forms a substantive element of the activity taking place.</p> <p>Applications to be considered case by case and a decision based on how critical it is to overall project.</p>
<p>Capital spend for community activity taking place in a non-community owned religious building.</p>	<p>Alternative funding available to religious organisations.</p>	

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NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 11th August 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Barbara Lee, Ann Walker, Jon Cutts, Graham Saunders, Joe Unsworth, Allen Pestell, Cllr John Wilson, Richard Leech, Bob Blythe and Cllr Mandy Low-Flello.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Chrissie Yates and Cllr David Greenhough.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Allen Pestell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Dunford Parish Council application and Ann Walker in the Oxspring Parish Council application.

3. Notes of Meeting held 14th July 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

Tanya updated the Ward Alliance on the progress of the skate park event agreed for funding at the last meeting. This event is taking place on Friday 19th August, 2pm – 6pm at Penistone Skate Park. If anyone would like to come along to lend a hand, please contact Tanya.

5. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

Volunteer Celebration Event – Tanya confirmed that the date for this event is Tuesday 27th September, 7pm at Wortley Hall and that emails inviting Parish Councils to put forward nominations have gone out. Members who also wear a Parish Council hat were asked to chase up a response with their Clerks as the deadline for nominations is fast approaching.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £14,319.03 Ward Alliance Fund, and £4,350 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

a) Penistone Theatre Group - £350

It was recognised that this application has a strong volunteer element to it. A proposal of £350 was recommended for approval.

b) Dunford Parish Council - £1,179

A discussion took place around the importance of community defibrillators and a piece of work being carried out by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to build a 'circuit' of available defibs in the community. A proposal of £1,179 was recommended for approval.

c) Oxspring Parish Council - £2,000

The Ward Alliance is aware of how well used this play facility is by many across the Penistone area, not just Oxspring. A proposal of £2,000 was recommended for approval.

Schools Out Fund:

d) Springvale Community Gardens - £475

The suggestion of the group linking with Penistone Theatre Group for similar events in the future was made to help save on facilitator costs. Action: Tanya to feedback to the group. A proposal of £475 was recommended for approval.

8. Area Council Update

- Members of the Ward Alliance were informed that the Area Council has recently granted funds to another 4 projects to help support the health and wellbeing of young people in Penistone. This was done via their Supporting Young People Grant.
- The 'Ageing Well Penistone' social inclusion project being delivered by Age UK Barnsley has now been officially launched with an event taking place at the end of July. The project is actively looking for volunteers and so please do help spread the word. More detail can be obtained from Tanya.

9. Any other business

- The Area Team has recently sent out an email inviting local community groups and organisations to take part in a survey about a proposed network called **PIPA** (Partners in the Penistone Area). Members were asked to chase up any responses from groups and organisations they are associated with.
- An email has been received from the **Barnsley Hospital Trust Membership** asking if they can come to a WA meeting to talk about being a trust / governor of Barnsley Hospital. Action: Tanya to invite to a future meeting.
- **Winter Warmer Packs** were raised as it was felt that these are something which are going to be needed by many considering the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Action: Tanya to liaise with Age UK Barnsley about working up a proposal.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 8th September, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Richard Leech and Ann Walker send their apologies in advance.

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
£2,777.23	carried forward from 2021/22
£5,960.00	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
Skate Park Community Art workshop	£1320.00	£548	£11,868.61	£18,669.23
Springvale Community Garden - Summer Activities	£475	£82.2	£11,868.61	£18,194.23
Dunford Parish Council - Defib	£1,179	£137	£11,868.61	£17,015.23
Oxspring Parish Council - safety	£2000	£1,150.80	£11,868.61	£15,015.23

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
flooring children's lay area				
Penistone Theatre Group - Replacement of mezzanine floor	£350	£356.20	£11,868.61	£14,665.23

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April to
June
2022

Penistone Area Council Performance Report



Area Council Priorities

Health and Wellbeing
Supporting Young People
Local Economy + tourism
Helping People connect
Our Environment

Sustainable

Growing

Healthy

Learning

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	2030
	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 June 2024	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	August 2023	Various	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

	Outcome indicator	Q1 Apr-June 2022	year 2021/22	Year 2020/21	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	27	58	14	233
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	0	76	2	647
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	55	299	22	673
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	1	2	1	6
	People taking up work experience placements	0	1	0	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	4	95	13	773
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	46	156	2	432
	Community groups supported	23	56	86	676
	New community groups supported	2	3	3	62
	Community car scheme journeys	71	126	4	1051
	Adult volunteers engaged	307	680	138	3530
	New volunteers	67	123	40	1005
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	368	571	761	2727
	Residents referred to health and advice	2	67	76	162
	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)	£17,648	£48,765.60	£13,668.52	£365,138.09
	Volunteer opportunities created	76	509	150	2052
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	5	0	157
	People receiving training	48	103	52	1164

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



236 volunteers supported

542 volunteer hours supported

45 rubbish bags filled

22 local business worked with

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. With no pandemic restrictions in the quarter for the first time in two years, the contract has worked in a more 'normal way' supporting for community groups and parish maintained areas. This along the Great British Spring Clean at the very start of the quarter and good weather has seen activities well supported with higher volunteer numbers 24% more volunteers than 2021/22 Q1 and 36% more volunteers hours.

Highlights

12 (Target 10) Groups and parishes supported. This has included both Twiggs led initiatives and demand from groups who are now becoming more active.

Groups worked with this quarter included: Team Green Moor, HB+ Hoylandswaine Village hall, Millhouse green community association Royd Community Gardens, Springvale Community Gardens , TPEG, Age Uk Men In Sheds, Silkstone Heritage group, Hoylandswaine church, Saundersons Gardens, Cawthorne PC, and new links forged with Penistone W.I and Silkstone





- 13 individual projects (target 5) – Twiggs working independently either self initiated or requested. Included path clearance, hedge trimming, bench recovery, moss clearance at various sites across the area.
- 18 Twiggs led social action initiatives – Activities identified by Twiggs but including volunteer input. This quarter included: Hood Green Planted 250 whips, brook clearance in Silkstone Common, work on the Tank Ramp, Hood Green Pavilion site tidy (to support Jubilee celebrations), Sprout House lane Wortley, Incredible Edible bed Windermere Road, High Hoyland reinstating footpaths, Bridge End Wells Penistone
- 27 (target10) activities working with businesses this quarter. This has included working directly with companies who have offered volunteer support to projects such as ASOS working with Royd community gardens and McDonalds working with TPEG. Individual businesses have continued to provide refreshments to volunteers such as Co-op and the response to the High Street clean up has been hugely popular engaging with 17 businesses 4 or whom supported this for the first time this quarter. A further clean up is planned for the next quarter.

- Activity with schools has not been carried out this quarter as schools were not able to get involved but further work is planned for the summer including holiday activities where possible.
- New links have been made this quarter with Penistone W.I , Silkstone Care Group with a number of activities planned with this group in the future. Links have also been renewed with Stainborough PC with further work planned in the next quarter.
- Regular activities continue to be promoted through social media such as Springvale Gardens and the tank ramp, and other one off activities are promoted along side these.
- Independent volunteering is continues to be supported through the tool bank scheme with 250 Sacks Delivered. Volunteers have been advised to use the BMBC sack collection form to avoid work duplication. The support is going well.
- The Twiggs team has experienced further staffing changes this period but remains with a team leader and apprentice



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people Grants

Age UK Barnsley



453 interventions

33 people helped

43 volunteers worked with

£14,414.40 estimated gains in benefits

**note figures do not run the full quarter due to end of contract*

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. This is the last report for this contract covering the last 2 months April to end of May 2022.

Highlights

- There have been 4 new referrals between 1st April 2022 and 31st May 2022 these have come from the social prescribing service, social services and other medical professionals. 3 have become permanent service users and will be matched with a volunteer befriender. 1 wanted details of groups they could join in their local
- Volunteers 19 actively providing 1-2-1 befriending 4 Micro volunteers – these can be called upon as and when required 1 Group volunteer – to be utilised for help with groups only 2 community car drivers
- 22 service users currently receive regular 1-2-1 befriending support from a volunteer. 3 require occasional contact just to keep in touch - this is done by volunteers and the SIO. 4 just want to take part in activities/events. 4 are awaiting a suitable volunteer match and currently receiving 1-2-1 support from the SIO until a suitable match has been made.

Number of existing service users 1:1	40
Number of new service users 1:1	4
Number I&A Service Users	9
Community Car Journeys	71
Number Volunteers <i>Existing , active volunteers</i>	26
Number of new volunteers; <i>Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers</i>	0

- 9 new clients for the information and advice worker (7.25 hrs per week) and also continued with follow up work from previous quarters with a further 1 client All enquiries have been dealt with via telephone or email initially. Blue badges continues to be a regular enquiry. Fuel poverty discussions take place with all benefit form completion and benefit check work. This is expected to increase.
- The community car scheme continues with 2 drivers and has managed 71 journeys in this two month period.
- Wellbeing and loneliness measures have started to be introduced again and although still small numbers more than 60% have indicated improvement in wellbeing and over 75% indicated they were less lonely.



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 23 new participants this quarter



Activities now all back up and running with additional support for mobility through BOPPA funded activity. Regular sessions available:

- ✓ Tea & Chat, Weavers Court Monthly Penistone
- ✓ Healthy Life Group Weekly Pilley (Tankersley Welfare Hall)
- ✓ Wortley Afternoon Social Weekly Wortley
- ✓ Tai Chi for over 50's Weekly Penistone
- ✓ U3A Various in Penistone area
- ✓ Happy Vibes Memory Café Fortnightly Penistone Leisure Centre
- ✓ Penistone Men in Sheds Twice weekly Penistone centre
- ✓ Singing group Last Tuesday of month St John's Church, Penistone
- ✓ Healthy Bones Weekly Thurgoland Village Hall
- ✓ Walk for Health Weekly Pot House Hamlet, Silkstone

Penistone Men in Sheds

The average attendance has been around 8 (minimum 4 and maximum 12) at each session. 21 members in total.

Summary of projects:

- around 30 pallets have been collected for recycling into mainly planters along with a donated amount of decking. Around a dozen planters have been made which have all gone to members of the community.
- 4 child bicycles were donated and work has begun to refurbish these and the intention is to pass them on to deserving recipients.
- Royd Community garden have requested the men to make a rustic notice board which is in progress.
- Shelves and a coat rack have been fitted in the St Andrews Church Hall using recycled materials.
- A meeting took place with Adam from Twiggs regarding renovation of the fencing and garden areas at Penistone IKIC which is across the road from the church. A number of areas have been identified where they can help and Twiggs would do any heavy lifting and digging. Currently awaiting Twiggs to arrange a date when it will be planned that IKIC staff and young people, Twiggs and MIS would work together on the renovation of the garden.

Lot 3- Creating and Managing Responsive Networks

The emphasis on this was 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 and will be re-invigorated as part of the future contract. Other work has instead been focussed on links to the wider work around creating Age Friendly Barnsley.

Age Friendly Penistone

- As part of the Take a Seat scheme, a site was identified at Cubley Hill in Penistone for a new bench to be installed. (others have followed working with the Ward Alliance, Twiggs and the area team)
- Age UK will continue to involve older people in Penistone in consultation with the service itself and about the direction of our Age Friendly Plan. For example, public transport is a major problem for older people and we represent their issues to BMBC and the South Yorkshire Mayor. We also involve older people in service design. We will take part in the annual Age Friendly Barnsley Festival that promotes healthy ageing and celebrates positive images of older people.



Future Planned activities

These have been identified in the new funding contract, Penistone Ageing Well Together. The main activities will be:

- Arrange a launch event for the new Penistone Ageing Well Together project.
- Volunteer recruitment event.
- Focus on hard-to-reach communities – deliver drop-in and pop-up events where appropriate. We will also carry out a community survey within the small villages to assess needs, liaising with the Area Team on their findings from the Community Listening events.
- Re-launch of the SOPPA group.
- Continued development of BOPPA (Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance)
- Further development of Penistone Men in Sheds and a possible move to more suitable premises.
- Further development of the Community Car Scheme
- Ongoing provision of the Information and Advice Service
- Delivery of new MCST (Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) to support older people living with dementia.
- Plan new events, groups and activities to meet any gap in provision.



Celebrating Dementia Action week at Happy Vibes Café

Barnsley Citizens Advice

58 people supported (25 target)

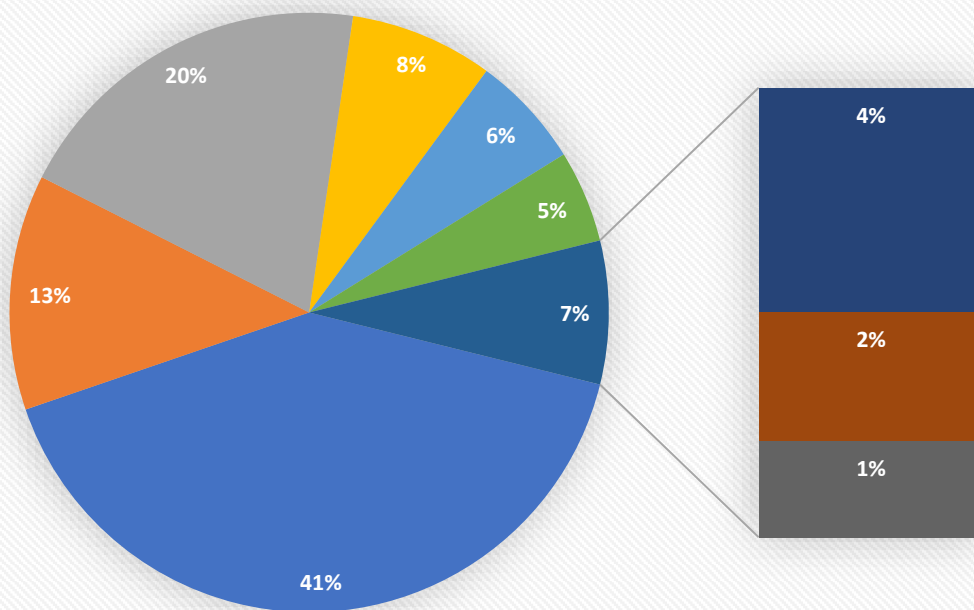
£394 of debt managed this quarter (£1.1m since project started in 2019)

£9,029 of benefits claimed (£211,991 since 2019)



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.

Barnsley Citizens Advice 181 issues dealt with this quarter



The service for Penistone continues to be offered via telephone and digital although face to face work is returning in other areas. CAB will continue to monitor the situation as take up rates for Penistone have been much higher since the service offer is on-line and via telephone, there may be potential for a blended approach in the future months.

The number of clients seeking debt advice is still quite low however, it is expected that the number of clients seeking help and assistance through the Penistone Contract will increase now that restrictions are lifted and life is starting to return to normal.

Impacts of Cost of Living.

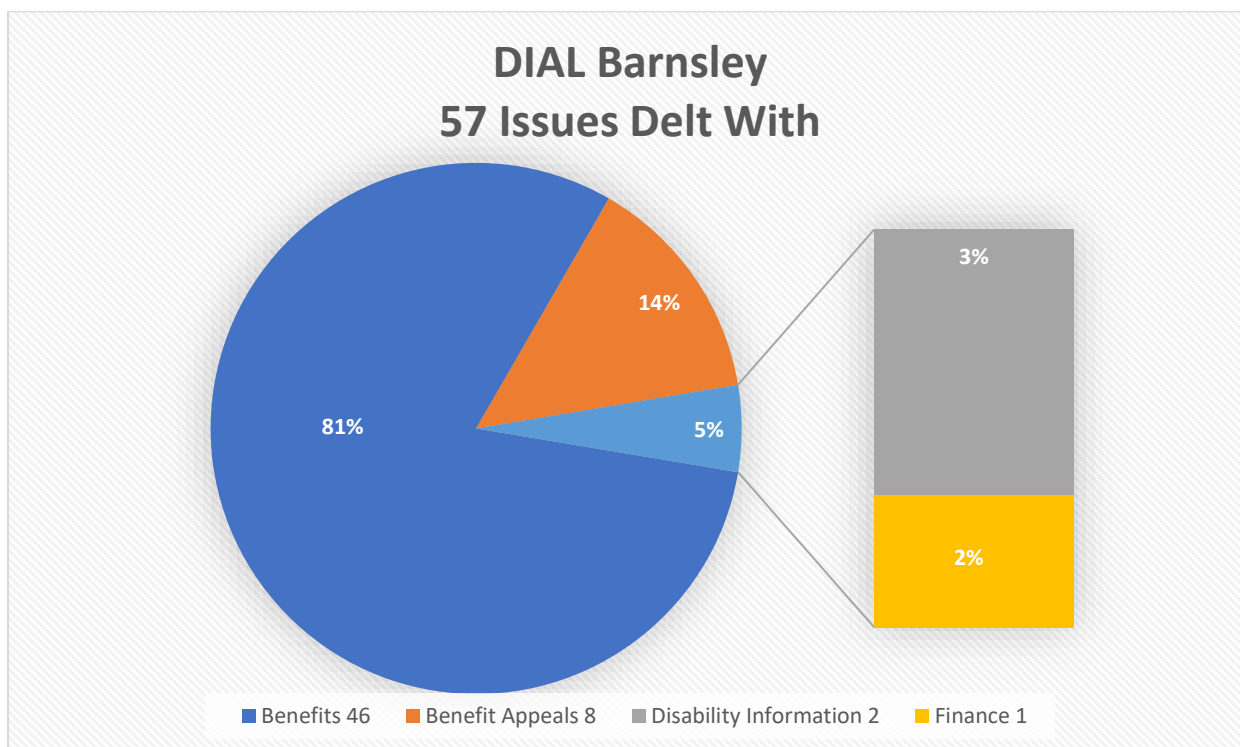
CAB are involved in a number of initiatives nationally, and locally they are now offering fuel vouches. Demand for these is increasing along with requests for help with energy costs. This will continue to be monitored for the next quarter. Money management is a key issue for people – those on benefits appear to be better equipped at this.

DIAL Barnsley

- 57 enquires made
- £73,807 benefits claims supported
- 50 hours of volunteer involvement
- For every £1 invested in the project £42 returned to the area this quarter



DIAL help to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. This is the second quarter for year two of the current contract which expires in January 2023.



During the last quarter, DIAL has resumed face to face support providing appointments at the Town Hall on Tuesday mornings. The telephone advice service continues to be available and service users are triaged in to appointments as appropriate. Numbers are significantly lower than last quarter (170 Q1 compared to 57 this quarter but still above target of 46). Safe and Well checks are now finished, which is likely to account for the drop and also last quarter winter warmth packs were distributed to clients. Although there is no safe and well check clients continue to be surveyed on completion of interventions with DIAL and 79% of residents reported feeling less anxious as a result of speaking to the advisor and 79% of residents reported feeling more able to deal with their own affairs.

The vast majority of benefit issues were in relation to Personal Independence Payments, with some attendance allowance and a slight increase in request for blue badges (4/57).

Volunteers continue to support providing 50 hours (60 hours last quarter). Most support with the telephone triage and support follow up from adviser work. DIAL are currently recruiting for volunteers to support with outreach. Volunteers where possible are trained to become advisers, there is currently a skills gap for qualified advisers.

Cost of Living impacts

DIAL have accessed additional funds for 12 months which provide 2 energy advisers supporting clients Borough wide. Issues around cost of living and fuel are picked up via the advice line and then triaged into the energy advisers. In July 8 home visits were carried out with Penistone residents under this process who were struggling with energy, one person had no electricity. Referrals mostly coming from the advice line although word of mouth is more common.

DIAL will start to monitor cost of living referrals and report these in on the next quarterly report.

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. Three projects (Penistone FM, Penistone Leisure and Girl Guiding Barnsley West)were funded for a shorter period and concluded at the end of Quarter 4 of the previous financial year. The following three projects have concluded at the end of this quarter. A new Grant Pot was established during this period and new projects will be starting during the quarter 2 period.

Ad Astra

22 sessions delivered this quarter
59 sessions in total
Group sessions developed into individual support



Ad Astra – providing mental wellbeing sessions to pre-16 pupils at Penistone Grammar. Started promoting it via leaflets during lunch times due to Covid restrictions in the school, and the project has had to adapt the proposed delivery models which has inevitably led to reduced outcomes from what was originally planned. However following discussions with the school the project has now become a key additional support mechanism for pupils who need space to work through mental wellbeing issues and the group work model has enabled young people to develop a degree of peer mentoring skills.

During this quarter (which was extended up to the end of term in July) pupils from Y7&8 were provided with weekly sessions from April up to Spring Bank , and from May onwards pupils from Y10 & 11.

Some additional support at a one to one level has been offered as part of this project offer, and Ad Astra has now got an established relationship with the school and is offering one to one support for Looked After Children (paid for separately by the school) to complement the project offer.

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.

The project has also supported a small group of young people who took it upon themselves to vertical mentor other young people from the Lunch time period – after they had successfully been supported they realised they could help other young people – this often meant they escorted a young person to the right member of staff in school so they could help them.

The young people who have been supported have openly discussed the issues that are impinging on their lives and through this project have been given the support, confidence and some coping mechanisms to help build their resilience to enable them to lead fuller more positive lives

Every young person who completed the school evaluation form the project used, reported an improvement in their well being.



**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. 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). Also 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. This enables the Post 16 team to analyse 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.

All pupils were assessed again at the end of the project and a number of significant outcomes have been achieved

Results of pass assessment

Start

End

Self Esteem	20.75	16.75
Anxiety	14	11.75
Depression	10.75	5.37

Information and scoring from Feedback Questionnaire on wellbeing.

Start Average Score - 3.35 out of 10

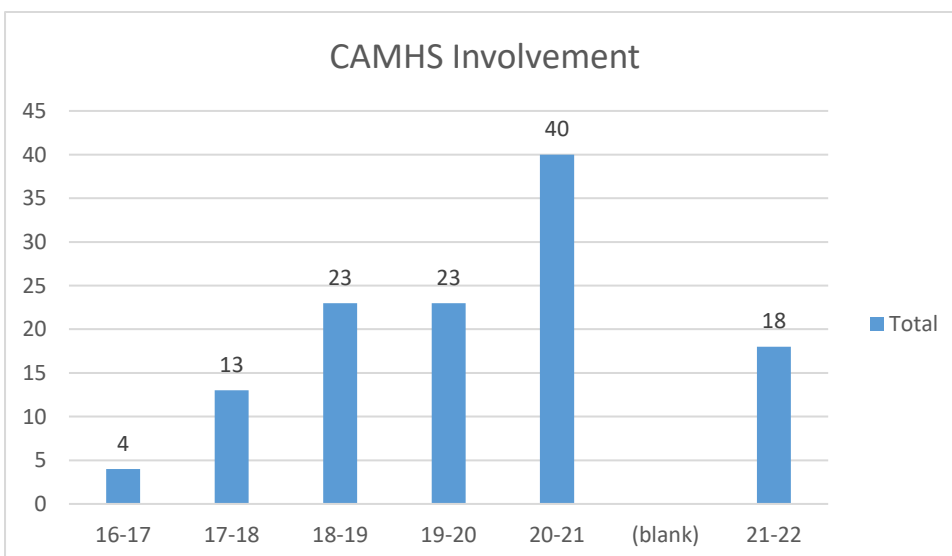
End Average Score - 7.74 out of 10

Improvement of 4.39

Outcomes from Counselling

	Start Score	End Score
Wellbeing	2.96	2.12
Problems/Symptoms	2.92	1.86
Functioning	2.16	1.45
Risk	0.74	0.60

The school has also indicated that funding for this project has helped to reduce the number of CAMHS referrals from 40 in 2020/21 to 18 in 2021/2022



Angel Voices

59 people attending

28 volunteers (538 volunteers hours)

5 workshops

20 people going on to formal training/qualifications



Angel Voices – community based singing workshops, culminating in community performance events to raise funds for charity . Due to unforeseen circumstance, the project, which was due to finish at the end of this quarter could not progress as planned so the additional months of delivery were added on from the end of June and this summary report covers this period from April to the end of August 2022.

The project has been extremely successful. The impact on the local community has been really 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.

The project has continued to move the workshops around surrounding areas such as Millhouse Green and Cawthorne. Although plenty of schools and venues were contacted not all have been responsive to hosting events and workshops. As the project spilled over into the summer months , outdoor events have now also been added such as the event at Springvale Community gardens.



The workshops have had 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. As an added bonus for the project, a number of young people have been taking up formal training in performance arts since first attending the workshops.

In spite of the set backs experienced outcomes have been really positive , with new young people taking up workshops at each quarter and the number of volunteers steadily increasing .

Final project outcomes

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1 Jul-Sept		Quarter 2 Oct- Dec		Quarter 3 Jan-Mar		Quarter 4 Apr-June		Total Project target
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
No of young people attending workshops	10	28	15	31	20	20	25	59	25
No of new participants attending workshops	0	28	5	3	5	8	5	6	Same as above
No of volunteers	4	13	5	18	5	28	6	48	6
No of new volunteers				5		10		10	
Volunteer hours		204		501		538		576	
No of workshops held per quarter	2	5	2	3	2	2	2	5	8 + 4 fundraising events
Amount money raised for charity from concert	£250	0	£250	£736	£250	0	£250	£460	£1000 <small>There is one more concert to add Held on 18 Sep 2022</small>
No of young people taking up formal training/ qualification		13		14		17		20	No target, just a wonderful bonus to see and be apart of



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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council
September 15th 2022**

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

Agenda Item:

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 highlights the review and potential change for PAC priorities to support spend.

1.4 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 and note current applications requiring decision for funding.**

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 approve the funding of £100k to procure a future service for the Clean and Tidy Contract to commence from April 2023;**

2.6 **That in relation to the new Clean and Tidy contract, members agree to either devolve responsibility to the Executive Director Public Health and Communities to agree all necessary paperwork to take forward the procurement following consultation with members of the Area Council or that members receive a further report providing details**

of the proposed procurement at the next meeting of the Penistone Area Council to be held on 1st December, 2022;

2.7 **That members agree outcomes from the workshop on 8th September in relation to the review of PAC priorities.**

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

2.9 **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 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.

3.2 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.

3.3 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 is provided within this meeting.

4.0 **Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**

4.1 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.

4.2 Members are advised that the current DIAL contract will expire at the end of December 2022. An application to this grant fund to extend this service for a further 12 months at a cost of **£ 5198** has recently been received by DIAL.

4.3 Options for a different model of contracting to manage future welfare advice services, whilst maintaining local provision and oversight of delivery are being developed and an update is available for discussion by members within this meeting.

4.4 It is recommended that members agree that a grant panel receives the DIAL application in the meantime in order to avoid any gap in service whilst the review is in process.

- 4.5 A further application has been received for consideration by the grant panel from Angel Voices to deliver adult singing workshops at a cost of **£8650.00**
- 4.6 A current total of **£24,834** remains within this grant pot. Members are advised that should both applications for funding be approved by a grant panel this will leave a total remaining of **£10,986**
- 4.7 Members may wish to consider allocation of further monies to this grant pot at a future date should both applications be approved.
- 4.8 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
Additional amount to Supporting Young People grant 2022	£574
Total Allocations to date	£245,652
<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	£24,834
<i>Applications currently in for consideration</i> DIAL (Information and Advice service) delivery for 2023	£ 5198
Angel Voices academy adult singing workshops	£8650.00
<i>Potential future amount remaining should both applications be approved</i>	£10,986

Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

- 5.0 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.
- 5.1
- 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 4.8 within this report.
- 5.3 Following the successful outcomes from projects funded, PAC at its meeting of April 7th 2022 approved for a second round of Supporting Young People Grant at a cost of £40k from within the current budget to encourage further provision.
- 5.4 Four projects were successfully approved by the grant panel in July 2022 at a cost of £40,574 (with the remaining £574 added from the main Working together grant fund as shown at 4.8 within this report)

Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant round 2

5.5

Ad Astra – supporting young people pre16 in Penistone Grammar school	£ 8,124
Angel Voices	£14,950
Penistone Girl Guiding	£10,000
Penistone Grammar peer support	£7,500
Total allocations	£40,574

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

6.0

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 its 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 the workshop on August 17th 2022 indicated that members wish to progress a procurement exercise for a further clean green and tidy service to start from April 2023.

6.6

Members are requested to approve £100k to be allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget in order to progress the procurement process for a new clean green and Tidy contract from April 2023. A new contract specification will be developed in consultation with members during November in order to meet procurement timelines.

6.7

A summary quarter one performance report for year 3 of the existing contract is presented to PAC within this meeting.

Penistone Ward Alliance

- 7.0 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.
- 7.1 This, together with underspend of **£2,777.23** from the previous financial year 2021/22 and a carry forward allocation of **£5,960.00** 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 July 22nd and August 22nd 2022 an overall total of **£14,665.23** 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.

Penistone Area Council Priorities

- 8.0 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.
- 8.1
- 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 was 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.
- 8.5 It is recommended that any outcomes from the workshop on 8th September are agreed and that any changes to priorities be implemented.

Current Financial Summary Position

- 9.0 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**.
- 9.1
- 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 Should decisions to allocate £100k for the procurement of a Clean Green and Tidy service be approved at 6.6 within this report, this will be earmarked from the 2023/24 budget, leaving the current total for this year's budget remaining at £101,904.

9.5 **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)
Budget 2023/34	
Potential earmarked spend approved for procurement of Clean, green and tidy contract 2023/24	£100K

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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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council Meeting:
15th September 2022**

**Report of Penistone Area
Council Manager**

Welfare Reform Review

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To apprise Members of locality-based review of welfare services provision.

2. Recommendation

2.1. **Members refer to sections 3 to 7 of this report and discuss, with additional insights from the anti-poverty priority working group.**

2.2. **Members review the options available, section 7 and agree the preferred option for the Penistone Area.**

2.3. **An Area Council workshop is arranged to take forward the preferred option.**

3. Background

3.1. BMBC, through our Healthier Communities Service, currently funds a town centre-based core welfare provision offering information, advice and guidance.

3.2. Across the borough a range of different provision is currently in place to support communities. This provision is funded by both Area Council's and Ward Alliances. The provision varies significantly in terms of scale across the borough.

3.3. The feasibility of a universal borough wide hub and spoke model was explored through a review led by colleagues in Healthier Communities, but the funding is not available in order to expand the existing centrally commissioned provision. However, the potential efficiency in commissioning practice was identified as we currently have several different commissioning arrangements.

3.4. The Area Councils have been requested to review their arrangements for the commissioning and procurement of welfare services to determine whether there is any efficiency which can be derived from a more coordinated approach.

3.5. Penistone currently has a contract with CAB until March 2023 and DIAL until January 2023 both are paid for through the Working Together Grant Fund. In addition, Age UK provide 7.24 hours per week as part of their contract funded by the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People grant which concludes June 2024.

4. Area Council Provision

All Area Councils have provided data for all locality-based advice services to evidence the level of demand in each area in order to steer the initial review. The data that was provided covers the periods 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, and indicates there has been demand for advice services across the borough during these periods.

The data shows a significant increase in utilisation between 2019/20 and 2020/21, which is maintained in the first half of 2021/22. As the increase coincides with the covid pandemic, it is assumed that this is either due to services being able to accept more referrals when not providing face to face clinic, and/or, an increase in demand linked to issues relating to the pandemic. Within Penistone welfare advice services operate 13.4 hours per week and during 2021 had 646 cases. It is anticipated that requests for such services will increase due to the increase in costs that many families are facing.

5. Opportunities identified

- 5.1. Combined commissioning provides an opportunity to condense the management fees
- 5.2. Encourage collaborative tendering by providers to co-deliver
- 5.3. The providers are all operating to the same standards and are AQS accredited.
- 5.4. The 'approved provider' list is concise.
- 5.5. Standardised collection of performance data to compare data between different areas.

6. Threats identified

- 6.1. The increase in the cost of living will require an uplift in contract value when contracts are renewed to ensure the same standards of provision can be maintained or reduced delivery expectations to reflect the financial envelope.

7. Options

- 7.1. Do not continue to fund a locality-based welfare provision service
- 7.2. Continue to commission a welfare provision service for the Penistone Area on an independent cycle, based on local need through the PAC grant funds
- 7.3. Align commissioning cycles and procure provision for multiple areas in one process, using different lots for individual area councils.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. The Area Manager will arrange a further workshop to work up a delivery model for the priority, with the support of specialist officers as appropriate.

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