

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 1 December 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

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

22 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

23 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 15th September, 2022 (Pac.01.12.2022/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 15 September 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

24 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 22nd September, 13th October and 10th November, 2022 (Pac.01.12.2022/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 22 September, 13 October, and 10 November 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 22 September, 13 October, and 10 November 2022 be received.

25 S106 Update - Laura Sharman (Pac.01.12.2022/4)

The Section 106 Programme Manager delivered the presentation to Members, detailing the current position of Section 106 monies relevant to developments in the Penistone East and Penistone West Wards.

During Member discussion on Public Open Space, objections were raised that the agreement for Saunderson Road, Penistone (2018/0800) meant the monies could be spent borough-wide. Suggestions by Members of where these monies (and others intended for this purpose) could be spent within the Penistone Area Council geographical footprint included:

- Penistone Cricket Club
- Penistone Church Football Club
- Penistone Leisure Centre
- Thurlstone Football Club

- Westfield Avenue Park

During Member discussion on Education, concerns were raised that the New Road/Lidgett Lane, Tankersley (2013/1007) and New Road, Tankersley (2018/1361) monies did at that stage not provide provision for the monies to be spent on education within the parish of Tankersley.

During Member discussion on Highways and Sustainable Travel, suggestions by Members of where these monies could be spent within the Penistone Area Council geographical footprint included:

- Bullhouse Bridge repair works
- Resurfacing of the Trans Pennine Trail
- Access to the Trans Pennine Trail from Roughbirchworth Lane, Oxspring

In general discussion, Members discussed discontentment with Section 106 monies awarded as part of developments within Penistone East and Penistone West Wards being spent outside these Wards. It was acknowledged that recent good practice had meant this was less so the case, however that planning guidance hadn't formally changed to mandate this. It was also noted that a new Section 106 inbox had been created, which enabled Members to be informed of local Section 106 monies as soon as they were released.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

26 Quarter 2 Performance Report (Pac.01.12.2022/5)

Members received the report, noting its content.

During member discussion a suggestion was made that any extension to the existing Clean Green and Tidy contract delivered by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance would require close monitoring to ensure that it could meet the area's needs and offer value for money. Recent experience of work on land owned by a housing association not being undertaken was given as an example of where swifter resolution was needed. The Area Council Manager advised more regular contact was needed going forward.

A suggestion was made that Barnsley Citizens Advice be invited to the next meeting of Penistone Area Council to provide a more detailed update of their contract which was due to finish at the end of March 2023. An additional proposal was made that a date should be considered for a 2023 Penistone Area Council Volunteer Celebration Event, which would form part of the borough-wide celebrations of the 10-year anniversary of Area Council working arrangements.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27 Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.01.12.2022/6)

It was noted that applications to the Ward Alliance for 2022/23 had been fewer than in previous years at that point of the financial year. Members were advised that Penistone Area Council would still be able to allocate additional funds to the Ward

Alliance from within the Penistone Area Council budget at their next meeting in February 2023 should there be a need.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

28 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.01.12.2022/7)

Members were advised that current funds within the Penistone Working Together Grant pot were limited and that additional funds could be added from within the existing Penistone Area Council budget if demand required this. A discussion around the need to be able to respond to the impacts of the rising cost of living was held and the Area Council Manager advised that there were sufficient funds to be able to respond in the New Year if needed.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That the report be noted; and
- ii) That the recommendation to approve a 6-month waiver to the existing Clean Green and Tidy contract from April 2023, at a cost of £50,000 to be allocated from the Penistone Area Council 2023/24 Budget be agreed.

Chair