

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

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Minutes and Notes

- 2 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 15th September, 2022 (Pac.01.12.2022/2) (Pages 3 - 8)
- 3 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 22nd September, 13th October and 10th November, 2022 (Pac.01.12.2022/3) (Pages 9 - 14)

Items for Discussion

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

Performance

- 5 Quarter 2 Performance Report (Pac.01.12.2022/5) (Pages 15 - 32)
- 6 Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.01.12.2022/6) (Pages 33 - 36)

Items for Decision

- 7 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.01.12.2022/7) (Pages 37 - 44)

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

Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager

Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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

MINUTES

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

15 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

16 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 21st July, 2022 (Pac.15.09.2022/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st July, 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 21st July, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

17 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliances held on 14th July and 11th August, 2022 (Pac.15.09.2022/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 14th July and 11th August, 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 14th July and 11th August, 2022 be received.

18 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.15.09.2022/4)

Members received the report, noting its contents. The Area Council Manager drew particular attention to £3875 which remained in the Schools Out Fund which would be kept aside for the February Half Term. Members were informed that no further projects had been approved since the publishing of the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

19 Quarter 1 (April - June 2022) Performance Report (Pac.15.09.2022/5)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an overview of performance for Quarter 1 and all contracted Services.

Members attention was brought to the comparison chart for the years 2020/21 2021/22 to 2022/23 showing a positive move in the right direction following the pandemic in all areas.

Members heard how the Clean, Green and Tidy service had seen a significant increase in volunteers and that all targets were being reached and in particular targets on work with groups and parishes were being exceeded. 13 individual projects based on requests had been completed, 18 social action initiatives had been led, 27 activities working with businesses and 250 whips had been planted at Hood Green. Activities with schools remained on hold but further work had been planned for the summer holidays including activities were possible. A number of staffing changes had taken place during the quarter but a Team Leader and Apprentice remained. Members raised concerns around the lack of communication on where and when works would be carried out in the area. The Area Council Manager informed members that this would be raised with the Twiggs Team.

Members were informed that the report on the Age UK contracts covered only April until the end of May 2022 due to the contract ending. For Lot 1 during the quarter there had been 26 active volunteers, 4 new service users and 40 existing service users and 71 people using the community car scheme which was a substantial increase. Information and advice had provided 7.25 hours of advice.

All community activities in Lot 2 were up and running with 23 new participants. Councillors had been invited to attend some of the groups to have a drink and chat with some of the service users. Men in sheds was going well and had links with Penistone Theatre Group and taken part in projects with Twiggs and the IKIC Centre.

Lot 3 had seen a site identified on Cubley Hill for a bench as part of the Take a Seat Campaign with others soon to follow.

Members were informed that the newly commissioned contract which commenced on 1st June, 2022 would be reported into the Quarter 2 performance report. Borough wide AGE UK Love Later Life events would be taking place week commencing 26th September, 2022 with members invited to attend events for the Penistone area including a walk around Wentworth Castle Gardens and a quiz and lunch event in Crow Edge on the 30th September. Planning had commenced into the winter warmth events with sloppy slippers. Members requested that 3 smaller events in both of the Penistone Areas would be more advantageous than the 2 larger more central events in order to reach those in the outlying villages who would not normally be able to attend.

Barnsley Citizen's Advice Bureau had supported 58 clients in the quarter and £394 of debt managed and £9,029 of benefits claimed. Conversations had taken place around holding drop in sessions alongside the offer of a phone and web service. The demand for help with the increase of energy costs had not shown within the quarter but it was expected to come through in the future.

The DIAL contract which was due to end in December, 2022 had resumed face to face appointments on Tuesday mornings alongside phone and web appointment and had dealt with 57 issues within the quarter. Members were informed that whilst the

numbers were significantly lower than quarter 1 in 2021/22 which were 170 they were still above target. The majority of issues were around blue badges, PIP and benefit appeals. Members heard how there was a shortage of qualified information and advice support workers and that there had been a drive to recruit more to the posts.

Members were informed that 3 of the first round of projects funded under the Supporting Young People Grant Fund had concluded including the Penistone FM, Girl Guides and the Leisure Centre. Three projects remained active including the Ad Astra, Penistone Grammar School and Angel Voices. The Penistone Grammar School – Mind for the Future project had resulted in a significant decrease in pupil referrals to the CAMHS service which was hailed as a big success.

Councillor Barnard temporarily left the meeting and Councillor Greenhough was elected as temporary Chair.

Angel Voices had carried out a number of outdoor events during the summer months which had resulted in improved mental health and wellbeing for the people who had taken part. A total of £1196 had been raised through the concerts held with money being returned to Cawthorne Hall, St Johns Church in Penistone and Springvale where the concerts had been held.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

20 Procurement and Financial Summary Report (Pac.15.09.2022/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who drew members attention to the DIAL contract that was due to expire at the end of December, 2022. A further application had been received for a 12 month contract at a cost of £5198. Members were informed that following later consideration of what the future Welfare Advice Service offer would look like, it would be recommended to proceed with a grant panel to avoid any gaps between the new service coming into effect. An application had been received from Angel Voices at a cost of £8650, to carry out a similar project to an older age group due to the success of the Younger Peoples project. A grant panel would be arranged for the end of September.

At this point in proceedings, Councillor Barnard returned to the meeting and resumed Chair.

Members noted that a total of £24,834 remained in the grant pot and were advised that should both applications for funding be approved, a total of £10,986 would remain.

The Working Together Grant Fund – Supporting Young People had 4 projects approved at a total cost of £40,574 resulting in an overspend of £574 which would be added from the main Working Together Grant Fund budget.

Members had taken part in a robust review workshop for the future Clean, Green and Tidy Service during August 2022 to consider future requirements for the service. Members agreed to allocate £100,000 from the 2023/24 Penistone Area Council budget for the first year of a one plus one plus one contract commencing on 1st April, 2023. Members were presented with 2 options for how they would wish to progress the procurement exercise as outlined in the report and opted for the more flexible

approach of giving the Executive Director Public Health and Communities delegated powers with a view to being consulted and providing input on the specification outside of the formal Area Council meetings.

The Penistone Ward Alliance had an overall total of £14,665.23 remaining in the 2022/23 budget. This was to be reviewed by members at the next Area Council Members as to whether they would wish to allocate additional funds from the main budget for future spend.

A workshop had been held on 8th September, 2022 to review Area Council Priorities and it had been agreed to keep the existing priorities with a view to focus on the cost of living pressures.

Members were provided with an overview of the 2022/23 budget. It was noted that of the £101,904 remaining that £13,845 was ringfenced money from the Self Isolation Fund covid pot and remained to be allocated.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the update on contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and new contract position be noted;

(ii) that the update on the current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be received and the applications requiring a decision for funding be noted;

(iii) that the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund and the update on the progress with round 2 of the funding be received;

(iv) that the updates on the Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 be noted;

(v) that £100k from the 2023/24 Penistone Area Council budget to procure a future service of the Clean and Tidy Contract on a one plus one plus one basis to commence for 12 months from April, 2023 be approved;

(vi) that, in relation to the Clean and Tidy Contract, the option to give the Executive Director Public Health and Communities devolved responsibility to agree all necessary paperwork to take forward the procurement of the service following consultation with members of the Penistone Area Council be approved;

(vii) that the outcomes from the workshop held on 8th September, 2022 in relation to the review of Penistone Area Council Priorities be agreed;

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

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

21 Welfare Services Review (Pac.15.09.2022/7)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an update and background information to the Welfare Services Review.

Members were informed that the Healthier Communities Service funded a town centre based core welfare provision which offered information and guidance through a consortium of services such as CAB, DIAL and Age UK and were looking at the feasibility of a universal borough wide provision.

A review of the existing provision funded by all the Area Councils and Ward Alliances across the Borough was held and it was deemed that there were insufficient funds to expand the centrally commissioned provision to cover all areas.

Each Area Council had provided data on their locality-based advice services to evidence the level of demand spanning from 2019 to 2022 which had indicated a significant need across the borough for the services commissioned.

A number of opportunities were set out to members if they were to opt for combined commissioning including condensing management fees, encouraging collaborative tendering by providers to co-deliver, all providers operating to the same standards and AQS accredited, the approved provider list would be concise and would give the opportunity to collect performance data in a standardised way between the areas.

Threats identified would be the unknown impact for the cost of living crisis which would require an uplift in contract values to ensure the same standard of provision is provided or a reduced delivery expectation.

A number of options were set out to members on how they could progress. Members raised concerns around the option to align commissioning cycles, with the potential to lose control of funding to other areas that would be deemed more in need.

The consensus of members was to continue to commission a welfare provision for Penistone on an independent cycle based on local need through the Penistone Area Council grant funds.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted;
- (ii) that Option 7.2 set out in the report, to continue to commission a welfare provision service for the Penistone Area on an independent cycle, based on local need through the Penistone Area Council grant funds be the preferred choice for the Penistone Area; and
- (iii) that the proposal to take the preferred option to an Area Council Workshop to be arranged in the future be agreed.

Chair

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NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING Thursday 8th September 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Barbara Lee, Ann Rusby, Jon Cutts, Graham Saunders, Joe Unsworth, Cllr John Wilson, Bob Blythe, Cllr Mandy Low-Fello, Chrissie Yates, Cllr David Greenhough and Pauline Ogden.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

In light of the sad news about the death of Queen Elizabeth II which broke shortly before this meeting, a minute's silence was observed by all present.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Hannah Kitching, Ann Walker, Richard Leech and Cllr Paul Hand-Davis.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Notes of Meeting held 11th August 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

- The young people's engagement event held at the skate park in August went really well. We received a good turnout, with the ramps now fully repainted in various designs. There have been no further incidents of graffiti to date.
- Ongoing statutory support from services for this area was raised. Anti-social behaviour remains a priority for the local policing team, and the possibility of building in regular clean-ups at the skate park as part of any ongoing clean and green contracts commissioned by the Area Council is to be explored. Action: Cllr Barnard to discuss with the Area Manager.
- Possible use of S106 monies was also discussed and how this could be used to address ongoing issues. Cllr Greenhough to make enquiries about the limitations as to what this can or can't fund. Action: Cllr Greenhough.

5. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

Volunteer Celebration Event – An update on this event was given by Tanya. To date we have received 14 nominations with around 40 people confirming they will be attending.

School's Out Fund – Cllr Kitching and Tanya have met today to discuss relaunching this fund. The proposal is to target certain areas across the patch where the figures show higher levels of families who are now struggling financially and invite applications from groups within those areas to deliver free school holiday provision. This will be coupled with building links with schools so that this provision can be promoted accordingly to those families who would benefit the most.

Winter Warmer Packs – Following discussion in August around the need for these this winter, a meeting is scheduled between the Area Team and Age UK Barnsley for tomorrow to take this forward.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £10,790 Ward Alliance Fund, and £3,875 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Oxspring Pop-in Club - £1,348.25

The Alliance talked over the application. There were concerns over how sustainable these trips would be moving forward with a limited amount of income coming in from the current weekly subscriptions. Because of this it was decided not to support this funding request. It was recommended that the club be put in touch with other groups of a similar nature for some friendly advice on how they manage the costs of additional social activities without relying on grant funding.

8. Area Council Update

None.

9. Penistone Arts Week 2022

- Chrissie offered a full update on the success of this year's Penistone Arts Week. A report has been produced to highlight these. Please see attached.
- The project will once again be taking place next year, 11th to 26th March with the group already looking at ways in which it can make the arts week more financially sustainable.

10. Any other business

- A community representative was asked for to take part in the next Working Together Fund grant panel. Jon Cutts kindly volunteered.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 13th October, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall. Barnsley Hospital Trust Membership will be attending to talk about the benefits of being a member of the Trust.

Chrissie Yates sends her apologies in advance.

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 20th October 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Ann Walker, Ann Rusby, Jon Cutts, Graham Saunders, Richard Leech, Bob Blythe, Cllr Mandy Low-Fello, Cllr David Greenhough, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Andrea Spencer, Adriana Rrustemi and Graham Worsdale, Barnsley Hospital Trust.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Pauline Odgen, Joe Unsworth, Allen Pestell, Barbara Lee, Cllr John Wilson and Chrissie Yates.

2. Barnsley Hospital Trust

Andrea Spencer, Membership and Engagement Officer along with Adriana and Graham, Trust Governors, spoke to the Ward Alliance about becoming a Trust member / Governor of Barnsley Hospital. The Ward Alliance was asked to help share this information amongst their contacts.

Action: Tanya to circulate more details about the Hospital Trust to WA members.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Notes of Meeting held 8th September 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

There were no matters arising.

6. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

Winter Warmer Packs – Age UK Barnsley will be offering their own winter warmer packs this year to their service users. The Area Team has been able to secure funding to purchase some additional packs which have been offered out to the Parish Councils. A total of 176 packs have been requested from 4 parishes. Cllr Kitching mentioned that there had been an offer from Thurlstone Primary School to help with the distribution of these older people packs. Action: Tanya to notify Age UK Barnsley.

Evaluation of Celebration Event – It was felt that the event was extremely successful. Lots of positive feedback has been received from the participants who really appreciated the recognition. The entertainment provided by the young people from Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy was outstanding.

7. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £10,790 Ward Alliance Fund, and £3,820 School's Out Fund.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Penistone Christmas Day Hamper Project - £2,500

A discussion took place around the success of this project in previous years, the ongoing need for such support, and opportunities available to the group to help resource the project effectively. A proposal of £2,500 was recommended for approval.

Tanya informed the Alliance about a new network being set up by the Area Team called PIPA (Partners in the Penistone Area) which aims to bring together projects such as this one, as well as community minded businesses, service providers and other groups, to help co-ordinate the support being offered within the Penistone area.

9. Area Council Update

Cllr Barnard informed the Ward Alliance about a recent visit the Area Council had made to a community food club in Shafton called Storehouse and Field. This model offers a monthly membership which allows you up to 3 times the value in food. Considering the increase in cost of living, the Area Council is exploring a proposal to set one up in Penistone. More information can be found by visiting: <https://storehouseandfield.org/>

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 10th November, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Richard Leech sends his apologies in advance.

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 10th November 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Ann Walker, Graham Saunders, Bob Blythe, Cllr Mandy Low-Flello, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Cllr John Wilson, Chrissie Yates, Pauline Ogden and Barbara Lee

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Elaine Equeall, Penistone Area Council Manager.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Richard Leech, Jon Cutts, Joe Unsworth, Cllr Robert Barnard and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Penistone Area Council – Annual Update

Elaine Equeall offered the Ward Alliance a full update on the work being carried out by Penistone Area Council. Please see attached document.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Notes of Meeting held 20th October 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

Winter Warmer Packs – Tanya informed the Ward Alliance that this provision has been very well received with lots of positive feedback coming through. Thanks were given to members of the WA who were able to help make up the older people packs ready for distribution.

6. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

PWA Promotional Campaign – This is the next project within the Ward Alliance’s plan to start work on and will look at ways in which the WA can better promote the work that it does and create a new and refreshed identity. Both Barbara and Chrissie are still happy to lead on this. Action: Tanya to pull together a meeting to start discussions before the Christmas break.

7. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Greenhough offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £8,290 Ward Alliance Fund, and £3,820 School’s Out Fund.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Hunshelph Parish Council – Netting for the Delf, £250

The WA felt that this project promoted many health and wellbeing benefits for local young people. A proposal of £250 was recommended for approval.

Hunshelph Parish Council – Replacement Strimmer, £400

After discussion it was agreed to support this application. A proposal of £400 was recommended for approval.

The WA acknowledge the need for groups to have their own gardening equipment so that they can develop and carry out work on their own. However due to the number of applications being received of this nature, it was agreed that the Alliance looks at ways in which to manage this ongoing ask considering that we also have a 'Clean, Green and Tidy' contract operating across the Penistone area. Action: WA to discuss ahead of the next financial year.

TPEG – Re-wilding and Wildflower Meadows, £3,500

It was agreed to defer a decision on this application until more information was known about the Council's Rewilding Initiative and its intension to roll this out to more areas in 2023. Action: Tanya to obtain more information about the Council scheme.

Silkstone CARE Group – Change of Use request

After discussion this change of use was agreed by the Ward Alliance. The group has requested to utilise funds intended for Conroyd Wood (£2,000 granted in 2021) to an alternative project within Orchard Wood. The Alliance were happy for this to be the case however requested to see a breakdown of the spend for the new project. Action: Tanya to request this information from the group.

It was agreed that for any future requests from groups to redirect funding to alternative projects, that a spend breakdown is requested to accompany the official 'Change of Use' form to ensure appropriate use of public funds.

9. More Money in your Pocket

Tanya informed the WA about a website which has been developed by colleagues in Public Health to help support residents with the increase in cost of living. The 'More Money in your Pocket' website contains information about grants and support available to help save money and can be found by visiting www.barnsley.gov.uk/MMIYP. Action: WA members to help promote the website.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

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

Graham Saunders and Barbara Lee send their apologies in advance.

July to
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Penistone Area Council Performance Report



Area Council Priorities

Health and Wellbeing



Supporting Young People



Local Economy + tourism



Helping People connect



Our Environment



Barnsley 2030 priorities













Barnsley 2030 Sustainable

Barnsley 2030 Growing

Barnsley 2030 Healthy

Barnsley 2030 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	Q2 Jul-Sept 2022	This year 2022/23	Year 2021/22	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	15	42	58	248
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	6	6	76	653
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	35	90	299	698
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	1	2	6
	People taking up work experience placements	0	0	1	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	6	10	95	779
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	13	59	156	445
	Community groups supported	13	36	56	689
	New community groups supported	1	3	3	63
	Community car scheme journeys	103	174	126	1154
	Adult volunteers engaged	173	478	680	3703
	New volunteers	36	103	123	1044
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	303	671	571	3030
	Residents referred to health and advice	0	2	67	162
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	2	2	24.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£5637.55	£23,285.55	£48,765.60	£370,775.64
	Volunteer opportunities created	84	160	509	2146
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	0	5	157
	People receiving training	0	48	103	1164

Clean, Green and Tidy Service



Twiggs

- 151 volunteers supported
- 411.5 volunteer hours supported
- 48 rubbish bags filled
- 15 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. This is the final year of a 3 year contract for the area with 2 years of this contract having been subject to significant restrictions due to the covid pandemic. This quarter has continued to see a return to more normal operational styles as seen pre pandemic.

Highlights

13 (Target 10) Groups and parishes supported.
This has included both Twiggs led initiatives and demand from active groups

Groups worked with this quarter included:
Springvale community gardens, Saundersons community garden , Royd community garden, Team Green Moor, Silkstone Care Group, Age Uk (to look at Wentworth Castle gardens Union Jack garden) , Men In Sheds and IKIC centre (combined garden project) TPEG, Wortley Church, Hoylandswaine events group (new group) Stainborough and Oxspring parish councils





- 9 individual projects (target 10) – Twiggs working independently either self initiated or requested. Included path clearance, hedge trimming, bench recovery, moss clearance at various sites across the area.
- 14 Twiggs led social action initiatives – Activities identified by Twiggs but including volunteer input. This quarter included: Turn Table and Tank ramp, incredible edible bed windermere road, path clearance High Hoyland, Bower Dell litter removal and age friendly benches, Rockley Furnace reinstating foot paths, Watermeadows park
- 15 (target10) activities working with businesses this quarter. This has included working directly with companies who have offered volunteer support to projects (employer supported volunteering), Companies providing support to volunteers such as co-op , Spar and TESCO and a further high street clean up event this quarter involving 5 new businesses along side existing participants. These events have led to a noticeable improved tidiness to the high street since they started, with businesses now operating independently to keep their area clean and tidy.



- This quarter has seen in improvement in school involvement with events at St Johns Primary schools improving the school paths around the area. Pupils at Hoylandswaine participated in a tidy up and clean of the surrounding play areas and footpaths near the school and learned about safe tool usage and re-introducing green waste. Penistone Grammar school pupils had a work inspiration day learning about job roles in horticulture and taking part in tasks at Springvale community gardens.
- New links have been made this quarter with the Hoylandswaine events group and further work is planned with them.
- Regular activities continue to be promoted through social media as well as via Penistone FM.
- The Twiggs team increased young people engagement through supporting the area team with two events to at the Skate park, to help promote ownership of the area by young people. And also support an intergeneration project to improve the IKIC garden working with men in sheds.
- The team leader and apprentice make regular visits to the town hall to update on projects undertaken and pick up on specific requested work.



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people Grants

Age UK Barnsley



- 1,091 interventions
- 219 people helped
- 27 volunteers worked with
- 320 volunteer hours
- 103 community car journeys
- £22,705.80 estimated benefit gain

Penistone Ageing Well Together

This is a new contract delivered by Age UK Barnsley. Starting at the end of June 2022, the project builds on previous work done in the area to support older people through one to one through volunteer befriending, 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. The emphasis of this contract is to show outcomes of improved wellbeing and reduced isolation. This summary provides highlights from the first quarter of this new contract.

Highlights

- 21 new referrals for 1-1 support in this quarter and these have been received from social prescriber, social services, eyes on the ground, family and self-referral
- 27 volunteers continue to provide support with face-to-face and telephone befriending. They have also provide support with groups and events including Walking for Health, Happy Vibes Memory Café, Tea & Chat, Cubley Hall lunch, canal trip and the singing group at St. John’s Church.
- 22 new clients for the information and advice worker (7.25 hrs per week) and follow up work has also continued from previous quarters with a further 4 clients. majority of the work continues to be benefit related, but also saw some requests for help completing Blue Badge applications as well as social care. Fuel poverty and cost of living payments are being discussed with all clients Home Energy Checks are being developed in this area of work , currently identifying potential clients for this. total of estimated benefit gains is £22,705.80 for this quarter.

Total number of people engaged this quarter	219
Number of new service users 1:1	21
Number I&A Service Users	22
Community Car Journeys	103
Number Volunteers Existing , active volunteers	27
Number of new volunteers; Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers	1

- The community car scheme continues with 2 drivers and has managed 103 journeys during this period. Age UK are aiming to recruit additional drivers as part of an overall volunteer recruitment drive.
- Wellbeing and loneliness measures have not yet been introduced into the new contract but this will be picked up in the next quarter.
- The new Penistone Ageing Well service was launched on 27th July to inform partners and stakeholders
- A promotional stall was held at the market barn for service users and families on September 1st



Penistone Ageing Well Together Launch Event



Community Activities

The project continues to support many of the established groups, but with an increased focus on health outcomes as poor mobility continues to be of concern which is being address where possible by referring to Healthy Bones classes, Tai Chi, chair-based exercise and others emerging through the Barnsley Older People’s Physical activity Alliance (BOPPA) .



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 2 new recently expressed interest. The need for new premises is becoming urgent. Summary of projects:

- ✓ They have made planters from recycled wood for a number of older people in the community and a rustic notice board for Royd Community Garden.
- ✓ Cut and prepared tree log planks for new work benches for the workshop ready for the possible relocation to new premises.
- ✓ Made new yokes for a lady who has Bernese Mountain Dogs which pull carts for exhibitions and to raise funds. These were made in a short time and used at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club UK recently.
- ✓ Cut planks for a Flintstones-style car, requested by Royd Community Garden, which they hope to finish over the next month or so.
- ✓ They will soon have a Victorian dolls house for restoration but due to its size they will not take this on until they have new premises.
- ✓ Collected two trailer loads of used timber w^{Page 21}d de-nailing but will come in handy for future projects.

Other events this quarter

5th July – Volunteer Meal, Cubley Hall

8th July – Lunch & entertainment, Cubley Hall, to mark the Jo Cox Great Get Together

27th July – Launch event, Penistone Ageing Well Together

4th August – Wortley Afternoon Tea at Wortley Hall

11th August – Canal Trip on Hebble & Calder Canal

1st September – Promotional stall in Penistone market barn

13th September – Volunteer meal at Cubley Hall

26th September – Walk at Wentworth Castle Gardens, part of Later Life Week

30th September – Community Lunch event, Crow Edge Community Centre, part of Later Life Week



Future Planned activities for Quarter 3 – October to December 2022

- Christmas events
- Slipper and Falls Awareness Events
- Winter Warmth Events
- Complete Men in Sheds move to new premises
- Re-launch and develop SOPPA agendas
- Continue recruitment of volunteers
- Plan new events, groups and activities to meet any gap in provision

Other Age UK support adding value to Penistone

Winter/cost of living support

Successful bid to supply 103 slow cookers, recipe books and food hampers in the Penistone area.

133 winter warmth packs will be handed out and 33 properties will be assessed by our new Handy person service to ensure they are warm.

BOPPAA

Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPAA) aim to promote activities offered by the Alliance by the Social Inclusion Team in the upcoming quarter; and working in partnership with local amenities, to encourage more uptake of the opportunities offered. (as referred to in the community activities for Penistone)

Heart Health

A new Social Inclusion Officer – Health and Wellbeing, Sarah Wilson, has started to work specifically on setting up and supporting the delivery of Health & Wellbeing groups across the Borough. These groups will provide a mixture of talks, exercises, healthy eating/cooking demonstrations as well as fun and games.

Additional funding to Penistone Area £1041 per quarter

Digital Project

An hour a week (for 7 weeks) personal one to one tuition from our Senior Social Inclusion Officer, allowing them to learn at their own pace to use 'digital' to do whatever interests them. Week one has focussed on the basics of switching it on and off, using the settings and internet safety and then some have asked to use email, some Facebook, some are reading books, some are using it to look at housing whilst others have just chosen to browse the internet and play free games.

1 person from Penistone this quarter.

Additional funding to the Penistone Area this quarter £305

Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST)

24 week programme of 2 hour sessions for people living with mild to moderate dementia and participants have been referred mainly by the Memory Team before being assessed by us to ensure that the programme is appropriate for them. Weekly one- to two-hour-long programme for people living with mild to moderate dementia. The venue is Penistone Church FC. There are currently 7 participants and the ideal recommended number is up to 8. Last session is mid September and discussion is taking place for the potential to continue to fund a group who are now familiar with each other and would benefit from continued activities together.

Cognitive Stimulation is the only non-drug treatment recommended to improve cognition, independence and well-being by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).



Barnsley Citizens Advice

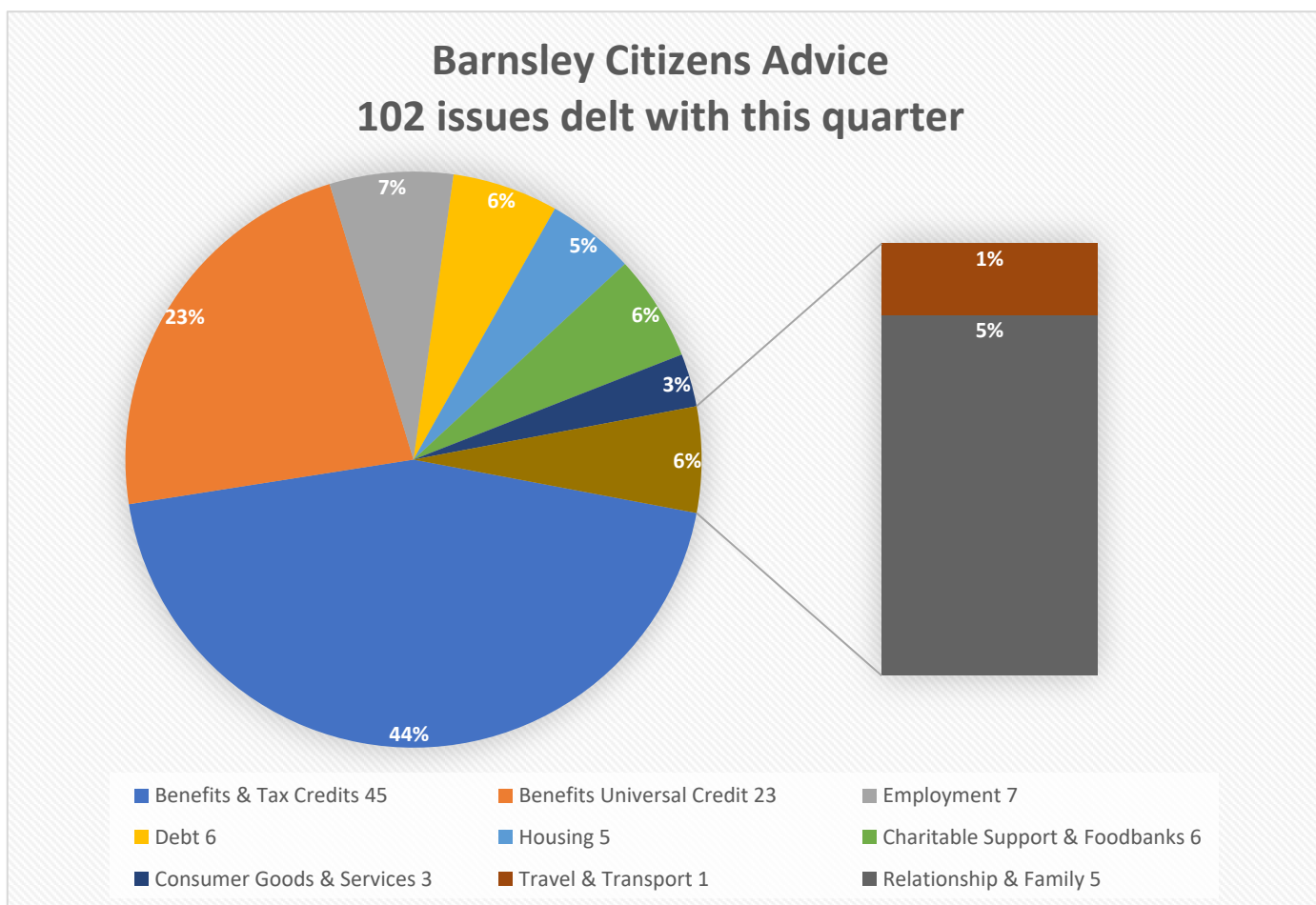
57 people supported (25 target)

£4,204 of debt managed this quarter (£1.1m since project started in 2019)

£1,134 of benefits claimed (£213k 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.



The service for Penistone continues to be offered via telephone and digital although face to face work is planned to be returned around January time, with potentially a drop in service (space for this will need to be investigated) and take up will be monitored against rates for non face to face work. The take up rates for non face to face have been higher than in previous years suggesting this may be a preferred choice for clients in the Penistone area.

- 57 Client contacts were made this quarter (against a target of 25) and this is consistent with last quarter which had 58 contacts.
- The number of clients seeking debt advice is still quite low however, there is an expected increase over coming months as cost of living increases start to affect household incomes. Total amount of Debt for this quarter is £4,204 (1 client).
- CAB are seeing a number of clients seeking food vouchers along with requests for help with energy costs. 6% of total seen this quarter. Food support is limited to 3 in a 12 month period and Clients must meet benefit entitlement to access this.
- Energy advice is offered through CAB as a separate offer and individuals can self refer or be referred once they have made contact through the Penistone contract.
- Changes in Universal credit have seen a rise in the number of clients seeking this type of advice in our area during this quarter.
- During this quarter CAB assisted clients to claim an additional £1,134 of benefits which shows an investment return of £2 of benefit gain for every pound spent on this project however this is not a true reflection of the impact of the work, another measure is that for every client who seeks help, CAB are assisting them with two issues.

DIAL Barnsley

27 face to face appointments delivered

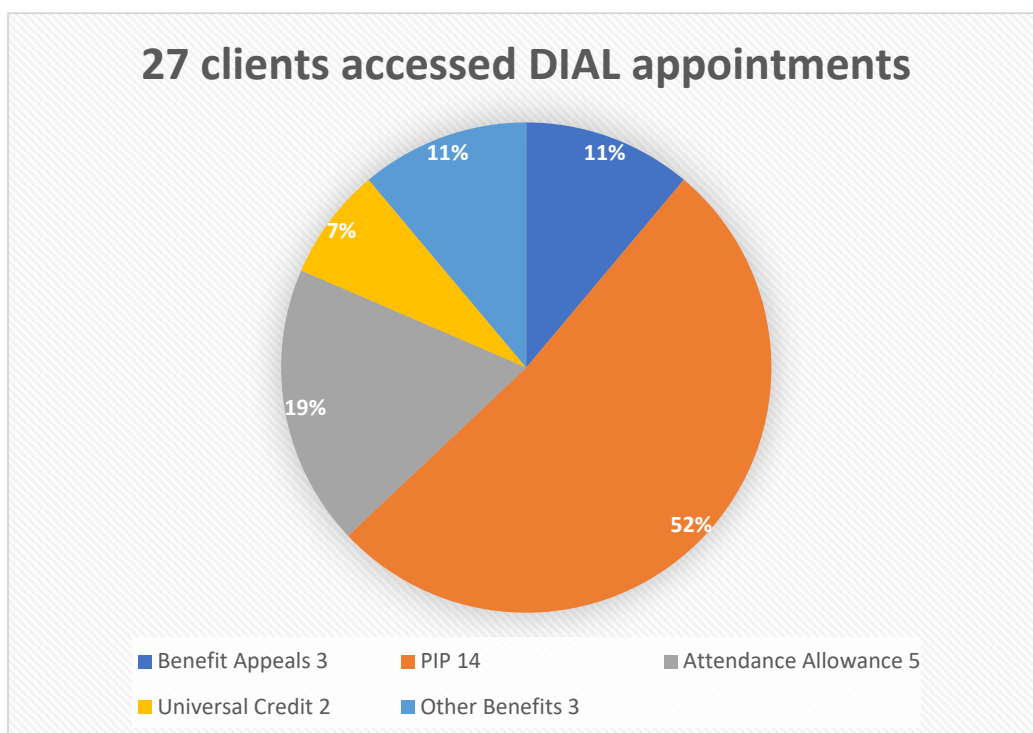
£63,198 benefits claims supported

50 hours of volunteer involvement

For every £1 invested in the project £44.55 returned to the area



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



- During the last quarter, DIAL has seen 27 people face to face via appointments at Penistone town hall (against a target of 46)
- Targets were set based on non face to face contact of the previous 2 years, but appointments limit the number seen. Clients are encouraged to phone and appointments will be offered as needed.
- The number of telephone enquiries from our area was 90 showing the level of demand (these are not currently funded via Penistone area council funding). DIAL has agreed to monitor the telephone

enquiries on a monthly basis and keep us informed so that this contract may be reviewed in the near future and other alternatives may be considered such as a return to drop in sessions.

- The majority of enquiries are for Personal Independence payment reflective of the clients who seek out the DIAL service.
- Outcomes for clients continue to be monitored after each session and show that **78%** of residents reported feeling less anxious as a result of speaking to an advisor and **85%** of residents reported feeling more able to deal with their own affairs

Cost of Living impacts

DIAL has accessed additional funds for 12 months which provide 2 energy advisers supporting clients Borough wide (Warm Connections) Issues around cost of living and fuel are picked up via the advice line and then triaged into the energy advisers. During the last quarter Dial has seen an increase in the number needing referral to food banks , with clothing and hygiene poverty starting to emerge.

Through additional public health funds for the area, left over from the Covid pandemic DIAL has been given funds to provide winter warmth pack to clients in the Penistone area, which will be distributed in the next quarter.

Transport has also been picked up as an issue in our area and DIAL has been made aware of the 25 South Pennine service as being more accessible for some of their clients.

Supporting Young People Grant Fund

The original grant fund was set up in May 2021, funding 6 projects in total; Penistone FM, Penistone Leisure, Girl Guiding Barnsley West, Ad Astra, Penistone Grammar school and Angel Voices. As a result of the excellent contribution these projects were able to make to the Penistone Area Council priority to support young people, a new Grant Pot was established during this quarter and new projects have been approved which started at the end of the quarter. As a result, performance monitoring will not be received until the end of quarter 3 and will be presented as part of the Area Council's Quarter 3 performance report.

The following projects have been approved and started in September 2022.

Ad Astra Ad Astra – providing mental wellbeing sessions to pre-16 pupils



Penistone Grammar School Mental wellbeing Peer support training for pupils

Angel Voices Community based singing workshops



Girlguiding Barnsley West Personal development Activities



Penistone Area Team Updates

During the quarter two period the Penistone area team has initiated a number of activities which have contributed to Penistone Area Council priorities.

Volunteer Celebration event Wortley Hall September 27th.

Working with members of the Ward Alliance the area team set up the first post pandemic volunteer celebration event, providing recognition to the amazing contributions volunteers make in the Penistone area as well as a great opportunity for people from the Penistone network to come together face to face.



The event also showcased the talented young people who have benefitted from Angel Voices singing workshops; one of the young people's projects funded by the Penistone Area Council Supporting Young People Grant.



The area team wanted to ensure the event provided opportunities for all our local talent so approached Penistone Camera Club to provide the photography and Springvale Community Gardens for the table decorations.



Creating safe spaces for Young People in Penistone.

Working in partnership with South Yorkshire Police, Community Safety and Targeted Youth Support workers in Penistone, the area team set up two events for young people in response to recent graffiti incidents at the Skate Park on Penistone Show Ground.

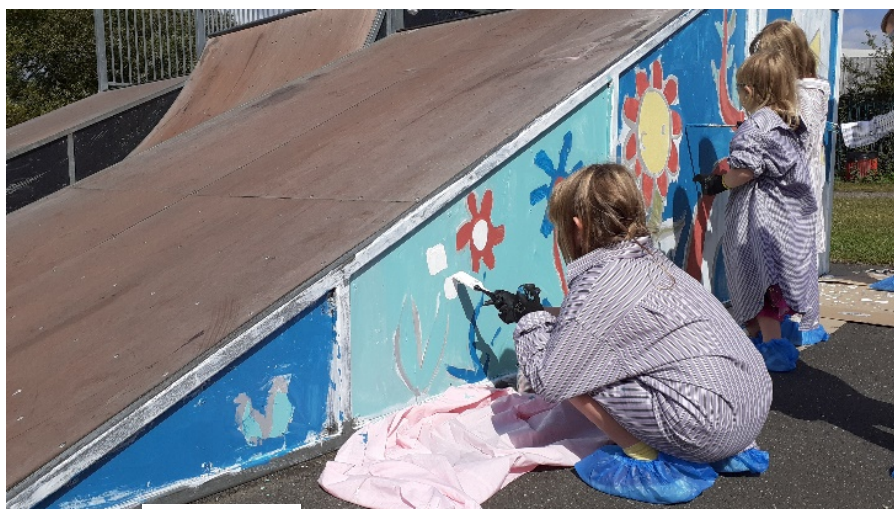
The first event provided an opportunity for young people to meet with local police and community safety teams, find out more about getting involved sports such as Boxercise and football in the area and have their say about hanging out in Penistone and using the local facilities.



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Young people who attended the first event asked about being able to paint the skate park themselves to cover up the graffiti and make it their own again. The area team then arranged a second event working with local artist Rosie Pearsall and targeted youth support to provide paint and materials to get young people involved. The events were well attended and have created a space where young people feel they have ownership again.



Partners in the Penistone Area (PIPA)

During this quarter the Penistone Area Team started work towards setting up a collaborative network for the area, to provide an opportunity for services, community groups, businesses and others who support communities in the Penistone area to share information, learn, and work collaboratively to identify any specific issues and potential solutions to help maintain the Penistone area as a great place for living, working, growing up and ageing well.



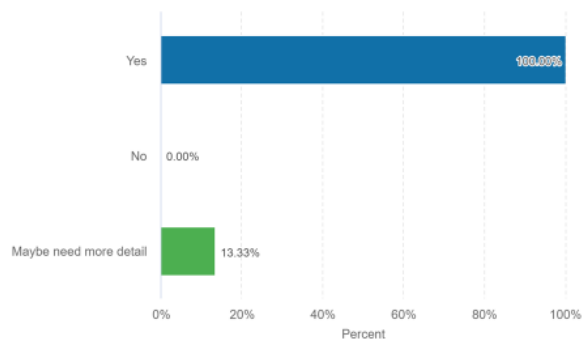
Many of the partners we work with in the area have been enquiring about opportunities for networking and collaboration, so to start the process a basis consultation was sent out to find out if this is something that people would find useful in the area.

Results of the survey showed that this was something worth setting up and an initial meeting has been arranged for October to work out how the network might best operate, and start with a focus on one of the priorities

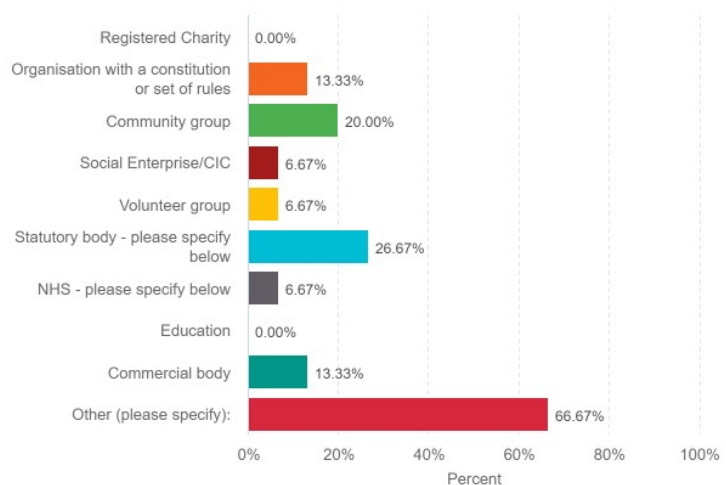
identified through the network ;
Impacts of cost of living increases.

Is there a need for a network?

Would you be interested in joining PIPA network?



Your organisation's status



Who is PIPA for ?

Some of the Issues identified through the consultation process

Parking and a collaboration of the businesses working with the council

Mental health support and improved wellbeing.

Financial difficulty

Lack of awareness of services offering support in the area

Growing population, changing needs, and increased access to quality green spaces. need to understand the communities we're serving to give better access and information.

Getting people to use local services/shops

Tackling local crime

Making the town a healthier place for residents to live and work, developing long-term plans for economic growth, new housing developments increasing the population and demand on local businesses and resources.

Intergenerational events

Family events/ Evening groups for those who work during days.

Enhancing existing events

Collaboration of community groups/organisations Networking /Sharing information and advice

Transport is always a challenge. Age UK car scheme could support this for most if more volunteers were available. Road safety

Getting people to use local services/shops

Difficulties working with schools /Young people engagement

Ongoing effects of Covid 19/Getting the area back on track after the pandemic

Internet signal

Lack of volunteers seems to be difficult right now for many people./Young volunteering

Networking with the area's most at risk people. Lots of elderly people and also young people who have very low income levels

A lack of support for young people with bullying issues and social media issues online.

Middle aged people facing challenges since lock down and life changes.

Fuel/food/rent poverty

Isolation

Lack of public swimming pool (aqua aerobics/swimming is often something people with mobility challenges enjoy because of the low impact)

Local groups for those living with autism, Aspergers or with learning disabilities. Tackling local crime

Outcomes of the first meeting of the network in October will be shared as part of the Quarter 3 performance report.

2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2022/23 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	£2,500.00	£0.00	£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
Hunshelph Parish Council - Queen's Jubilee	£467.00	£493.20	£11,868.61	£25,270.23
Oxspring United JFC - Defib	£425.00	£95.90	£11,868.61	£24,845.23
Penistone Agricultural Society - Queen's Jubilee	£500.00	£2,329.00	£11,868.61	£24,345.23
Wortley Mens Club & Institute Queen's Jubilee	£400.00	£959.00	£11,868.61	£23,945.23
Skate Park engagement event Stay Safe & Active	£290.00	£232.00	£11,868.61	£23,655.23
Armed Forces Day	£2,500.00	£5,466.30	£11,868.61	£21,155.23
Thurlstone Community Group - Queen's Jubilee	£500.00	£1,086.00	£11,868.61	£20,655.23
Penistone Leisure Centre – Ukrainian Refugee support	£666.00	£1,020.00	£11,868.61	£19,989.23
Skate Park Community Art workshop	£1,320.00	£548.00	£11,868.61	£18,669.23
Springvale Community Garden - Summer Activities	£475.00	£82.20	£11,868.61	£18,194.23

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Dunford Parish Council - Defib	£1,179.00	£137.00	£11,868.61	£17,015.23
Oxspring Parish Council - safety flooring children's lay area	£2,000.00	£1,150.80	£11,868.61	£15,015.23
Penistone Theatre Group - Replacement of mezzanine floor	£350.00	£356.20	£11,868.61	£14,665.23
Penistone Christmas Day Hampers Project	£2,500.00	£2,740.00	£11,868.61	£12,165.23
Netting for the Delf Hunshelf Parish Council	£250.00	£0.00	£11,618.61	£11,915.23
Strimmer Hunshelf Parish Council	£400.00	£328.80	£11,618.61	£11,515.23

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council
December 1st 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 advises of the current priorities for PAC linking to spend

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

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 new Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund.**

2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund and note the option to allocate additional funds in response to local need.**

2.3 **That members receive the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund .**

2.4 **That members note the updates on the Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020, and approve a waiver to extend this contract from April 2023 for a further 6 months at a cost of £50k from the 2023/24 PAC budget.**

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

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

Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service

- 3.0 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.
- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Following a recent robust grant procurement process a new service has now been secured to support vulnerable and isolated older people Ageing Well in Penistone which is being 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. Members are advised that this contract is being monitored to ensure it meets any demand from cost of living increases, and can be extended for a further 6 months using external monies if needed.
- 4.2 Following a grant panel on 28th September 2022, two applications to the Working Together grant fund have been approved; DIAL has been approved to extend its service from January 2023 at a cost of £5198 for 12 months, Angel Voices has been approved a grant of £8650 to deliver a 12 month programme of singing workshops for adults from January 2023.
- 4.3 A current total of **£10,986** now remains within this grant pot
- 4.4 Members may wish to allocate addition funds to this pot should need be identified in relation to PAC priorities and increase in cost of living implications within the area.
- 4.5 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penistone 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	£ 14,000.00
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3,566.00
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8,118.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136.00
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8,583.00
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£594.00
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to April 2023	£8,191.00
Additional amount to Supporting Young People grant 2022	£574.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service) delivery for 2023	£5,198.00
Angel Voices academy adult singing workshops	£8,650.00
Total Allocations to date	£259,500.00
Current Amount remaining for allocation	£10,986.00

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 4.5 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 4.5 within this report)
- 5.5 Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant round 2

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

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 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 At PAC September 15th 2022 Members approved £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
- 6.7 A member workshop was held on November 16th 2022 to consider the future contract specification and procurement options for a contract from April 2023. In light of the outcomes of this workshop, and to ensure sufficient time for development of the procurement process it is **recommended that members approve a 6 month waiver to the existing Clean Green and Tidy contract from April 2023, at a cost of £50k to be allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget**
- 6.8 A summary quarter two performance report for year 3 of the existing contract is presented to PAC within this meeting.

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 **£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 22nd September, 13th October and 10th November, an overall total of **£11,515.23** 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 Following relaxation of restrictions after the pandemic period, it was recommended that priorities were 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.

8.3 The outcomes of the workshop on September 8th concluded that existing PAC priorities are still relevant although it was acknowledged that impacts of cost of living increases need to be monitored.

8.4 At PAC meeting September 15th 2022 members agreed that existing priorities will remain the same but will be monitored within the context of any impact of rising costs of living in order that PAC may be able to provide any appropriate support.

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 **£41,940** which has been carried forward giving a total working budget of **£228,095**.

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 **£241,940**

9.3 Approved spend to date totals **£140k**, leaving a total of **£101,940** available for allocation (**£88,095** without ring fenced monies)

9.4 Should decisions to allocate £50k for the extension of a Clean Green and Tidy service be approved at 6.7 within this report, this will be earmarked from the 2023/24 budget, leaving the current total for this year’s budget remaining at £101,940.

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	£28,095 £13,845 (ring fenced)
Total budget available for spend 2022/23	£241,940
Current remaining total available for spend	£101,940 £88,095 (minus ring fenced monies)

Budget 2023/34	
Spend approved for procurement of Clean, green and tidy contract 2023/24	£100K
Recommended spend to waiver existing Clean green and tidy contract for 6 months from April 2023	£50k

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PAC Financial summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2022/23

Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2021/22		Commissioning Budget 2022/23		Commissioning Budget 2023/24	
	Budget		Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00		£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				£4,095.50		
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	£6,445.50		
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	£58,333.33	£100,000.00	
Penistone Living Inserts	£3,000.00					
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021						
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activit	£10,000.00					
Income						
Public Health Monies						
financial hardship monies						
Practical Support Grant	£13,844.40		£13,844.40	£930.00		
Expenditure Incurred in Year	£187,166.00			£69,804.33		£0.00
What funds are available	£28,059.00		£241,939.40		£200,000.00	
Carry forward = What funds are available + Practical Sup	£41,903.40					

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