

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 30 November 2023
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

AGENDA

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Minutes and notes

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To: Chair and Members of Penistone Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

Rachel Wilkinson, 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 7 September 2023
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

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

15 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

16 Children and Family Services Update - Jane Fleming and Rachel Barraclough (Pac.07.09.2023/2)

Jane Fleming, Healthy Child Programme Lead and Health Visitor Practice Teacher, was welcomed to the meeting and provided members with an overview of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service in the Penistone Area.

Members were provided with an in-depth update of the 6 Area Teams and the areas of work that they covered. Members were informed that in the Penistone Locality there were:

- 4,908 children receiving a universal level of service;
- 106 receiving a universal plus level of service;
- 187 children schooling in/living out ; and
- 186 children living in/schooling out children

A detailed overview was provided of the varied work, targeted support, assessments and reviews that the 0-19 Service carried out. Members also heard of the various partner organisations that were collaborated with in order to provide this service and of the positive relationship the Team had with the local GP surgeries and chemists.

Following some in depth discussion and questioning, members raised concerns around the low staff numbers compared to the number of people requiring the service across the area and questioned whether this was due to budgets or difficulty in recruiting. In response members were informed that in the past year the Service had trained and retained 8 nurses to become a School Nurse or Health Visitor and they had recruited a further 8 for training this year. It was also identified that there were some areas with a higher level of deprivation who would require more School Nurses or Health Visitors compared to the Penistone Area.

Positive in roads had been made with Penistone Grammar School and the School Nurse had a Monday lunchtime slot at the school to hold health themed drop in sessions which were well attended.

Rachel Barraclough, Family Service Manager for Family Services was welcomed to the meeting and provided members with the background to and an update of the proposed family hubs offer for Barnsley and what it would entail.

Members heard that there would be one family hub in each Area Council Area and that Penistone had been chosen as one of those sites with the Penistone Library being the potential chosen venue in the longer term with an interim location being based at the IKIC Centre on High Street in Penistone.

During an in-depth debate members commented that there was very little on offer in Penistone as there seemed to be an assumption that there was little need for such services in the area. It was positive news about the offer of a family hub in Penistone which was seen as a step up from the current partial service offer in the Area.

RESOLVED that Jane Fleming and Rachel Barraclough be thanked for their comprehensive presentations and that the updates be noted.

**17 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 20 July 2023
(Pac.07.09.2023/3)**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 July 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 20 July 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

**18 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 27 July 2023
(Pac.07.09.2023/4)**

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meeting held on 27 July 2023.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meeting held on 27 July 2023 be received.

19 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.07.09.2023/5)

Members received the report, noting its contents. The Area Council Manager drew members attention to £18,435.18 which remained in the budget. Members noted that there had been a decline in applications being received for Ward Alliance Funding and would be encouraging people and groups to come forward.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

20 Quarter 1 Performance Report (Pac.07.09.2023/6)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an overview of the Quarter 1 Performance report dated April to June 2023 and all contracted Services. Members attention was drawn to the statistics and in particular the decline in new volunteer numbers. It was acknowledged that the current Clean, Green and Tidy Contract had created many self-sufficient volunteers and the Age UK Contract had maintained trained volunteers, resulting in the new volunteer numbers going forward being lower than previous years.

The Clean, Green and Tidy contract would be coming to an end at the end of September 2023. They had achieved a number of their targets and had proactively worked with 36 projects. GXO logistics had provided volunteer support to the Royd Community Garden. Two schools had been supported which were Hoylandswaine Primary School and Penistone Grammar School who had teamed up with Springvale Community Gardens to create wildlife habitats and general maintenance. Volunteer numbers had fallen with 53 against a target of 150. The contract had continued to receive positive feedback.

The Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People contract were meeting their targets with a high number of people using the information and advice service. Benefits had seen the most enquiries resulting in an estimated £40,000 of benefits gains. The Community Car Share Scheme continued to be popular with 2 volunteers providing 127 journeys. Members were informed that Men in Sheds continued to attract attendees and that they were looking for new permanent premises.

The Age UK contract remained a success and it had been suggested for them to commence charging for some of the Groups they run in order to become self-sustaining. It was noted that there was the added value from the centrally run services which also had an impact on the Penistone Area.

The CAB online offer had supported 56 clients against a target of 39. A range of issues had been dealt with a particular increase in benefit and housing issues due to increase in rent and mortgages. Members heard how they had returned to face to face appointments in Penistone Library and that the initial uptake would be slow and it was acknowledged that it would take time for people to start using the face to face service.

DIAL were offering face to face appointments, and as a result target numbers were slightly under. 36 residents attended outreach, and there was the added value of the core offer which had seen 78 residents being given telephone advice.

Angel Voices Adult Singing Workshop had settled in Cawthorne Village Hall and was reporting the improvement of health and wellbeing of the people attending.

The Supporting Young People Grant Fund had funded 4 projects including Ad Astra that had seen positive outcomes. 40 students from Penistone Grammar School had successfully completed training and received an accreditation in the Royal Society of Public Health level 2 mentoring qualification. This had enabled pupils to provide peer support to others within the school.

Angel Voices Young People Workshop had seen some success stories including one pupil who had gone on to take part in a TV Talent Show and they continued to provide a vast variety of performances across the area for different occasions.

Members were informed that the Area Council manager was still awaiting the final performance details from the Girl Guides.

Members were provided with updates as to the work the Area Team had been undertaking in the quarter.

The Food Options consultation event had taken place. The issues around a suitable venue remained but collaborative work was being undertaken with Good Food Barnsley to network together and make it work.

Members raised concerns as to the low numbers of adults taking part in the Angel Voices Adult Workshops. The Area Council Manager agreed to raise these concerns.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

21 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.07.09.2023/7)

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

Members attention as drawn to the £37,052 remaining in the Penistone Area Council Working Together Grant Fund. It was noted that this would be used for the possible food options should they emerge.

Members were informed that the Supporting Young People Fund had received 9 enquiries with only 3 applications being submitted. If all 3 were to be approved there would still be some money remaining to go back out to encourage further projects to come forward.

Market engagement exercises for 2 services had begun for the Clean Green and Tidy Contract going forward. Service one would be to carry out specific environmental works and service two would be for a community and environmental support service. Members were informed of the process and that once the market engagement exercise concludes, the spec would be assessed before it goes out on YOR Tender estimated around the end of September/beginning of October.

Members raised concerns around the interim period where there would be very little service until the new services were in place. They also questioned whether the Area Council could purchase litter picking equipment and safety vests in the transition period to provide volunteers with some equipment. Members acknowledged that this would be difficult to manage and would see if there was a demand for such equipment before putting any approval forward for funding.

Members were provided with an overview of the 2023/24 budget position. It was noted that a budget of £37,216 remained.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the update of the contract funded by the new Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant Fund be noted;
- (ii) that the update on the current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be received;
- (iii) that the update on the existing Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund be received and that the update on the progress for the next round of funding be noted;

(iv) that the updates on the current Green, Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 and now in the final extension period to the end of September 2023, be noted;

(v) that the update in the procurement processes for contracts to support Penistone Area Council's environmental priority following the completion of the existing Clean and Tidy Contract be received;

(vi) that the current financial position of the Penistone Ward Alliance be noted; and

(vii) that the record of allocated and proposed spend and current budget position for 2023/24 be noted.

22 Cultural Strategy Update - Liane Holdsworth (Pac.07.09.2023/8)

Liane Holdsworth, Programme Development Manager and Coby Walsh, Project Officer, were welcomed to the meeting and provided members with an overview of the work being undertaken to create Barnsley's Cultural Strategy.

Members received a detailed account of the sector mapping work being undertaken in collaboration with the University of Sheffield to create the Strategy. Members were informed of the proposed member creative sessions in order for officers to gain further knowledge and an understanding of what local members felt were missing and what already exists in their areas.

Members questioned whether Barnsley had any input into part of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park that was in the Penistone East Ward. They were informed the Long Barn which was a storage unit for the Sculpture Park which was in the Penistone East Ward, was being developed to also house some artists studios.

Members were informed that they would be invited to Engagement Events in the near future.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and the update be noted.

Chair

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NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING Thursday 12 October, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Robert Barnard, Jon Cutts, Cllr Alex Burnett, Cllr John Wilson, Pauline Ogden, Richard Leech, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flelo, Graham Saunders, Ann Walker.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Stephen Croft, Yorkshire Air Ambulance

1. Introductions and Apologies

A round of introductions took place to welcome Stephen from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Apologies received from Barbara Lee, Bob Blythe, Chrissie Yates and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) – Stephen Croft

Stephen is a volunteer with YAA and had come along tonight to talk about the charity and the work that it does. It was clear to the Ward Alliance just how important a role the charity plays in reaching those most vulnerable in an emergency. Being a charity, YAA relies heavily on fundraising and a dedicated band of volunteers to help promote their work.

A valuable source of income for them is their recycling bins, where people can leave donations of unwanted clothes and shoes which are then sold on to second-hand clothing traders. The bins are provided at no cost to the landowner, all that is needed is a bit of space and the relevant permissions. Any location suggestions would be welcome for the Penistone area. Currently there are recycling bins sited in Hoylandswaine and Thurgoland.

Stephen was thanked for a very informative presentation before leaving the meeting.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Burnett declared a pecuniary interest in the Green Moor Sports Club application and a non-pecuniary interest in the one from Thurgoland Community Choir.

4. Notes of Meeting held 14 September 2023

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Item 6 – Ward Alliance members who could not attend the last meeting were contacted regarding the September applications. A majority was reached to recommend both projects for funding. This decision was ratified at tonight's meeting.
- Item 7 – The summer RampUp and sports van provision won't be running during the October half term.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £12,819.98 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,695.84 School's Out Fund. If needed there is an additional £10k available from the Area Council.

Members to continue to promote Ward Alliance Funding as widely as possible. Action: All

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Thurgoland Community Choir, £1,740 – Community Outreach Singing Project

After discussion it was agreed to defer a decision and invite the group to the next meeting to explain the project in more detail. Action: Tanya to invite the group to the November meeting.

Penistone Leisure Centre, £1,320 – Wellbeing Social Hub

Whilst looking through the application, a discrepancy within the costings was noted. Because of this it was agreed to defer a decision and request a full breakdown of the project's costs. Action: Tanya to liaise with the Leisure Centre ahead of the next meeting.

Green Moor Carol Singers, £300 – Carols for the future

After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Silkstone Heritage, £1,354 – Digitisation of maps

Although the Ward Alliance recognised the importance in digitising historical documents, it was agreed to defer a decision until more information was available about the scanner and whether alternatives are available which are compatible with the laptops currently available to the group. Action: Tanya to liaise with Silkstone Heritage ahead of the next meeting.

Green Moor Sports club, £928.20 – Cricket Nets

Cllr Burnett left the room. After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Hoylandswaine Bee+, £200 – Rewilding

After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

7. Ward Alliance Projects

The Ward Alliance was asked if there were any projects they wished to explore moving forward. The suggestion of building upon the summer sports provision by working with local sports club had previously been made which is something that Tanya will look to explore in the new year.

In the meantime, it was agreed that a priority piece of work for the Alliance is to continue to push Ward Alliance funding out in the community to ensure that we have as wide reach as possible.

Action: All

8. Area Council Update

Tanya offered an update on the current clean, green and tidy contract and shared the interim arrangements available to support community groups as best as possible until the new service comes into play later in the year.

10. Any Other Business

- Thanks were expressed to Tanya and the Area Team for organising a great 10-year celebration event.
- Gaps within the current Ward Alliance membership were raised. Tanya explained that membership is something that she will be picking up with elected members over the coming weeks.
- The official opening of the Ingbirchworth Petanque terrains was held earlier today and was well attended.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9 November, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall. Cllr Wilson submitted his apologies in advance.

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 9 November, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Robert Barnard, Jon Cutts, Cllr Alex Burnett, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flelo, Ann Walker, Ann Rusby, Bob Blythe and Chrissie Yates.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Ruth Rovira, Thurgoland Community Choir

1. Introductions and Apologies

A round of introductions took place to welcome Ruth from Thurgoland Community Choir. Apologies received from Barbara Lee, Cllr John Wilson, Pauline Ogden, Graham Saunders, Richard Leech and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Thurgoland Community Choir – Ruth Rovira

Further to the discussion held at the last meeting regarding this application, Ruth was invited to attend tonight to talk further about the aims of this project. Ruth clarified the importance of the social element brought about by the project and the many health and wellbeing benefits it offers to those getting involved. The group has received positive feedback from Age UK about the programme and support from the co-op regional manager to help with the food costs. Ruth presented a revised financial breakdown for any Ward Alliance funding, resulting in the lower amount of £1680 now being requested.

Ruth was thanked for her time before leaving the meeting.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Thurgoland Community Choir funding application and Chrissie Yates, a non-pecuniary interest in the one from Hoylandswaine Arts Group.

4. Notes of Meeting held 12 October 2023

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Item 2 – It was commented that the talk from Yorkshire Air Ambulance was informative.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £11,391.78 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,695.84 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Thurgoland Community Choir, £1,680 – Community Outreach Singing Project

Following the additional information put forward by Ruth earlier in the meeting and a revised costing for the project, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Penistone Leisure Centre, £1,320 – Wellbeing Social Hub

Following the last meeting the costings for this project have now been confirmed as correct. The programme will run for 24 weeks and not 12 weeks as originally thought. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Silkstone Heritage, £961 – Digitisation of maps

Following the last meeting a revised specification and costing for this project have been received. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Penistone Grammar School, £1000 – Christmas Hampers

Recognising the success and huge benefit brought about by the Penistone Xmas Day Hamper project, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Hoylandswaine Arts Group, £908 – Supporting Music Making

The Ward Alliance recognised the importance of the orchestra and the benefits it brings to both its members and the wider public. However, there were concerns over the sustainability of the group if it is reliant on grant funding to cover rehearsal costs. Because of this it was decided not to recommend this project for approval but invite the group to consider re-applying for any one-off costs which would help support them at this time. Action: Tanya to liaise with the group.

Schools Out Fund:

Springvale Community Garden, £300 – Christmas activities

The benefits of these outdoor activity sessions for young people were noted. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

It was noticed that the proposed date for the activity is not an inset day for the nearby school and so the group to be asked to check this to ensure maximum attendance at the event. Action: Tanya to liaise with the group.

8. Area Council Update

Cllr Greenhough informed the Ward Alliance about the two most recent young people projects funded out of the Area Council's Supporting Young People Grant. These include training up young people with backstage technical skills as part of an annual pantomime, and health and wellbeing sessions working with animals.

9. Any Other Business

- Tanya shared with the Ward Alliance the latest edition of the Spotlight Magazine which included an article on Jon Cutts, and his involvement with the local community. Anyone else who wishes to appear in a future edition to let Tanya know. Action: WA Members.
- The Penistone Line Partnership is looking for volunteers to adopt stations along the Penistone line. As a group, these volunteers would be eligible to apply to the Ward Alliance for funding to deliver station projects.
- Closed road rally – Parish Councils are receiving lots of questions about this event which is due to take place in December. Any queries should be directed to South Yorkshire Stage Rally. A resident's information handbook is also available via their website <https://southyorkshirstagesrally.co.uk/community/>

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14 December at Penistone Town Hall. It was suggested that this meeting is followed by a festive drink and so will take place at the slightly earlier time of 6:30pm.

Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello sends her apologies in advance.

2023/24 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2023/24 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 2022/23 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2023/24 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.

2023/24 Final Ward Project Allocations

PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023/24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£20,000.00	base allocation
£1,654.18	carried forward from 2022/23
£3,875.00	School's Out Fund carried forward from 2022/24 projects highlighted
£25,529.18	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			£12,764.59	£25,529.18
Tankersley St Peters Primary School - Coronation Event	£150	£0	£12,614.59	£25,379.18
Hunshelf Parish Council - Coronation Event	£260.00	£616.50	£12,614.59	£25,119.18
Old Silkstone Band Music Stands	£1,614	£2740.00	£12,614.59	£23,505.18

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Oxspring Junior Football Club Goals & Storage	£650	£2630.40	£12,614.59	£22,855.18
Springvale Community Garden – Summer Holiday Activities	£500	£328.80	£12,614.59	£22,355.18
Mini First Aid	£1,050	£219.20	£12,614.59	£21,305.18
Sports Van & Ramp it Up	£1,625	£0	£10,989.59	£19,690.18
Wellbeing Craft Club	£245	£493.30	£10,989.59	£19,435.18
Oxspring United JFC - Full size football goals	£1,000	£2,6030.40	£10,989.59	£18,435.18
Thurgoland Bowling Club	£1,836	£479.50	£10,989.59	£16,599.18
Tankersley Community Association	£2,000	£2,630.40	£10,989.59	£14,599.18
Green Moor Carol Singers	£300	£917.90	£10,989.59	£14,299.18
Green Moor Sports Club - Nets	£928.20	£1,096.00	£10,989.59	£13,370.98
Hoylandswaine Bee Plus - Winter Wildflowers	£200	£328.80	£10,989.59	£13,170.98
Thurgoland Community Choir - Project	£1,680	£1,534.40	£10,989.59	£11,490.98

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Penistone Leisure Centre - Wellbeing Social Hub	£1,320	£1,315.20	£10,989.59	£10,170.98
Silkstone Heritage - Digitisation of maps	£961	£493	£10,989.59	£9,209.98
Penistone Grammar School - Christmas Hampers	£1,000	£1027.50	£10,989.59	£8,209.98
Springvale Community Garden - Christmas Activities	£300	£191.80	£10,989.59	£7,909.98

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July to
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2023

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 September 2023	Twiggs	
	Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people	£70,000 per annum	Funded until June 2024	Age UK Barnsley	
	Debt advice service	£ 10,589 Per annum	Funded until March 2025	Citizens Advice Barnsley	
	Information and Advice service	£5,198 per annum	Funded until January 2025	DIAL	
	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	September 2024	Various	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

	Outcome indicator	Q2 Jul-Sept 2023	Year to date	Year 2022/23	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	1	15	77	298
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	12	68	9	724
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	47	100	132	840
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	0	1	6
	People taking up work experience placements	0	0	0	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	12	13	13	794
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	8	14	111	510
	Community groups supported	8	24	48	725
	New community groups supported	0	2	7	67
	Community car scheme journeys	101	228	381	1643
	Adult volunteers engaged	104	195	629	4249
	New volunteers	3	6	150	1096
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	106	217	931	3407
	Residents referred to health and advice	1	1	6	167
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	0	2	24.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£9,535.20	£ 21,700.80	£48,123.45	£417,314.54
	Volunteer opportunities created	77	177	76	2129
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	5	0	162
	People receiving training	15	64	48	1185

Clean, Green and Tidy Service



Twiggs

- 47 volunteers supported
- 121 volunteer hours supported
- 40 rubbish bags filled
- 5 community groups supported
- 1 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. The contract has been on a final 6 month extension ending at the end of September 2023 and now provides a team of 4 to the area two days per week on a rotational basis to ensure all groups can still be supported. This is the last quarterly report for this service which concluded on 30th September within this reporting period.

Highlights

The focus for this last quarter has been mostly on proactive work to keep the area clean and tidy with 41 additional areas identified and worked on against a target of 10.

5 established groups worked with (against a target of 10) as no new projects have been started with the team not being able to follow through. Groups worked with included: Team Green Moor, HB+, Silkstone Care, TPEG (working with volunteers from McDonalds) and working to support a group new to Twiggs South Yorkshire Industrial History Society providing support to the clearance of the heritage site around Rockely Furnace. This group has identified the need for some future support to keep the area maintained for visitors





The Twiggs apprentice for the area has continued to make great progress whilst she has been here, She has achieved a good standard of learning and has been commended on her mowing and strimming skills. It has been recommended that she continue to work on petrol powered tools and hedge cutters as part of her next phase of learning.

Summary for the extension period April – end Sept 2023

	Target	Actual
Additional areas targetted	15	77
Existing groups supported	20	19
Activities working with schools	8	6
No of adult volunteers	320	100
Volunteers trained and recruited	15	19
No of school pupils worked with on Env project	45	68
No events assisted which support economy	8	9

5 Twiggs led social action initiatives – Activities arranged by Twiggs but including volunteer input. This quarter included: Oxspring Car park supporting volunteers to reinvigorate the bedding surrounding the site and enabling long term ownership, RE-working the incredible edible bed at Windermere road with the long term volunteer there, Re-replacing a vandalised commemorative oak tree at Watermeadows park with a Twiggs donated Acer working with 4 sustained volunteers there, Pinfold Oxspring garden area maintenance and bench restoration, Hood Green recreation area support to volunteers with hedge management and overgrowth and long term planning for trees in the area.

Work with one school this quarter – Thurlstone Primary working with TESCO to provide 12 school pupils the opportunity to plan and develop a garden area using donated plants from TESCO and introducing new learning for pupils. Total of 3 schools worked with overall against a target of 4 for the 6 month extension period

New partnership activity was introduced this quarter with Wentworth Castle Gardens , supporting volunteers with the development of the Union Jack garden designated for future community maintenance

Feedback (Silkstone CARE group)

“Firstly, I would like to thank everyone at Twiggs for supporting our work over the last couple of years.


The team has supported us on many occasions, mainly during the week, laterally on a couple of Saturdays.

We have found the team members to be helpful and supportive when working in our community. We are few in number and the extra help has been very useful.”



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people

Age UK Barnsley



2400 interventions

12 new referrals

35 volunteers worked with

382 volunteer hours

101 community car journeys

Social Action and Volunteering

Ageing Well in Penistone is the contract delivered by Age UK Barnsley to address loneliness and social isolation among older people in the electoral wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The Service provides support at a one to one level through volunteer be-friending , helps to establish group activities with a particular emphasis on health outcomes, provides information and advice targeted to older people, special events and a community car scheme to help people access social and health activities and appointments. Two social inclusion workers are attached to this contract employed by Age UK Barnsley.

Highlights

- There have been 12 new referrals : 8 have had a 1 to 1 support and been given information on all groups and dial a ride referrals made on their behalf. 4 have received support over the phone, 4 BMBC referrals to aids and adaptations, 2 for repairs to Berneslai homes 1 had severe mental health issues sign posted to adult social care. 1 gent with Dementia, 2 suffer with anxiety and ill health therefore both have been referred to DIAL. 8 have become permanent service users within our groups and activities. 2 referred to handyman and garden services. 3 are using shopping services.
- 16 clients received information and advice, 9 were new clients and 7 were existing clients. Total benefit gain £28,359.76 this quarter with £1,159.08 for Pension Credit. highest benefit gain for this quarter was £5291 per annum. Continue to support clients on advice around fuel poverty ensuring clients are aware of the Cost-of-Living Payments, extra government help or help available via the BMBC Household Support Fund Grants and free Warm Home Energy Check.

Outputs	Target	Actual
Number I&A Service Users	15	16
Community Car Journeys	75	101
Number Volunteers Existing , active volunteers	40	35
Number of new volunteers; Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers	No target	3
Increase in Wellbeing	+4	No figure this quarter
Decrease in Loneliness	-2	No figure this quarter

35 active volunteers: 30 are established, 5 are relatively new 3 new ones are now seeing service users on a 1 to 1 befriending basis.

Penistone Men in Sheds; Age Uk now no longer support the Penistone project, but can refer men to the Barnsley central project.

Millhouse Green & Thurlstone Lunch Club due to low volunteer numbers Age Uk can no longer sustain this service users being signposted to the New Inn lunch club that takes place on the same day.

New Inn Pub Lunch Group (Penistone) This group continues to meet every week on Wednesdays 12 till 2. We have between 8 & 20 attending.

Other groups operating independently with support from Age Uk include:

- Healthy Life, Pilley exercise group meets on a weekly basis with regular attendance of between 9 and 11.
- Wortley Afternoon Social run by the church volunteers. They are finding it difficult to attract new, members and volunteers Age UK supporting with this.
- Tea & Chat, Weavers Court meet each month and is run by 2 volunteers. On average there are 14 attending each time.
- Board Games Group now run by a volunteer, very popular since starting in February and has an average of 11 regular attendees.

Trips and Events

- Cleethorpes trip. Funded by former Penistone mayor Neville Shiggins.
- SOPPA networking event in July which was well attended. The aim was to provide information on services and activities that are relevant to older people to other professionals and the community alike.
- Diane Ackroyd , of Crossroads Caring for Carers, attended Millhouse Green Chapel to deliver a talk on scam awareness.
- Promotional event for Social Inclusion included St Saviours and Tesco
- Age Friendly – Love Later Life event boroughwide event held to celebrate the input of older people in our communities and to promote aging in a happier, healthier more socially inclusive way. 25 attendees from the Penistone area. People attending who don't normally go out and engage in groups for reasons.



Dementia Support Happy Vibes Memory Café

This group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis with exercise monthly, craft sessions and memory games. Numbers average 5 to 8. People who attend the group benefit enormously and it really does give them something to look forward to and their families tell us that it makes a positive difference in their overall wellbeing.

Plans to look at running a further MCST (mild cognitive stimulation therapy) programme in the Penistone area in the new year.



New activity links and support to Huskar Group Silkstone

This group meets fortnightly in the Huskar rooms and is an informal group and gives a great opportunity to meet new people. There is much diversity, many are recently retired, unemployed or carers. Some have disabilities, dementia and mental health conditions. The SIO continues to attend this group once a month and the volunteers know that they can make contact if they have any concerns about anyone. By attending this group we have received: 3 new referrals to Social Inclusion 2 to Information and Advice 4 to Social Services inc Aids and Adaptations 1 to the shopping service shopping

Other additional support to this contract from Age UK

Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPAA)

- Healthy Bones Class at Hoylandswaine Church Hall
- Started in July Pilates/Wellbeing programme at Lower Coates Farm, Silkstone Common Penistone Area - 'Wellbeing Wednesday' Pilates programme, Jul - Sept (14 participants)
- Penistone. Healthy Bones class, Thurgoland Village Hall, Thursdays 10am to 12noon
- Tai Chi, St. John's Community Centre, Penistone, Fridays
- Walking Rugby, Wortley RUFC
- Walking Football, Thurgoland Village Hall
- Equanimity – Healthy Body, Healthy Ageing, Thurgoland Village Hall
- Equanimity – Nordic Walking, Cannon Hall

Affordable shopping service

This was set up to offer a cheaper way for our clients to ensure they can purchase all that they need at a more affordable price than popping to the corner shop. Our shopping project officers either shop for, or accompany our clients to a local supermarket to enable them to do a more cost effective shop.

Handyman and gardening service

This was set up to give clients a trustworthy, affordable service where someone can come along and do those jobs around the house and garden that they can no longer do safely themselves.

Barnsley Citizens Advice

66 people supported (39 target)

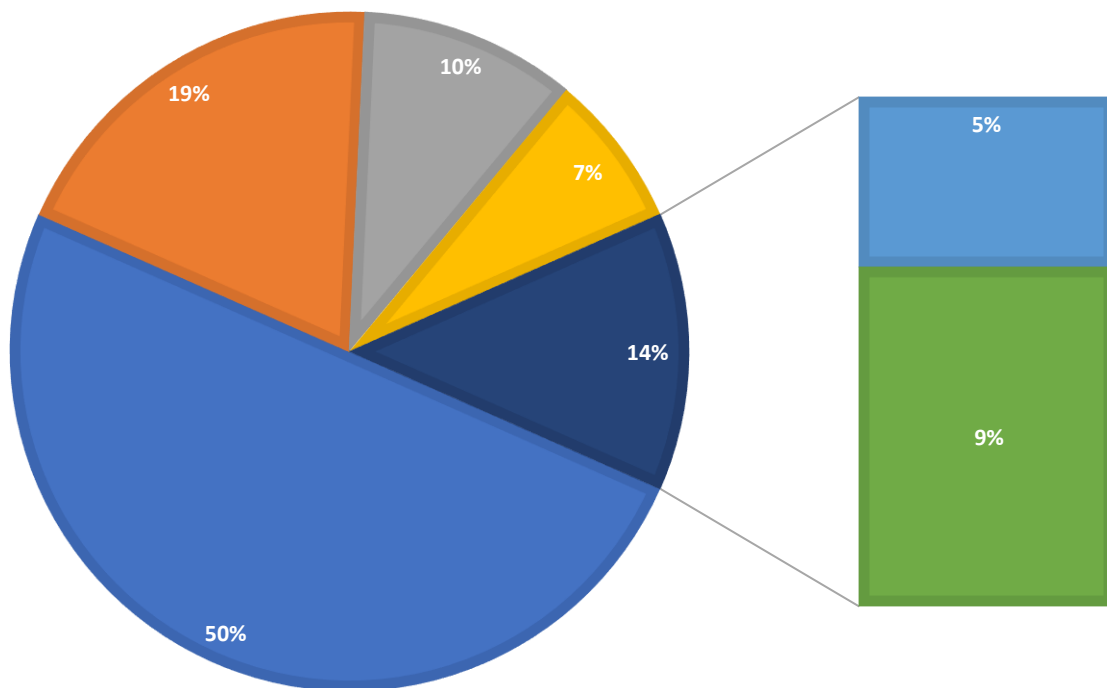
£100 of debt managed this quarter (£1.1m since project started in 2019)

£4,420 of benefits claimed (£251k 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.

BARN斯LEY CITIZENS ADVICE 98 ISSUES DELT WITH THIS QUARTER



- Benefits & Tax Credits 34
- Universal Credit 13
- Employment 7
- Consumer Goods & Services 5
- Debt 3
- Housing 6

This Quarter has been a mix of phone and e-mail contacts and a move to a new face to face service delivered 2 mornings per week based in Penistone Library. 66 clients have used the service this quarter including 6 Face to face via the new sessions that started in August. Excellent links have been made with Penistone Library who are actively promoting the service to members of the public.

The breakdown of the 98 issues dealt with this quarter (34% were benefits, 13% Universal Credit ,12% relationships & family, 8% utilities, 7% employment,,6% housing, 5% consumer,3% debt, 3% education, 2% legal 1% charitable support, 1% Immigration and 1% travel with 4% other issues) highlights that benefit enquiries remain the highest and Debt advice is still relatively low however, CAB are expecting the numbers of clients seeking help and assistance through the Penistone service to increase while inflation is still quite high.

The service is backed up by a universal offer (funded centrally) so as in previous quarters many in our area still chose to access the service on-line or via telephone.

Recruitment of Advisers is still an issue across the sector and plans are in place to seek more volunteers to train in the longer term.

Impacts of Cost of Living.

CAB are continuing to support this with additional funding (outside of this contract) but this quarter has not shown a high demand. This is expected to increase during quarter 3 and 4 over the winter period.

DIAL
Barnsley

- 30 enquires made
- £169,155 benefits claims supported
- 50 hours of volunteer involvement
- For every £1 invested in the project £22.37 returned to the area

Icons: Accessibility (wheelchair), Communication (speech bubble), Finance (calculator)

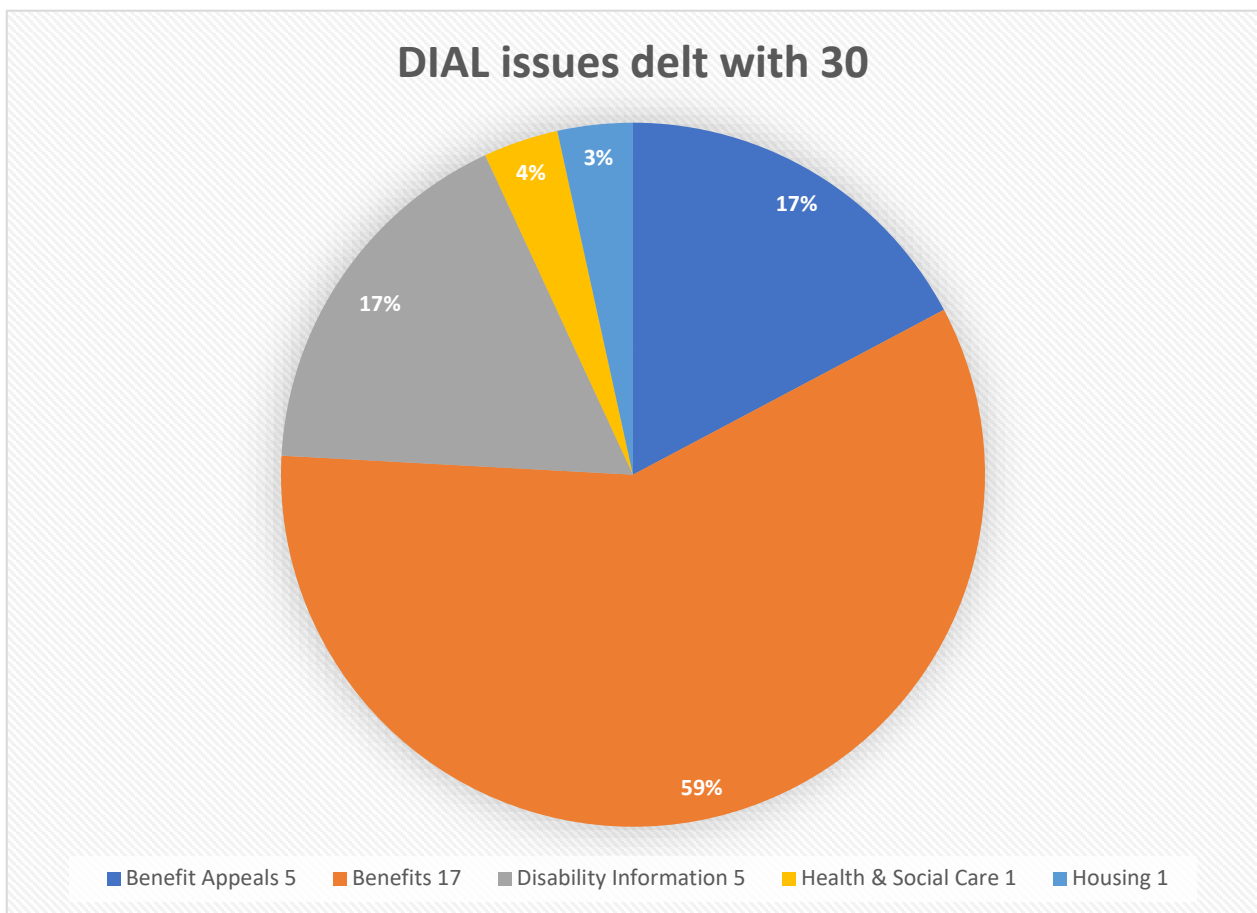
DIAL help to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. This is the third quarter of the current contract which began in January 2023.

The service continues to be offered on a face to face basis from Penistone Town Hall one morning per week. All clients are seen on an appointment only basis and at the time of this report appointments are booked until mid December. However advice and support is offered by phone and on-line and 84 residents have accessed this during the quarter (funded centrally outside of this contract). Appointments are given to priority issues that need a face a face contact such as PIP applications, renewals and appeals. Benefit checks can be done on the phone where clients have their details.

Adviser recruitment has been addressed by the development of apprenticeship posts that started in September. The apprentice will shortly be visiting Penistone to observe the Adviser to gain an understanding of the issues in our area compared to other areas.

Cost of living support. (Added Value)

DIAL continue to support clients in different ways to support with cost of living impacts, including energy advice and signposting to food and other additional funds. For the winter period, using further additional funds (Household support grant) Winter Duvets will be provided to clients most in need, as identified in our area.



Other additional approaches for the Penistone area

DIAL has approached the area to look into the possibility of providing an alternative advice service based on a potential mobile service model. A meeting has already taken place with representatives from outlying villages in our area to explore the potential for this. External funds will be need to be sought for this provision. A futher meeting is planned in the new year.

Working Together Grant Fund

Angel Voices

Singing workshops for adults to improve health,
wellbeing and confidence

12 month project started January 2023

This 12 month programme is aimed at providing an opportunity for adults to learn how to sing, increasing confidence and techniques to support with overall health and wellbeing. This is the third quarter of the project which concludes in January 2024.

Project outcomes

	Quarter 1 Jan - March		Quarter 2 april – June		Quarter 3 July- Sept	
Activity/Intervention	T	A	T	A	T	A
Number of people attending singing sessions	10	8	14	8	12	8
Number of Workshops	4	5	4	6	4	5
Number of volunteers	4	2	8	4	6	2
Events		1	1	2	1	
Exams				To be taken in January		

Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy
18 Sep · 🌐
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Looking forward to tomorrows Adult Singing Workshop 🎤
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 ... See more

15th September '23
Cawthorne Village Hall
ST5 4EH
1:30pm - 3pm
£5

Penistone Area Council
Penistone East, Penistone West

Angel Voices
Performing Arts Academy

**ADULT EDUCATIONAL SINGING
 WORKSHOP**

Call Debbie Angel
0114 273 1111

Quarterly updates

The workshops have been consistently attended by 8 singers, who are developing in confidence and extremely supportive towards one and other.

We have had lots of enquiries, but they all say they are very nervous to join, we book them in and then they are no shows.

A number of them are very camera shy so we don't push the "let's have a group photo too much".

We always begin the sessions with confidence building breathing exercises that both relax the mind but start to activate the vagus nerve which helps bring a feel-good factor. We then move on to voice scales which are fun but also, I have designed them for the group as I have got to know them each scale is going to encourage a rounded and more toned sound and the group is always pleasantly surprised when they realise how naturally they have reached notes both high and low, and how comfortable it feels.

We always have a chat about how they feel they are progressing and work on insecurities and demonstrate how issues can normally quickly be resolved.

They are almost exam ready and will be taking the group exam rather than individually in January 2024.

They have learnt to harmonise beautifully, and we are hoping to find a care home that we can go to and entertain in very soon, it's just been a question of building everyone's confidence and self-belief that they are good enough to perform in-front of an audience.

This we achieved however in this quarter as firstly two of our singers came along to the Ten-Year Celebrations at Wortley (I cannot express how much coaxing it took us for them to come) we did think they both may not turn up as they were so nervous at being what they believed to be judged.

We expressed they had nothing to worry about and they were amazing on the night.

Then at the Paramount Theatre we had the entire group up singing with both teams and they all enjoyed it. They had solos to sing, which was a massive success and achievement for them to get on that stage.

They also volunteered to help out on the day, assisting with backstage duties and helping myself and Adam with the teams.

All in all, this quarter has been a turning point for the singers who are now looking forward to more events through the Christmas period.

We are collaborating with the Penistone Town council and the singers will be singing on the 2nd of December at SJCC for their Christmas fete.



Adults who have benefited from the workshops :

- This gentleman comes to the workshop with a lot of determination although he suffers with his hearing and his health. He has told us that his health has improved since singing and he has been singing with his grandchildren who are both studying music at college and university. He performed solos at both The Ten Years Celebration and was on Team Adam, his confidence and contentment on stage shined through. He says he is hitting notes he never thought he would and singing songs now that he believed before the workshops out of his ability.



- This lady joined the workshops so nervous but eager to get back on the stage after she had given up singing to bring up her three young children. Her potential is huge and now she is getting in control of her nerves her vocals are strong and she has got the first time in almost 10 years plus got back in the stage and wowed us with two fabulous solos. One at the Ten Years Celebration and another on Team Debbie at the Paramount She is looking forward now to more solo's performances., and the upcoming exam.



Supporting Young People Grant Fund

A second year of funding was allocated from PAC funds to support this grant in 2022/23. Four projects were successful in gaining funds to deliver projects to support young people in the Penistone area. All projects have now completed this quarter, with some completing in the last quarter. A new allocation of grant funding was approved in September 2023 with new projects starting from October 2023.

Ad Astra

Weekly group support for young people with emotional wellbeing – targets year groups per term

One to one support to young people pre-16 from referrals



This programme completed at the end of the summer term 2023, with final outcomes reported in the previous quarter. Funding has been applied for from the 3rd round of Supporting Young People Grant Fund which was approved at the end of September. The new project starts after October half term 2023, with the first quarterly report due in quarter 3.

Penistone Grammar School

Supporting 40 students with a level 2 qualification in peer mentoring

Inspirational speakers in school promoting anti-bullying and positive wellbeing.



This project completed at the end of June with final outcomes reported in the last quarter. As a legacy from this project a group of post-16 students have proposed a 'Student Mentor programme' which will see post-16 students mentoring pre-16 students on matters centred around different outcomes of the school's core values; Be Proud, Be Determined, Be Supportive, Aim High, Be Brave. An initial trial will be undertaken with Yr 12 students so that feedback can be gained. This builds on the RSPH level 2 qualification achieved by pupils as part of the PAC funded programme.

Girlguiding Barnsley West

Activities to provide learning and skills for independence and confidence away from home accredited through badge attainment

Attendance at the proposed events at Kingswood



This is the final report of this project which culminated in an full activity session which included overnight stays at Kingswood activity centre.

Project Outcome	Intervention/ activities that will contribute to achieving project outcome	Target
Young women and girls have skills and increased confidence to undertake independent activities away from home	Activities to provide learning and skills for independence and confidence away from home completed and where appropriate accredited through badge attainment Attendance at the proposed events at Kingswood individual learning and achievements logged using feedback process after the event	250 girls take part
Volunteers support the project over and above weekly meeting commitment	Volunteer training Attendance at the proposed event. Supporting the girls with planning for the event. Planning the event.	50 volunteers support the project.

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 4 April - June		Total Project target
	T	A	
Young women and girls complete activities to support learning independence and confidence away from home	100	250	250
New Volunteers supporting the project over and above weekly meeting commitment	5	13	10
Existing volunteers supporting the project above weekly meeting commitments	30	28	50
Young Women and Girls attending event to increase independence and confidence	250	192	250
Individual evaluation sheets completed to show improvement in confidence	250		Unable to complete in a meaningful way with the younger girls under 10. All volunteers confirmed it helped with confidence – many girls first trip away from home for 2 years.

The event was successfully held in May 2023, enabling all age groups to enjoy the event with the Rangers, Guides and Brownies staying two nights and the Rainbows visiting for one day. The cost of living crisis meant that fewer girls were able to attend than hoped, with a couple accessing 100% support for the stay with the cost being subsidised by the divisions own funds.

The girls confidence improved with a good number of the girls being away from home for the first time in 2 years. Some girls were homesick on the first night but no one went home, everyone stayed and enjoyed the event, working through their anxiety with the support of the adults around them and their peers.

A number of the younger girls commented on wanting to stay in Guiding as they got older to do the activities the older girls did, so seeing the chance to further build their skills and try new activities, which was a great sign of confidence building and the ambition to challenge themselves further.

There were other examples of girls asking during the weekend for support with worries and adults were able to support with resources and conversations that simply aren't possible during the 60-90 minute weekly sessions.

The cost of the event increased from when initial inquiries were made to when the event was held, so the cost per head was more than planned. The funding paid about half the cost per person, which is a fantastic contribution.

There has been a change in the volunteer leadership team of Girlguiding Barnsley South, meaning some communication on final reporting was delayed.

A huge thank you from us all.

Angel Voices

Singing workshops for young people up to 18 in Penistone or surrounding village venues

Quarterly local performances to raise money for charity

Young People achieving ABRSM qualifications



This is the final report for the 2022/23 grant funded programme, providing singing workshops, qualifications and live performances for the young people.

We have this last quarter been working towards our final production at the Paramount Theatre on the 1st October. This event was kindly attended by the Mayors of both Barnsley (his consort) and Penistone and a BBC singer who all judged the two teams.

We collaborated with Greenotes CiC for this production and one half of the event was based on saving the planet and a strong commitment to being aware of issues with pollution and asking the audience to be aware of nature's plight.



The other team worked on an original story by Debbie and has been asked to be repeated again by all the workshop singers, so we will repeat and put on another showing of this next year.

We also joined our Adult Educational Singing Workshop into the productions and several had solos in the shows.



In July we were invited to The Travellers Inn Oxspring for a number of our singers to entertain there. This was a big confidence boosting exercise as we gave the singers the chance to sing up to six songs and they were performing as they would if this was their own gig (not just singing one song). They had to speak to the audience by introducing themselves and each of the songs. The ones who attended definitely took giant steps here.

We also attended the Ten-Year Celebrations at Wortley Hall, and several singers had the chance to show off their skills they had been developing with us.

We have been working on young people's teamwork and gaining trust and strong friendships throughout this quarter showing that supporting each other boosts confidence and enhances social skills. Our aim was to show that the music business is not solitary and that in the industry we have to work as a team be that with the theatre/cruise production or management.

Team members set up chat groups and have now bonded so much they wish to work together on other songs, this they would not do when we first started the workshop.

We have been attending meetings and organising with The Penistone Arts Council regarding next years Arts Week and have a potential date booked in for this.

We were approached by Cllr Lisa Cork for The Educational Singing Workshop to perform at the Christmas Fete at SJCC on the 2nd December and we have arranged this for the 2:30 until 5pm in the afternoon and are now preparing singers with their songs for this.

Through the Facebook advertising we are getting new students applying to join the workshops and have extended the time to give us more opportunity to work individually with the singers.

Our volunteers have been so supportive and helpful this quarter. Assisting in setting up and taking down, refreshments, meet and greets, arranging, creating and making props and running errands for us and other singers. Collecting prizes for raffle. Arranging outings to go and see our singers in productions.

Outcomes

	Quarter 4		Total project target
Activity / intervention	T	A	
No of workshops delivered	1	7	4
No of young people attending workshops	20	27	20
No of new YP attending workshops	2	4	12
No of volunteers supporting	5	17	20
Funds raised through concerts	500	Awaiting to hear what money was made from Penistone Theatre	£1000
Number of YP supported with additional health issues		5	No target

No of collaborations with other organisations in the community		Greenotes CiC	No target but list
Number of young people receiving training	5	15	20
Number of YP achieving qualification	4	Exams taken in previous quarter	10

Young people benefitting from the workshops include:

- This young girl has come on strength to strength she joined us more as a dancer and had no confidence in her vocals. She has now landed a role in the Leeds Playhouse adaptation of Oliver, she has also had a call back for the West End Production of The Witches in January 2024 She is also studying her Grade 2 ABRSM Singing Exam
- This young man suffers from autism and has had to work so hard on expressing his emotions on stage. We gently have guided him over this last quarter to recognise how he may come across to people in the audience who will not understand that he has autism. He has improved so much that he has with our guidance attained a license from the council to work in bars and restaurants in the area. He is getting re booked and this has boosted his confidence in leaps and bounds.
- This young 17-year-old has developed a true love for singing and recently auditioned for Opera North and has been accepted. She is now applying for 6 conservatoires, and she has told us that she would never have had the confidence or self-belief if she hadn't regularly been to the workshops.
- This young 10-year-old girl suffered with depression, anxiety and no confidence, since joining the workshops she has made so many friends and her singing/ confidence has exploded. her mum wrote on our Facebook: "...XX came a scared and worried little girl and over the past year has come on leaps and bounds! Everyone has been so kind, caring and supportive we are forever grateful. Massive thankyou to Debbie and Adam for everything " This young girl is also studying through the workshops for her Grade 1 Singing Exam in March, which from first meeting her is amazing.



Area Team Updates July – September

Supporting Young People

Cawthorne Primary School approached one of our coucillors on the issue of road safety outside the school. The Area Team has been able to connect the school to services who can help on this issue creating those all-important working relationships moving forward. The local policing team has agreed to visit the school in September to work with a group of children whilst they use the speed gun and issue dummy parking tickets to those parking inconsiderately. Colleagues from Safer Communities are arranging to have the posters created by the children made into signs which can be displayed roadside along the front of the school. Options to help alleviate the parking will be explored between Safer Communities and the school including a walking bus from other areas of the village. The

school has expressed an interest in exploring the Junior Road Safety Warden scheme moving forward. The young people highlighting this as an issue have rightly so had the opportunity to make their voices heard with the road safety talk being attended by local press who have since published an article around reducing the speed limit in and around school to 20mph.



Summer Activities for Young People in the Penistone area.

The Area Team was approached by colleagues in Sports & Recreation about the opportunity of having the RampUp and summer sports van provision, so it made sense to marry this up to the Penistone Ward Alliance ringfenced pot of money called the School's Out Fund which is available to fund school holiday provision across the Penistone East and West electoral wards. This led to providing a weekly selection of activities for our local families during the 2023 summer school holidays.

- Weekly sporting activity took place every Monday and Tuesday during the school summer holiday. This included 5 sports van sessions (due to the bank holiday) and 6 RampUP sessions.
- Both activities were extremely well received attracting a total of 394 young people between them of which 115 attended the sports van sessions.
- The sessions provided support to our local families who were looking for activities to keep the children entertained during the school holidays but who perhaps were finding money tight.
- Penistone Ward Alliance's Schools Out Fund allowed for an enhanced offer of provision within the community.



Addressing the cost of living rises by growing a Penistone Food network.

In the light of the escalation in the cost of living and mounting financial pressures, the Penistone Area Team working together with the Area Council and others in our networks including Penistone Town Council and Good Food Barnsley has recognised the need for an innovative food solution in the Penistone area. The overarching aim is the need to provide a more sustainable and affordable food model for the community that could be accessed at any point of need. To develop this, we needed to gather local information, recommendations, and potential collaboration from local food providers regarding the feasibility and structure of a new food model.

All local food providers were invited to a consultation event scheduled for 14th August 2023 at St John's Community Centre

Discussion and data collection: During the consultation, providers were mapped and presented with a series of pertinent questions:

- Do you think that creating a Penistone food network is a good idea?
- If supportive of the idea, how might your organisation fit into this?
- What do you think of the idea of setting up a food hub as part of the network which would operate as a community pantry or a food discount scheme?
- Would your organisation be interested in joining a task group dedicated to progressing and implementing these ideas?



Post event on-line survey for those unable to attend the event

The results of the survey showed a keen interest in a model for a Penistone Food network. The Area team has since been working with Good Food Barnsley to look at the development of a potential Food Hub. A model is in development and once this has been firmed up will be brought to Area Council to look at ways in which they may wish to support this. Further work will then be undertaken with all those who took part in the consultation and other food offers in our area to try and build an connective network.

Celebration of 10 years of Area Working in Penistone.

The area team were thrilled to invite partners, volunteers, parishes, local businesses and community groups to join us in celebrating 10 years of working together for the Penistone community. It was great to catch up with everyone in our network and celebrate just how much has been achieved by working together.





BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council
November 30th 2023**

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

Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Grant Fund
- Supporting Young People Grant Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report 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 current budget position for Penistone Area Council 2023/24 and potential for any allocation of spend against this.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members note the update of the contract 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.

2.3 That members receive the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund and note the take up of round 3 grants for this financial year

2.4 That members note the conclusion of the Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 finishing after the extension period to the end of September 2023.

2.5 That members receive the updates on the procurement processes for new contracts to support PAC's environment priority

2.6 That members note the current financial position of the Penistone Ward Alliance

2.7 That Members note the record of allocated and proposed spend and current budget position for 2023/24.

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 Following member review of previous provision to establish a grant specification in August 2021 a robust grant procurement process was established and a new service delivered by Age UK Barnsley was secured to support vulnerable and isolated older people Ageing Well in Penistone. The new contract started from July 1st 2022 at a cost of £70k per year for two years.
- 3.3 Following a full 12 month evaluation of outcomes for the first year of this contract at PAC on June 8th 2023, members agreed to the continuation of this grant funded service to year 2 of the contract at a cost of £70k.
- 3.4 A full update of quarter two outcomes for this second year is presented within this meeting.

4.0 Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund

- 4.1 At PAC 9th February 2023 Members were informed that a total of **£10,986** remained within the Working Together Grant fund, and that there were insufficient funds to be able to respond to emerging needs resulting from the impact of the rising costs of living. Members at this meeting subsequently agreed that an additional allocation of **£80k** be made to this grant pot from within the 2022/23 PAC budget.
- 4.2 Following a presentation to members at PAC February 9th 2023 by Citizens Advice Bureau where outcomes from their grant funded Debt advice service for Penistone for the last 12 months were outlined, members were informed of the likely potential future need for the area. As a result, members agreed that there was a future need for this service from April 2023 and encouraged CAB to apply for further Working together grant funds
- 4.3 An application from CAB for £21,179 to deliver a service for 2 years was received by the Working together grant panel, following the February PAC meeting. This grant funding application was approved by the Panel on March 22nd 2023.
- 4.4 External monies available through the remaining Practical Support grant within PAC budget provided a contribution of £7245 to the delivery of the CAB service, with a **£13,934** allocated from the working together grant pot.
- 4.5 At PAC 8th June 2023 Members agreed that £40k of the current Working Together Grant Pot be ringfenced in support of a further 'Supporting Young People' grant programme for 2023/24

4.6 A current total of **£37,052** remains within this grant pot and is available for spend against proposals that will address the current priorities for PAC.

Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

4.7

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
DIAL (Information and Advice service) delivery for 2023	£5198
Angel Voices academy adult singing workshops	£8650
Total Allocations to February 2023	£259,500
<i>Amount remaining February 2023</i>	£10,986
<i>PAC allocation to enhance grant pot to meet emerging cost of living needs March 2023</i>	£80,000
<i>Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs contribution to April 2025</i>	£13,934
<i>Allocation of ringfenced funds to support young people 2023/24</i>	£40,000
Total amount available for allocation from November 2023	£37,052

Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

- 5.0
- 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 Five project proposals were approved by the grant panel for funding in April 2021 at a total cost of £40,594. The additional £594 outside of the ringfenced grant allocation being recouped from the main Working Together Fund grant pot as show in 4.7 within this report.
- 5.3 A second round of Supporting Young People Grant at a cost of £40k from the 2022/23 budget was agreed by PAC at its meeting on April 7th 2022. 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 4.7 within this report).
- 5.4 At PAC on June 8th 2023 members agreed the need to continue to provide another grant pot for for 2023/24 to encourage further projects to help support young people with physical and mental wellbeing in the area. A fund of £40k for this has been allocated from within the existing Working Together grant pot (see 4.5 within this report) .

5.5 Members are advised that following 2 grant panels in September and October, funding has now been approved for 5 projects at a total cost of **£37,337.83** from within the current budget allocation, leaving **£2,662.17** remaining unallocated within this pot

5.6 Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant round 3 (2023/24)

Ad Astra –Listening support for young people in Penistone Grammar school	£8124
Angel Voices – singing workshops	£10,000
Cawthorne junior cricket club – Young people’s development programme	£3,719
Thurgoland Thespians – expansion programme	£4,544.83
Walking the Goats – young people’s wellbeing programme	£10,950
Total allocations	£37,337.83

5.7 Updates of completing projects from 2022/23 grant allocations are provided in performance updates within this meeting.

6.0 **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

6.1 Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twiggs Grounds 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 This Clean Green and Tidy service delivered a three year contract to the end of March 2023, following annual performance reviews by PAC. A further 6 month waiver to this contract was approved by PAC at its meeting on 1st December 2022 at a cost of £50k allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget whilst a procurement review exercise was being undertaken.

6.3 The service contract with Twiggs ended at the end of Quarter 2 (end of September 2023) and a final performance report is provided within this meeting.

6.4 PAC members participated in a number of review workshops in 2022 to consider the future need for a service to support the Penistone area to meet its’ environment priority, and at PAC September 15th 2022 Members approved £100k to be allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget in order to progress a procurement process for a new clean green and tidy contract

6.5 At a member workshop on June 15th 2023 members were presented with outcomes of a recent consultation exercise with the Penistone community which demonstrated the need for future services that will provide sufficient flexibility to meet the environmental needs of the area. Members held an in-depth discussion on these outcomes and considered how this need may be best met for the area within this workshop.

- 6.6 At PAC July 20th 2023, members were presented with options on how they may proceed to procure any new services that could meet the area's needs. A proposal to procure and invite interest was presented for two services; service one to purchase specific environmental works as needed to keep the area tidy and well maintained (outside of the scope of BMBC's core service to the area) , service two to purchase a community environmental support service to work directly with environmental groups and volunteers in the Penistone area.
- 6.7 Members agreed at PAC July 20th 2023 to devolve responsibility for the formal approval of contracts to the Executive Director for Public Health and communities in order to pursue a direct purchasing of the proposed services.
- 6.8 A market engagement exercise to invite interest for both services has been undertaken and service one is being advertised on the Council's YOR tender platform. Members will be invited to appraise quotations when these are received.
- 6.9 Service two is currently still being developed for procurement and members will be advised when this is out for tender. Members will be invited to appraise quotations for service two when these are received.
- 6.10 At PAC July 20th Members were advised that an existing budget allocation of £50k approved on September 15th 2022 is available for this procurement exercise and members also agreed to supplement this with the approval of a further £50k from the 2024/25 budget in support of both services over a 12 month period.
- 6.11 The Penistone Area team has been managing any demand for support with environmental projects during the procurement phase until new service contracts have been secured.
- 7.0 **Penistone Ward Alliance**
- 7.1 A budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) was made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2023/24. This, together with underspend of **£1,654.18** from the previous financial year 2022/23 and a carry forward allocation of **£3,875.00** from the ring fenced School's Out allocations provided the Ward Alliance with a working budget of **£25,529.18** for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 7.2 Following the Ward Alliance meetings on October 12th and November 9th where **£6689.20** was allocated, the total allocations to date are **£17,619.20** from the 2023/24 budget. This includes **£2425** allocation from the Schools Out fund and leaves a current amount of **£7909.98** remaining for allocation this financial year including **£1450** of ring fenced schools out fund.
- 7.3 Members are advised that given the remaining budget within the Ward Alliance funds, it is not recommended that Area Council consider providing any supplementary funds to the Ward Alliance this financial year.

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 At PAC June 9th 2022 members agreed to participate in a workshop in early September to reconsider PAC priorities. The outcomes of the workshop concluded that existing PAC priorities are still relevant although it was acknowledged that impacts of cost of living increases need to be monitored.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 Members are advised that there are sufficient funds currently within the Working Together Grant fund and remaining budget to support any potential demand arising from the impacts of cost of living increases. An update on this is provided within the performance reporting in this meeting.

9.0 Current Financial Summary Position

- 9.1 A PAC 2023/24 budget allocation of **£200k** has been made available for spend. Together with underspend from the financial year 2022/23 of **£8,059** this provides a total working budget of **£208,059**.
- 9.2 Budget allocations approved to date include Clean Green and Tidy contract extension and future procurement exercise £100k, Year 2 of the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People grant contract at cost of £70k, and a contribution to the 10 year celebration event of £843 leaving a total of **£37,216** available for spend.
- 9.3 **Budget Allocations summary 2023/24**

Budget 2023/24	
Base Budget	£200k
Additional income to base budget Underspend from 2021/22 budget	£8,059
Total budget available for spend 2023/24	£208,059
Approved Spend items 2023/24	
Spend already approved by PAC for procurement of Clean, green and tidy contract 2023/24 (to include £50k allocation to waiver existing contract to end of September 2023)	£100K
Yr 2 Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People grant fund	£70k

Contribution to 10 year celebration event	£843
Total Remaining amount for allocation 2023/24	£37,216
Budget 2024/25	
Allocation in support of procurement exercise for services to support PAC environmental priority.	£50k

PAC Working Budget Financial Summary

10.0 PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2023/24				
Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2022/23	Commissioning Budget 2023/24		Commissioning Budget 2024/25
	Budget	Budget	Spend	Budget
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00		
Underspend from previous year	£28,095.00	£8,095.00		
Countryside Skills Training				
Countryside Skills Training Extension				
Clean & Green				
Clean & Green extension				
Working Together Fund	£80,000.00			
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 supporting vulnerable isolated older people 23/24		£70,000.00	£17,500.00	
Supporting Young People Fund				
Supporting Young People Fund 2022/23	£40,000.00			
Supporting Young People Fund 2023/24		£40,000.00		
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18				
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19				
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20				
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21				
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)				
Clean & Green April 2022 (Y3)	£100,000.00			
Clean & Green 2023		£100,000.00	£40,000.00	
Environment contracts				£50,000.00
Penistone Living Inserts				
Area Council Promotion		£2,000.00		
Public Health Monies				
financial hardship monies				
Practical Support Grant	£7,245.00			
Expenditure Incurred in Year			£57,500.00	
What funds are available	£228,095.00	£208,095.00		
Carry forward = What funds are available - Practical Support Grant				

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