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MEETING: Penistone Area Council					
DATE:	Thursday 11 April 2024				
TIME: 10.00 am					
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall				

AGENDA

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Minutes and notes

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4 Road Safety Strategy Update - Kerry Birks

Performance

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Item for Discussion

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Item for Decision

- 8 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.11.04.2024/8) (Pages 25 34)
- 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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Wednesday 3 April 2024

Pac.11.04.2024/2



MEETING:	Penistone Area Council			
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MINUTES

Present Councillors Greenhough (Chair), Barnard, Kitching,

Lowe-Flello and Wilson

29 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

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

30 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 30 November 2023 (Pac.15.02.2024/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 November 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 30 November 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

31 Presentation from Age UK

Debby Bunn, Chief Executive and Emily Hall, Executive Manager, Lorraine Hunter and Helen Bradbury of Age UK Barnsley were welcomed to the meeting and provided members with an overview of the work that had been carried out by Age UK Barnsley in the Penistone Area since July 2022.

A number of events and celebrations had been held including:-

- Quarterly Volunteer Meals at Cubley Hall
- Wortley Afternoon Tea
- Cleethorpes Trip
- Christmas Get Together
- Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn
- Canal Trip, Hebble & Calder Canal
- Sloppy Slipper Events

The Information and Advice Service had provided £1,630,044.70 of benefit gains for the Penistone Area since July 2022. Support provided had included benefit checks, cost of living advice, housing support and much more.

One to one support had provided:-

- 71 new individuals being seen
- 13 long term service users
- 21 Befriending Services
- 42 attended groups

- 55 Shopping trips
- 12 Gardening jobs
- 32 Handyperson jobs
- 22 Free warm home services

Members were provided with a list of all the Group activities which had been provided including Thurgoland Community Group, New Inn Lunch Club, Happy Vibes Memory Café plus many more.

There were 42 active volunteers who had provided 2,015 hours of volunteering within the past 18 months and providing a social value of £30,829. Members heard of the added value that Age UK Barnsley could provide Penistone members including warm hubs, Dementia Choir, Elizabeth Activity & Care Centre. People could access some of these by travelling to other areas of the Borough.

Members were informed of the particular focus on options for men. It was acknowledged that Men in Sheds in general had been a success but that this was no longer supported by Age UK in Penistone and would not meet every man's need. Ideas in particular were around a possible fishing group or museum visits.

Members were provided with the next steps and focus for Age UK Barnsley. It was brought to members attention that Age UK did not just work with the elderly, but with people of all ages. An example was provided of a need that had been identified with people over 50 who were lonely or had health conditions, or under 50 with health conditions such as dementia or arthritis.

Members raised concerns that there had been a gap in provision in the Penistone Area, but that it was hoped that these issues would be resolved now that the service had successfully recruited to their vacancies and would be fully staffed from Mid-March 2024.

RESOLVED that Age UK Barnsley be thanked for their comprehensive presentation and that the updates be noted.

32 Verbal Update on Family Hubs

This items was withdrawn.

Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 14 December 2023 and 11 January 2024 (Pac.15.02.2024/5)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 14 December 2023 and 11 January 2024.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 14 December 2023 and 11 January 2024 be received.

34 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.15.02.2024/6)

Members received the report and noted its contents. Members noted that there had been a significant and welcome increase in groups coming forward and submitting applications for funding resulting in a remaining balance of £950.70.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

35 Quarter 3 Performance Report (Pac.15.02.2024/7)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an overview of the Quarter 3 Performance report dated October to December 2023 and all contracted services. Members attention was drawn to the outcome indicators under the clean and tidy statistics which were zero. This was due to the Twiggs contract ending in September 2023.

Members were informed that some environmental support was provided in the quarter by the area team by providing purple bags, the purchasing of litter picking equipment for Groups to borrow and meeting some requests from businesses. Members were thanked for their involvement in this interim period.

The Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People contract had seen a significant amount of Befriending through volunteers. 18 clients had benefited from the information and advice service with a gain of £28,000 in benefits. 38 volunteers had been recorded for the quarter which was the highest of all the 5 contracts in the Penistone Area. A list of BOPPA activities across the Penistone Area was provided to members within the report.

The Citizens Advice Service were establishing themselves in Penistone Library as a drop in every 2 weeks on Wednesday mornings between 9am and 12.00noon. They had seen 19 clients in the quarter. 56 Clients had been supported either online or by the telephone service. Members attention was drawn to the statistics showing that there was a great number of younger people (under 55s) accessing the service.

The DIAL information and advice service had seen the majority of issues dealt with associated to health related issued and largely looking at benefits and PIP attendance allowance payments. Whilst the face to face offer is limited to numbers that can be seen, there was a large number of people accessing the service via the phone. Members were informed that DIAL carryout a 3 month follow up of every client to check on their welfare in order to provide additional support if needed.

The Adult singing workshops had come to an end and the adults that had attended had gained a lot from being a part of the workshops particularly around health and wellbeing. Discussions had taken place with Angel Voices around creating a self-sustaining group.

The Thurgoland Thespians had provided a positive first quarter report showing that the Pantomime had been well attended, 35 young people had been involved and they were making good progress.

Angel Voices was going from strength to strength and had been inundated with new young people wishing to take part. The new contract would look at longer term aspirations and progressing young people into other groups such as Barnsley Youth Choir and Junkyard Theatre and getting links into higher up chain groups. Members

commended the group as a positive example of making a small investment into something that could positively change young peoples lives whilst also providing them with additional ABRSM qualifications.

Cawthorne Cricket come had presented some good outcomes including putting people through coaching qualifications alongside a holistic approach to training including Pilates and supporting mental health and wellbeing.

Members were informed that the Walking the Goats project was due to start in January 2024 so no update was provided in this quarter.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

36 Update on Food Support for the Penistone Area (Pac.15.02.2024/8)

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an update to the food options in Penistone.

Members were reminded of the food options that were already on offer in the Penistone Area including Penistone Food Buddies, the Food Bank, Christmas Hamper scheme and Community Shop on the Go amongst other offers. In order to continue to meet any future need in the area, a deeper insight was required to ascertain what the pressure points and barriers are with meeting current food needs and how aware people are of the provisions that exist. Members were informed that an approach had been made to Good Food Barnsley CiC to support with this work.

RESOLVED that members support a further period of consultation and investigation to provide an evidence base to establish a more appropriate tailored response to meet the need of the Penistone Area.

37 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.15.02.2024/9)

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

Members attention was drawn to the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service. Members were reminded that this contract would be finished the end of June 2024 and there would be a need for a future workshop to determine any future procurement requirements for this contract.

Members were informed that there had been no changes to the Working Together Grant Fund which remained with a balance of £37,052 in the pot. Members heard that this grant pot was being held in order to deliver any future food options in the Penistone Area.

The Working Together Grant Fund - Supporting Young People had funded 5 new projects at a total cost of £37,337.83 and had a remaining balance of £2,662.17.

The Environmental Service project was almost ready to go with the Service One following a tendering exercise and the successful bidder would be awarded a contract to start from March 2024. A grant application process had been established for Service Two, Community Environmental Support Service. An evaluation panel

consisting of members of environmental community groups and Penistone Ward Members would take place with a view to the service being operational from March 2024.

Members attention as drawn to the Penistone Ward Alliance remaining balance of £950. There had been a significant and welcome increase in applications being received with an estimated demand for ward alliance funds of £3,950 to the end of the financial year. Members were minded to approve an additional £5,000 from the Penistone Area Council budget to fund any further applications that may be received.

Members were provided with an overview of the 2023/24 budget. It was noted that following the allocation of £5,000 to the Ward Alliance budget, the remaining allocation to be carried forward into the 2024/25 financial year would be £32,216.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the update of the contract funded by the Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant Fund be noted and that members participation in a workshop to consider any future procurement options be agreed;
- (ii) that the update on the current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Grant Fund be received;
- (iii) that the current position and uptake of round 3 of the Supporting Young People Grant Fund ringfenced within the existing Working Together rant Fund be noted;
- (iv) that the updates on the procurement processes for the new service contracts to support Penistone Area Council' environmental priority be received;
- (v) that the current financial position of the Penistone Ward Alliance be noted and that additional funds of £5,000 to support the Ward Alliance from within the 2023/24 Penistone Area Council budget be agreed; and
- (vi) that the record of allocated and proposed spend from within the current Penistone Area Council Budget for 2023/24 be received and that the potential underspend to carry forward into the 2024/25 financial year be noted.

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NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING Thursday 8 February 2024, 7pm, Microsoft Teams

(Due to planned building works at Penistone Town Hall, this meeting was held online)

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr John Wilson, Jon Cutts, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello, Ann Walker, Bob Blythe and Richard Leech.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Cllr David Greenhough, Barbara Lee, Chrissie Yates and Cllr Alex Burnett.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Notes of Meeting held 11 January 2024

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

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

Further information about the proposed dates / locations for the mobile unit to conduct targeted lung health checks in Penistone has yet to be received.

5. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £270.50 Ward Alliance Fund following a credit of £29 from a previously agreed funding application, and £625.84 School's Out Fund. In total this gives the WA an allocation of £896.34 for the remainder of the financial year.

A request has been made to Penistone Area Council for an additional £5k of funding. A decision will be made on this at their next meeting scheduled for 15 February. Any applications recommended for funding at tonight's meeting will be subject to this additional funding being agreed.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

Tankersley St Peters Primary School, £1000 - Friendship Stop

The WA did feel that the project was a little on the expensive side and that perhaps similar outcomes could be achieved without such a large amount of spend. However, they did fully recognise the benefits of the project and so agreed to recommend this project for approval. They also felt it was worth connecting the school with Age UK Barnsley over this piece of work and would like to receive feedback on how well the project has gone.

Wortley Walled Garden Growers, £940 - Refurbishment of Heritage Orchard

After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval. It was suggested that the group connect with the new Penistone Community Environmental Support Service was up and running.

Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council, £1,250 – Heritage Project

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

7. Ward Alliance Projects

Revised logo - Tanya informed the WA that work has now progressed on this and that there was an offer from the designer to attend a WA meeting to look at taking this forward. A discussion around the associated expense took place and whether it may be more cost effective to revamp the WA logo as part of a local art competition within the schools. <u>Action</u>: Tanya to find out further detail to allow an informed decision on how best to take this forward.

Workplan for 2024-2026 – The WA was asked to consider potential projects / pieces of work they would like to include in their workplan for the coming 2 years. A suggestion put forward was to ringfence some WA funding specifically for the 80th commemoration of WWII in May 2025. <u>Action</u>: WA members to have a think about other priority pieces of work and let Tanya have details of these ahead of the April meeting.

8. Any Other Business

- The South Yorkshire Rally will be taking place in Penistone during October. The original route has been modified to consider concerns received in 2023.
- Ann Walker asked if it would be possible for someone to contact her re. Christmas motifs. Action: Tanya to arrange for someone to get in touch.

10. Date and time of next meeting Thursday 14 March 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING Thursday 14 March 2024, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Ann Rusby, Graham Saunders, Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Robert Barnard, Jon Cutts, Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Mandy Low-Flello, Barbara Lee, Cllr Alex Burnett, Bob Blythe (via Microsoft Teams) and Richard Leech.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Chrissie Yates, Ann Walker and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Upper Don Community Energy application and abstained from voting.

3. Notes of Meeting held 8 February 2024

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

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Lung Health Checks The targeted lung health checks for Penistone will now be carried out April / May time. Locations are proving to be an issue and so it is likely that the mobile scanning unit will be in Barnsley Town Centre. The Ward Alliance had concerns about this and would like to push for a Penistone location. Action: Tanya to feed this back to Hannah Young.
- Revised WA Logo Tanya confirmed that there would be no real savings to the Council if the WA chose not to be included within the rebranding work.

5. Ward Alliance Finances

Following approval of a £5K top up from Penistone Area Council in February, the current balance of Ward Alliance Funding available stands at £2,706.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

Thurlstone Brass Band, £500 – French Open Brass Band Championship

Recognising the wider benefits of this project, and after discussion, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

New Swaine WI, £1281 – Create and Chat Sessions

The Ward Alliance had a few questions around this application and so it was agreed to defer a decision until more information was provided about the proposed sessions and future sustainability. <u>Action:</u> Tanya to seek clarification from the group.

Upper Don Community Energy, £2000 - Community Warming

The Ward Alliance felt that the work of this project was commendable but that it was, however, a provision provided by services already commissioned to work in the area and so on this occasion it was agreed not to recommend this project for approval.

HBee+, £388.95 - Sunflowers and Singing

After discussion it was agreed to recommend a £50 donation towards the costs of the sunflower growing competition. The Ward Alliance felt that the entertainment element was something which could be covered through existing Area Council commissioned services.

Penistone Cricket Club, £1669.04 – New Benches

Due to the number of applications the Alliance has received for replacement benches, and to help ensure that the funds are allocated as fairly as possible across all priorities, it was decided on this occasion not to support this application. It was suggested that the group contact Penistone Men in Sheds about them making some replacement seating for the club, with the offer from the Alliance to consider a revised funding application for any required materials.

7. Draft Workplan for 2024-2026

A draft workplan for the next 2 years was discussed. It was suggested that the proposed road safety campaign be extended to include drivers as well as pedestrians and that delivery of Bikeability sessions are explored. It was also suggested that the proposed community showcasing event be a way of encouraging groups to share resources and equipment. <u>Action:</u> Tanya to make the necessary amendments before circulating the plan for final discussion at the April meeting.

8. Any Other Business

- Tanya informed the Ward Alliance that the procurement process was now complete for the
 two new Area Council environmental support services. Vital Facilities Ltd will deliver the
 contract offering reactive support to keep green spaces clean and tidy, and Greenotes CIC
 will deliver the contract which will offer advice and support to our community groups. This
 contract also includes a new environmental grant pot which can provide funding for things
 such as small tools, insurance, training etc. thus alleviating pressure from the Ward Alliance
 Fund.
- Principal Towns A quick update was offered about this work which is now progressing.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 11 April 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

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
Silkstone CARE Group - Vicarage Farm Court Refresh	£700	£1096	£10,989.59	£7,209.98
Wortley Church Bell Ringers	£653.28	£328.80	£10,989.59	£6,556.70
Penistone & District Bowling Club - Improvements	£1,836	£479.50	£10,989.59	£4,720.70
MEN IN SHEDS	£3,000	Match element not yet confirmed. Will be >0	£10,989.59	£1,720.70
Thurlstone Brownies	£770	£8,329.60	£10,989.59	£950.70
Area Council top up agreed in February 2024 meeting	+£5,000	-	-	£5,950.70
Tankersley St Peters Primary School - Friendship	£1,000	£0	£9,989.59	£4950.70

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Wortley Walled Garden Growers - Winter pruning	£940	£959	£9,989.59	£4,010.70
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council - Bench and Village Green	£1,250	£274	£9,989.59	£2,760.70
Hoylandswaine Bee Plus - Sunflowers and Singing	£50	£493.20	£9,989.59	£2,710.70
Thurlstone Brass Band - French open	£500	£1,370	£9,989.59	£2,210.70

April 2024

Penistone Area Council

Interim performance updates











Area Council Priorities



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
	Environment Services Reactive Service	£40,000 per annum	April 2025	Vital Facilities	Sustainable Healthy Learning

- Procurement process completed March 2024
- Pre-contract meeting held to determine process for allocation of jobs
- Process established to report work through to the area team who will allocate this on a monthly basis
- All work requests received since last October have now been scheduled
- Work is quoted for on a job by job basis
- Contract signed and started as of April 1st

	Environment services Community support service	£40,000 per annum	April 2025	Greenotes CiC	Sustainable Healthy Learning
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- Grant evaluation process completed in March 2024
- Pre-contract meeting held to determine and shape ways of working
- Requests for work have been passed on to Greenotes who are currently starting these
- Greenotes website been developed for requests to go direct to them , provides calendar of activity and how to contact

- Launch event being planned for end of April , invitation to all environmental community groups and the wider community , will be the start of the new environmental community forum
- New community environmental support grant pot (£20K) process has now been developed by the area team, this will be open for applications following the launch event of CESS, Area team to introduce this at the event





Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people

£70,000 per annum

Funded until June 2024

Age UK Barnsley



- Follow up meeting with Age UK following previous Area Council meeting where they provided updates for the last 12 months, keen to ensure that contract needs are met in the final 6 months of the contract
- Staff recruitment now completed ;Rae Gregory started doing 24hours in Penistone plus Helen Bradbury both dedicated to Penistone area
- Some support from other staff as needed
- Prioritising volunteer recruitment
- New promotional activity in the library
- Full quarter 4 report at next area council meeting





Debt advice service

£8,191

Funded until March 2025 Citizens Advice Barnsley



- Continuing to provide face to face appointments in Penistone library on the second and fourth Wednesday morning of the month
- Service supported with online and telephone appointments
- Take up rates have increased in the last couple of months
- Full Q4 report at the next Area Council meeting





Information and Advice service

£5,198 per annum

Funded until January 2025

DIAL



- Face to face appointments offered from Penistone town hall on Tuesday morning (all prearranged)
- On-line and telephone support available in addition
- Take up rate is consistent all appointments taken for each session
- Advice bus idea still in development; survey has been undertaken. Area team to share with original village reps. Good potential to link with Community Shop on the Go in the future

	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	September 2024	Various	Healthy Learning	
Ad Astra	 Improved access in school this quarter Focus group work this term young women Year 8 and Year 9 (requested by school) Year 10 groups - One all boys one all girls numbers are still a little on the low side but impact is good 					
Angel Voices	 High demand for sessions now had to split into age groups to accommodate numbers strong network developing amongst parents who volunteer and support Open workshop held as part of Penistone Arts Week 					
Cawthorne Cricket Club	 Continuing programme of sessions; nets, coaching, pilates Very good take up rates on all sessions Working closely with Penistone grammar 					
Thurgoland Thespians	 New lighting systems installed and young people trained in usage Successful delivery of Pantomine in January, increase in participation Second performance successfully delivered in March (Old time music hall), able to involve wider age range in performance 					
Walking the Goats	 Programme started in January Making good links with schools in the area for referrals Good attendance levels First full report due at next area council meeting 					



Penistone Area Council

Discussion paper PAC April 11th 2024

Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People in the Penistone Area

Purpose of the paper

- To provide members with a reminder and update of support provided by PAC contracted services to vulnerable and isolated older people in the Penistone area since 2016
- To advise members of current and emerging needs to support older people in the Penistone area
- To invite discussion on how PAC members may wish to support this priority in future

Background

Since 2016 PAC has identified the need to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the Penistone area by providing a holistic approach to address social isolation and loneliness and has provided financial support for services that will address this. The focus of these services has been:

- One to one support delivered through a volunteer led be-friending model (Good Neighbours), providing contact within the home, as well as supporting individuals to participate in group based activities to made wider social connections, reduce isolation and improve health and wellbeing
- For Group based activities with an emphasis on working with the community to develop solutions that will meet local needs, create opportunities for sustainable activities (including working with Barnsley U3A), engage people in their local area and provide tangible improvement in health and wellbeing.
- Addressing transport needs to ensure individuals can participate and remain connected through localised links with Barnsley Dial-a-Ride and a bespoke community car scheme delivered by volunteer drivers.
- Providing dedicated welfare advice and information to ensure quality of life in later years, and links to other dedicated services that can support with specific needs (such as Adult social care, dementia support, and warm home initiatives)

Following an initial commissioning exercise, Age UK Barnsley was successful in gaining the first contract to address these needs over a two year period from 2017-2019. The learning from this initial contract has since led to a range of grant funded contracts that have provided more tailored activities; to improve reach into the communities that make up the Penistone area, create and maintain a network of support services for older people in the Penistone area, increase engagement with men, improve intergenerational connections, provide support during the Covid-19 pandemic, address physical and mental health issues associated with post pandemic outcomes, respond to emerging rises in the incidence of dementia, and support with cost of living increases and food insecurity. Age UK Barnsley has been successful in tendering for all grant opportunities offered by PAC since 2019 and has continued to achieve the outcomes required from these. The current contract for these services expires at the end of June 2023, so it is timely to review the needs of the area to ascertain how PAC may wish to support these in the future.

Current and emerging need in the area.

The last census (2021) showed that the Penistone area continues to have a relatively high ageing population with 26% of residents in the Penistone East ward and 20.5% of residents in Penistone

West ward being over the age of 65. Within that, 13.3% of those over 65 in the Penistone East Ward and 13.4% of over 65s in the Penistone west ward live alone. Whilst this alone does not necessarily mean that there is a high demand for services to support older people in the area, the work of Age UK over the last year (as presented to PAC by Age UK on February 15th2024) has demonstrated the continued value and benefit of service intervention by the following:

- > 963 people engaged through a total of 3,975 interventions
- An average increase of +4 on the wellbeing scoring and -1 on loneliness scoring systems used by Age UK after interventions with service users
- ➤ 61 people supported through the information and advice service including 33% 70-79 yrs ,43% 80yrs+ and providing £1,630,044.70 Benefit Gains for the Penistone Area since July 2022
- Mild cognitive stimulation therapy (MCST)pilot chosen to be delivered for the Penistone area to support future learning for interventions to support with dementia showed positive results for a non-drug based intervention and has generated the Happy Vibes dementia café in Penistone
- Continued demand for support with transport 481 community car journeys made over a 12 month period 2022/2023 undertaken by just 2 volunteers
- Good uptake of physical activities that support the BOPPAA https:/boppaa.ageukbarnsley.org.uk programme for the Penistone area – many were initiated through the original PAC contracts with Age UK by encouraging individuals to engage within their communities and participate in mild to moderate exercise to improve health and wellbeing
- Encouraging a community approach to an Age Friendly Penistone

It also worth noting that in addition to the work of Age UK in the area, community led response does make a great impact (although this is not currently measured), and there has been a recent growth in this activity e.g independent Men In Sheds group, Pendon House, Silkstone breakfast club and Crane Moor activities.

Whilst great strides have been taken to address needs over the last few years, particularly in relation to the effects of the pandemic on older people, we know that there are still emerging issues affecting older people in the Penistone area:

- growing incidence of 'older' older people in the Penistone area which presents new challenges such as dementia, frailty, increased risk of isolation due to limited mobility
- rising costs of living in the last year has raised issues of food insecurity and keeping warm over the winter period, reaching those most in need
- Still some incidence of lack of confidence to come out and socialise following the pandemic
- There are still pockets within the Penistone area where there are few opportunities for older people e.g. Ingbirchworth, Hood Green
- Improving connections to wider services that support older people, increasing understanding for service users
- Engaging with 'younger' older people, recently bereaved, new to the area
- Volunteering support for one to one be-friending through Age UK has started to plateau in recent months
- Reductions in some bus services have impacted on access to key services such as GP surgeries

Potential Future support from PAC to Support Vulnerable and Isolated Older People.

As a result of current contracts with Age UK finishing at the end of June 2024, achievements made to date to address this priority, and newly emerging issues in the Penistone area, PAC members are asked to consider how they might want to respond, and whether this continues to be a priority for spend.

Key questions for consideration and discussion:

- Has the approach taken previously through the grant funded contracts sufficiently addressed the needs that were previously identified?
- Is there sufficient information /intelligence available to support any decision to continue to fund this approach in the future?
- Are there any alternatives you would like to explore for meeting this priority?
- ➤ What would you like to see in any future procurement exercise to help PAC to meet this priority?

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Penistone Area Council Manager



BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council April 11th 2024

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
 - Environment Services
- 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 budget position for Penistone Area Council 2023/24 and highlights predicted carry forward to the financial year 2024/25

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the update of the contract funded by the Supporting Isloated and Older People Grant fund and following discussion on the need for any future contracts within this meeting, that members agree £70k from within the PAC budget for a further SVIOP grant fund with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director Public Health and Communities following rcommendations from the Grant Fund Panel Members.
- 2.2 That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Grant Fund.
- 2.3 That members note the current position and uptake of round 3 of the Supporting Young People Grant fund ringfenced within the existing Working Together Grant Fund
- 2.4 That members receive the updates on the outcomes of the procurement processes for the new service contracts to support PAC's environment priority
- 2.5 That members note the financial position of the Penistone Ward Alliance at the end of the 2023/24 financial year and note the budget for 2024/25.

2.6 That Members receive the record of allocated and proposed spend from within the current PAC budget for 2024/25

3.0 Supporting Vulnerable and Isoloated 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 Members are advised that the current grant funded service contract finishes at the end of June 2024. A review of the project outcomes to date was presented to PAC on February 15th 2024.
- 3.5 A discussion paper to determine any future service requirement to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the Penistone area, is provided within this meeting.
- 3.6 In light of any discussions to continue to support the development of a future service, it is recommended that members approve £70k to be made available from the 2024/25 budget to set up a 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director Public Health and Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.

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 9th2023 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, including any impacts resulting from the rising cost of living.
- 4.7 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£	15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£	11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£	8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£	16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£	4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£	6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£	8,730.00
The People Focussed Group (Bumping spaces)	£	19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£	5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£	19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£	5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£	6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£	10,000.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2018)	£	4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£	6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£	20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£	2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£	7,644.00

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DIAL (Information and Advice service	£ 9,700.00
2019 with option to extend to 2020)	0 0445.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice	£ 2,115.00
Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	0.44.000
South Pennine Community Transport CIC	£ 14,000
Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	00500
Barnsley CAB debt advice service	£3566
operational costs to September 2020	00440
Barnsley CAB debt advice service	£8118
operational costs to September 2021	040.400
DIAL (Information and Advice service	£10,136
2021 with option to extend to 2022)	22.522
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8583
Additional amount allocated to cover YP	£594
grant overspend	
Barnsley CAB debt advice service	£8191
operational costs to April 2023	
Additional amount to Supporting Young	£574
People grant 2022	
DIAL (Information and Advice service)	£5198
delivery for 2023	
Angel Voices academy adult singing	£8650
workshops	
Total Allocations to February 2023	£259,500
Amount remaining February 2023	£10,986
PAC allocation to enhance grant pot to	£80,000
meet emerging cost of living needs March	
2023	
Barnsley CAB debt advice service	£13,934
operational costs contribution to April	
2025	
Allocation of ringfenced funds to support	£40,000
young people 2023/24	
Total amount available for allocation	£37,052
April 2024	

5.0 Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

5.1 At PAC on June 8th 2023 members agreed the need to continue to provide a third round of grant funding 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) .

- 5.2 Grant panels held in September and October 2023, agreed to funding 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.
- 5.3 Members are advised that all five projects have now started delivery and updates on outcomes to date will be available in the Q4 performance report to be presented at PAC on 6th June 2024.

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

Ad Astra –Listening support for young	£8124
people in Penistone Grammar school	20.2.
Angel Voices – singing workshops	£10,000
Cawthorne junior cricket club – Young	£3,719
people's development programme	
Thurgoland Thespians – expansion	£4,544.83
programme	
Walking the Goats – young people's	£10,950
wellbeing programme	
Total allocations	£37,337.83
Amount remaining unallocated	£2,662.17

6.0 Environmental Services

- This priority has previously been addressed via a Clean Green and Tidy Service delivered by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd via a three year contract to the end of March 2023. 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. The Service contract finally ended at the end of Quarter 2 (end of September 2023)
- 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
- 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.
- 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.

- 6.5 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 persue a direct purchasing of the proposed services.
- At PAC July 20th Members were advised that an existing budget allocation of £50k approved on September 15th 2022 was 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.
- 6.7 A tendering exercise has now been carried out to procure service one to provide a reactive environment service directed by the Penistone community, Parish Councils, Penistone Town Council and PAC members. Following a robust evaluation process in which Parish Councils and PAC members participated, Vital Facilities was identified as a preferred bidder and has been awarded a contract which started on April 1st 2024.
- 6.8 A grant application process was established to procure service two (Community Environmental Support Service) and following a robust evaluation process involving members of an environmental community group, Parish Council and PAC members, Greenotes Community Interest Company has been identified as the preferred bidder. This contract was awarded on April 1st 2024 and is now operational.
- 6.9 A grant pot of £20k to support community environmental projects has also now been developed as part of this priority, and will be open for applications by the end of April 2024.
- 6.10 A report on the progress of the new environmental contracts will be provided to PAC at its meeting on June 6th 2024.

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 As a result of a predicted demand on Ward alliance funds which would outweigh the amount remaining by the end of February 2024, PAC members at the meeting of February 15th 2024 agreed to provide a top up of £5k from within the 2023/24 PAC budget to the Ward Alliance.
- 7.3 Following the Ward Alliance meetings on 8th February 2024 and 14th March 2024 where £3,740 was allocated, the total allocations are £28,319 from the 2023/24 budget. This includes £3195 allocation from the Schools Out fund and leaves £2,210.70 remaining including £680 of ring fenced schools out fund.
- 7.4 Members are advised that a budget allocation of £20k has been made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2024/25. This together with the underspend of £2,210 from the 2023/24 budget provides the Ward alliance with a working budget of £22,210 for the 2024/25 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 a current working together grant application is being developed to support the area with further investigation into food provision for the area. Members will be invited to participate in the grant panel assessment process for this once it has been received.

9.0 **Current Financial Summary Position**

- 9.1 A PAC 2024/25 budget allocation of £200k has been made available for spend. Together with underspend from the financial year 2023/24 of £32,216 this provides a total working budget of £232,216
- 9.2 Budget allocations approved for 2024/25 include allocation of £50k in support of new services to support environmental priorities.
- 9.3 Should members approve an allocation of £70K to support the procurement of services to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the area as at 3.6 within this report, a final budget total of £112,216 remains available for allocation 2024/25.

9.4 Budget Allocations summary 2024/25

Budget 2024/25			
Base Budget	£200k		
Additional income to base budget			
Underspend from 2023/24 budget	£32,216		
Total budget available for spend 2024/25	£232,216		
Approved Spend items 2024/25			
Allocation for services to support	£50k		
PAC environmental priority.			
Total Remaining amount for allocation 2024/25	£182,216		
Proposed allocation in support of SVIOP grant fund	£70,000		

Total Remaining amount if SVIOP grant fund approved	£112,216		
Budget 2023/24 Approved spend			
Procurement of new environmental services contracts 2023/24 (£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		
Top up Ward Alliance funds to end of March 2024	£5,000		
Total approved from 2023/24 budget of £208,059	£175,843		

10.0 Financial Summary PAC Working Budgets 2022-2024

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PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2023/24		1,50		
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Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2022/23	Commissioning Bu	idget 2023/24	Commissioning Budget 2024/25
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Base Expenditure	£200,000,00		2010/03/2012	£200,000.00
Underspend from previous year	£28,095.00	VTICTOR TO TOTAL		£32,216.00
Countryside Skills Training			×	
Countryside Skills Training Extension	2		8	-
Clean & Green	2		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-
Clean & Green extension	3			
1 Working Together Fund	£80,000.00			1
2 Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16	1		8	-
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17	3			1
4 Reducing Isolation in older people	3		8	
Public Health Funds	2		8	
Supporting Older People Fund	3		8	
1 Supporting supporting vulnerable isolated older people 23/24	3	£70,000.00	£67,967.00	
2 Supporting Young People Fund	- 1		1	E
3 Supporting Young People Fund 2022/23	£40,000.00			
Supporting Young People Fund 2023/24		£40,000.00	£12,490.41	1
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21	3	310,000		-
Allocation to Ward Alliance Feb 2024	4	£5.000.00	£5,000.00	
7 Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)	3			2
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)	4			
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)	4		*	2
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)	4			
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)			*	4
Clean & Green April 2022 (Y3)	£100,000.00		8	i i
Clean & Green 2023	4	£100,000.00	£50,546.00	
Environment contracts	4			£50,000.00
Penistone Living Inserts	4		*	
Area Council Promotion	4	£2,000.00	£2,075.00	
7				
	3		8	
Public Health Monies	3			
financial hardship monies				
Practical Support Grant	£7,245.00			
3	3		*	
Expenditure Incurred in Year	3		£138,078.41	
5	3		*	
What funds are available	£228,095.00	£208,095.00		
Carry forward = What funds are available - Practical Support Grant	3			
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