

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

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

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

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

1. Introductions and Apologies:

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

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Notes of Meeting held 11th August 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

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

5. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

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

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

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

6. Ward Alliance Finances

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

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Oxspring Pop-in Club - £1,348.25

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

8. Area Council Update

None.

9. Penistone Arts Week 2022

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

10. Any other business

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

11. Date and time of next meeting

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

Chrissie Yates sends her apologies in advance.