

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

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

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

1. Introductions and Apologies

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

2. Barnsley Hospital Trust

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

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

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Notes of Meeting held 8th September 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

There were no matters arising.

6. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

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

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

7. Ward Alliance Finances

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

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Penistone Christmas Day Hamper Project - £2,500

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

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

9. Area Council Update

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

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

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

Richard Leech sends his apologies in advance.