

**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall**

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

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

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

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

**2. Penistone Area Council – Annual Update**

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

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Notes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

**5. Matters Arising from the Notes**

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

**6. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates**

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

**7. Ward Alliance Finances**

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

**8. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**Ward Alliance Funding:**

**Hunshelf Parish Council – Netting for the Delf, £250**

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

**Hunshelf Parish Council – Replacement Strimmer, £400**

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

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

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

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

#### **Silkstone CARE Group – Change of Use request**

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

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

#### **9. More Money in your Pocket**

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

#### **10. Any Other Business**

None.

#### **11. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Graham Saunders and Barbara Lee send their apologies in advance.