

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 12th January 2023, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Graham Saunders, Jon Cutts, Cllr Mandy Low-Flello, Cllr John Wilson, Ann Walker, Barbara Lee and Pauline Ogden.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Richard Leech, Cllr Greenhough, Joe Unsworth, Chrissie Yates, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Bob Blythe and Cllr Paul Hand-Davis.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Notes of Meeting held 10th November 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved as being a true and accurate record of decisions reached.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

Item 6, Page 1 – Meeting still to be arranged to look at a WA promotional campaign. Action: Tanya

5. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £5,640 Ward Alliance Fund, and £3,820 School's Out Fund.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

TPEG – Rewilding and Wildflower Meadows, £2,712

Deferred from the November meeting, this application is now for a reduced amount of £2,712 following confirmation that the Council's re-wilding scheme can provide use of machinery to support this project.

Although the Alliance felt that the project was worthwhile there were concerns over the large amount of funding still being requested, and the ongoing commitment required by the group to maintain the areas moving forward. Recognising the length of time it takes for wildflower beds to develop, and the amount of commitment required to ensure the wildflower meadows become established, the Ward Alliance agreed to invite the group to resubmit another application for a trial area initially, to see how that goes, and how it can be successfully managed.

Age UK Barnsley – Sloppy Slippers, £2,000

The decision to recommend this application for approval via email in December was ratified.

Silkstone CARE Group – Orchard Wood Improvements, £2,000

The finance breakdown provided by the group following their Change of Use request was noted by those present.

7. Area Arrangements 10-year Celebrations

Tanya informed the WA that 2023 is the 10th year of the Area Arrangements. Stronger Communities as a service is organising several events to mark this. The first being an official launch event on Wednesday 1st March, 11am at the Market Atrium in Barnsley followed by a private event at Barnsley Town Hall which all WA members will be invited to. Action: WA members to put the date in their diaries!

Locally, the Area Team plans to have a weeklong display at Penistone Library during w/c 15th May. They are looking to have the display staffed a couple of times during the week. This will be on the Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. It was also recommended for the team to book a stall at Penistone Gala / Mayors parade which is taking place on the weekend of 10th/11th June. A special volunteer celebration event scheduled for w/c 25th September will bring the local events to a close. Action: WA members who wish to be involved with any of these events, please let Tanya know.

8. Any Other Business

- A letter has been received from Oxspring Parish Council thanking the Ward Alliance for their grant towards the cost of renovating their local play area.
- Penistone Arts Week has a feature in the Around Town magazine (pages 30 & 31) to promote this year's events.
- More Money in your Pocket Roadshows – The Area Team is running a series of events where people can come and talk to service providers who are able to help support them with the increased cost of living. Events will take place on 1st February, 3pm until 6:30pm at St Johns Community Centre, 9th February, 3:30pm until 5:30pm at Millhouse Green & Thurlstone Methodist Church and 15th February, 10am until 1pm at Tankersley Welfare Hall.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9th February, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.