

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 9th March 2023, 7pm on Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Jon Cutts, Cllr Mandy Low-Flelo, Ann Walker, Cllr David Greenhough, Bob Blythe, Cllr John Wilson, and Joe Unsworth

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Hannah Kitching, Barbara Lee, Graham Saunders, Pauline Ogden, Chrissie Yates, and Cllr Paul Hand-Davis.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Ann Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Oxspring Friends funding application.

3. Notes of Meeting held 9th February 2023.

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

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

None.

5. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £3,690 Ward Alliance Fund, and £3,820 School's Out Fund.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Thurgoland Village Welfare – Kings Coronation Garden in the Park, £500

After discussion, a proposal of £500 was recommended for approval.

Springvale Community Garden – Kings Coronation Family Activities, £500

There was a discussion around the bulk of the spend going to the facilitators delivering these sessions. It was suggested that requests for funding to cover facilitator fees be discussed when the Ward Alliance revisits its consistency in decision making at the start of the new financial year.

Action: Tanya to add to April agenda.

A proposal of £500 was recommended for approval.

Oxspring Friends – A celebration of the coronation of Kings Charles III, £470

After discussion, a proposal of £470 was recommended for approval.

Cawthorne Parish Council – Repairs to play equipment, £317

Discussion around whether general repairs to assets owned by Parish Councils is something which Ward Alliance funding should be used for. This matter to be discussed further when revisiting consistency in decision making. Action: Tanya to add to April agenda.

With regards to this application itself, the Alliance welcomed that the parish council is providing 50% match in funding. A proposal of £317 was recommended for approval.

Wellbeing Craft Club – New Craft Club, £1000

The Ward Alliance welcomed this new initiative however had concerns over awarding such a large amount before knowing if the sessions are going to take off. It was agreed to offer the group a smaller amount to get them started and then invite them back in May for further funding if the sessions are proving successful.

A proposal of £250 was recommended for funding.

Action: Bob Blythe to keep in touch with the group to see how things are progressing.

7. Ramp it Up / Reds in the community sports van

Further detail about these schemes including costings is still being sought by Tanya. To remain on the agenda for the April meeting. Action: Tanya to contact colleagues in Sports & Recreation.

8. Ward Alliance Projects

Schools Out Fund

Brief discussion around using this fund to cover the cost of the ramp it up / sports van provision during the summer school months and the potential to work in partnership with the Parish Councils on the sports van. To be discussed further once we have more detail about the schemes.

Consistency in decision making

It was agreed to revisit the 'not minded to fund' list at the April meeting when it can be discussed fully in person.

9. Area Council Update

None.

10. Any Other Business

Tanya thanked those who came along to the event at the Market Atrium to celebrate 10 years of the area arrangements. Celebratory pin badges will be issued to all Ward Alliance members.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 13th April, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.