

**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Jon Cutts, Cllr Mandy Low-Flelo, Ann Walker, Cllr David Greenhough, Cllr John Wilson, Graham Saunders, Ann Rusby, Cllr Hannah Kitching and Barbara Lee.

**In attendance:** Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Chrissie Yates, Richard Leech, Joe Unsworth and Bob Blythe.

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

Jon Cutts declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Oxspring United JFC funding application, and Ann Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in the request received from Roughbirchworth Community Excavation Group to keep their underspend.

**3. Notes of Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 £21,653.98 Ward Alliance Fund (which includes a refreshed allocation of £20,000 for 2023/2024 and £1,653.98 carry forward from 2022/2023) and £3,820.84 School's Out Fund.

**6. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**Ward Alliance Funding:**

**Tankersley St Peters Primary School – Community Coronation Event, £150**

After discussion, a proposal of £150 was recommended for approval.

**Hunshelf Parish Council – Kings Coronation Celebrations, £260**

After discussion, a proposal of £260 was recommended for approval.

**Old Silkstone Band – Rehearsal Music Stands, £1614**

After discussion, a proposal of £1614 was recommended for approval.

**Royd Community Garden – Cut It, £1,140**

The Ward Alliance fully recognised the ongoing issue regarding grass cutting and the need to have this done on a regular basis at the community garden. However, there were concerns over the long-term sustainability of paying for this as a service year on year and so it was decided to not support this project at this time.

The garden struggles to engage volunteers and so an offer was made by the Penistone West elected members to help support the 'volunteer' element of working with Twiggs in the short term which may help alleviate some of the pressure in having the grass cut.

The Area Team can also support with recruitment of volunteers, and alternative funding streams for the group to try.

#### **Oxspring Junior Football Club – Replacement football goals, £650**

After discussion, a proposal of £650 was recommended for funding.

#### **Request from Roughbirchworth Community Excavation Group**

The group received £500 of Ward Alliance Funding in February 2022. They have an underspend of £133.93 which they would like to keep for carrying out further archaeological investigations. The Alliance were happy for this to be the case. A copy of the report outlining the findings of the work carried out so far to be shared with the Ward Alliance. Action: Tanya to sort.

#### **7. Ramp it Up Project**

A draft proposal was shared with the Ward Alliance for the Ramp it Up Project. A Tuesday morning slot (11am until 12noon) has been booked for the Penistone area. The mobile ramp unit will visit a set of 6 locations, one per week throughout the school summer holidays. Permissions are still being sought for the proposed locations. Once obtained, a final itinerary will be drawn up and shared.

#### **8. Ward Alliance Projects**

##### Schools Out Fund (Reds in the Community Sports Van)

Tanya is waiting to hear back from Reds in the Community with more information about the Sports Van. Once this is known a decision to be made about using the Schools Out Fund to bring this provision to the Penistone area during the summer. Action: Tanya to pursue.

##### Consistency in decision making

In June 2022 a list was pulled together of items the Ward Alliance was not minded to fund. Its purpose was to help with consistency in decision making, and to ensure fair allocation of the Ward Alliance Fund. This list was revisited during the meeting with some additional items added. See attached document.

#### **9. Area Council Update**

The Area Council's 'Clean, Green and Tidy' contract is under review for recommissioning. The current contract has been extended for 6 months whilst various models are considered for the new one.

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

- WA Membership – Reconfirmation of WA membership will be deferred until the new municipal year as many of our community representatives are also Parish Councillors.
- Hanging Baskets – All Parish Clerks should have now received notification from BMBC Street Lighting regarding lamp post approvals.

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

**Attached Document:** Consistency in Decision Making