

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 27th July 2023, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Robert Barnard, , Jon Cutts, Barbara Lee, Richard Leech, Cllr Alex Burnett, Bob Blythe, Chrissie Yates, Ann Rusby, Graham Saunders, Cllr John Wilson, Pauline Ogden and Ann Walker.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Healthwatch Barnsley – Tracy Hughes

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Tracy had to cancel her attendance at short notice. A revised date to be arranged.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Wellbeing Craft Afternoon funding application.

4. Notes of Meeting held 8th June 2023.

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

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Following discussion at the last meeting Thurlstone FC was diverted to the Football Foundation to explore possible funding for maintenance of grass pitches.
- New WAF application form – There are some issues with the new format which are being looked at. Groups to be advised to complete the old form until these issues are resolved.
Action: All

6.. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £17,929.98 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,445.84 School's Out Fund.

The idea of coordinating a programme of holiday sporting provision utilising local sports clubs was discussed as an option for future spend of the Schools Out Fund. The fund has previously supported some sports clubs to deliver school holiday activity but there has been little take up of Schools Out since. This idea to be explored further. Action: Tanya with support from WA

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Oxspring United JFC, £1607.04 – Full size goal posts

The club has significantly grown and offers a diverse mix of teams. A proposal for £1000 was recommended for approval.

Recognising an increase in the number of applications currently being received from sports clubs for equipment it was suggested that a list of potential sports specific funders be obtained which can be used by the Ward Alliance to direct groups accordingly. Action: Tanya

Wellbeing Craft Afternoon, £245 – Craft supplies

Although there were some concerns over the long-term viability of these classes, the Ward Alliance recognised the benefits for those attending. A proposal of £245 was recommended for approval with the offer of help in promoting the classes to the wider community to help increase numbers and its sustainability.

Thurlstone FC, £1,299.99 – Generator

There were several questions raised by Ward Alliance members. After discussion it was agreed to defer this application for a decision until further information was provided. Action: Tanya to liaise with the Club before bringing the application back to the September meeting.

Schools Out Fund:

Summer Sports Van, £1875

The decision to agree this application for funding ahead of the meeting was ratified.

8. Ward Alliance Projects

- **Summer school holiday provision in Penistone** - Week one of both the sports van and RampUP activities has gone well with good numbers attending the sessions.
- **Update on Ward Alliance branding** - Penistone's request to be included within this piece of work has been submitted. Work is progressing steadily. Once further updates are available, these will be shared with the Ward Alliance.

9. Area Council Update

Cllr Greenhough offered an update on both Principal Towns and the Clean, Green & Tidy contract.

10. Update on 10-year Celebration Event

A quick update was offered by Tanya on the format of this evening. The event will take place on Tuesday 26th September at Wortley Hall.

11. Any Other Business

- An incident involving a theft from a business on the High Street was brought to the attention of the Ward Alliance. The incident has resulted in many businesses feeling threatened. Businesses should raise their concerns at the next PACT meeting, which is due to take place Wednesday 23rd August, 12:30pm-2:30pm at St John's Community Centre. Elected members will also feed this up, and the Area Team will contact the local Policing Team about visiting the businesses.
- Food Networking Event – Taking place on Monday 14th August, 4pm until 6pm, this drop-in event is for anyone who is supporting the community with their food provision whether it be as a community garden, luncheon club or with food parcels. The event will help us build up a picture as to what Penistone's food landscape currently looks like.
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Updates to be provided as and when this fund next becomes available.
- Lorna Lewis from SYFAB will be holding a funding advice surgery at Penistone Town Hall on Tuesday 12th September, 3pm until 7pm.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14th September, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Richard Leech and Graham Saunders send their apologies for this meeting.