

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 12 October, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Robert Barnard, Jon Cutts, Cllr Alex Burnett, Cllr John Wilson, Pauline Ogden, Richard Leech, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello, Graham Saunders, Ann Walker.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Stephen Croft, Yorkshire Air Ambulance

1. Introductions and Apologies

A round of introductions took place to welcome Stephen from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Apologies received from Barbara Lee, Bob Blythe, Chrissie Yates and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) – Stephen Croft

Stephen is a volunteer with YAA and had come along tonight to talk about the charity and the work that it does. It was clear to the Ward Alliance just how important a role the charity plays in reaching those most vulnerable in an emergency. Being a charity, YAA relies heavily on fundraising and a dedicated band of volunteers to help promote their work.

A valuable source of income for them is their recycling bins, where people can leave donations of unwanted clothes and shoes which are then sold on to second-hand clothing traders. The bins are provided at no cost to the landowner, all that is needed is a bit of space and the relevant permissions. Any location suggestions would be welcome for the Penistone area. Currently there are recycling bins sited in Hoylandswaine and Thurgoland.

Stephen was thanked for a very informative presentation before leaving the meeting.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Burnett declared a pecuniary interest in the Green Moor Sports Club application and a non-pecuniary interest in the one from Thurgoland Community Choir.

4. Notes of Meeting held 14 September 2023

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

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Item 6 – Ward Alliance members who could not attend the last meeting were contacted regarding the September applications. A majority was reached to recommend both projects for funding. This decision was ratified at tonight's meeting.
- Item 7 – The summer RampUp and sports van provision won't be running during the October half term.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £12,819.98 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,695.84 School's Out Fund. If needed there is an additional £10k available from the Area Council.

Members to continue to promote Ward Alliance Funding as widely as possible. Action: All

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Thurgoland Community Choir, £1,740 – Community Outreach Singing Project

After discussion it was agreed to defer a decision and invite the group to the next meeting to explain the project in more detail. Action: Tanya to invite the group to the November meeting.

Penistone Leisure Centre, £1,320 – Wellbeing Social Hub

Whilst looking through the application, a discrepancy within the costings was noted. Because of this it was agreed to defer a decision and request a full breakdown of the project's costs. Action: Tanya to liaise with the Leisure Centre ahead of the next meeting.

Green Moor Carol Singers, £300 – Carols for the future

After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Silkstone Heritage, £1,354 – Digitisation of maps

Although the Ward Alliance recognised the importance in digitising historical documents, it was agreed to defer a decision until more information was available about the scanner and whether alternatives are available which are compatible with the laptops currently available to the group. Action: Tanya to liaise with Silkstone Heritage ahead of the next meeting.

Green Moor Sports club, £928.20 – Cricket Nets

Cllr Burnett left the room. After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Hoylandswaine Bee+, £200 – Rewilding

After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

7. Ward Alliance Projects

The Ward Alliance was asked if there were any projects they wished to explore moving forward. The suggestion of building upon the summer sports provision by working with local sports club had previously been made which is something that Tanya will look to explore in the new year.

In the meantime, it was agreed that a priority piece of work for the Alliance is to continue to push Ward Alliance funding out in the community to ensure that we have as wide reach as possible.

Action: All

8. Area Council Update

Tanya offered an update on the current clean, green and tidy contract and shared the interim arrangements available to support community groups as best as possible until the new service comes into play later in the year.

10. Any Other Business

- Thanks were expressed to Tanya and the Area Team for organising a great 10-year celebration event.
- Gaps within the current Ward Alliance membership were raised. Tanya explained that membership is something that she will be picking up with elected members over the coming weeks.
- The official opening of the Ingbirchworth Petanque terrains was held earlier today and was well attended.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9 November, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall. Cllr Wilson submitted his apologies in advance.