

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 9 November, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Robert Barnard, Jon Cutts, Cllr Alex Burnett, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Fello, Ann Walker, Ann Rusby, Bob Blythe and Chrissie Yates.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Ruth Rovira, Thurgoland Community Choir

1. Introductions and Apologies

A round of introductions took place to welcome Ruth from Thurgoland Community Choir. Apologies received from Barbara Lee, Cllr John Wilson, Pauline Ogden, Graham Saunders, Richard Leech and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Thurgoland Community Choir – Ruth Rovira

Further to the discussion held at the last meeting regarding this application, Ruth was invited to attend tonight to talk further about the aims of this project. Ruth clarified the importance of the social element brought about by the project and the many health and wellbeing benefits it offers to those getting involved. The group has received positive feedback from Age UK about the programme and support from the co-op regional manager to help with the food costs. Ruth presented a revised financial breakdown for any Ward Alliance funding, resulting in the lower amount of £1680 now being requested.

Ruth was thanked for her time before leaving the meeting.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Thurgoland Community Choir funding application and Chrissie Yates, a non-pecuniary interest in the one from Hoylandswaine Arts Group.

4. Notes of Meeting held 12 October 2023

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

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Item 2 – It was commented that the talk from Yorkshire Air Ambulance was informative.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £11,391.78 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,695.84 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

Thurgoland Community Choir, £1,680 – Community Outreach Singing Project

Following the additional information put forward by Ruth earlier in the meeting and a revised costing for the project, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

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

Following the last meeting the costings for this project have now been confirmed as correct. The programme will run for 24 weeks and not 12 weeks as originally thought. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Silkstone Heritage, £961 – Digitisation of maps

Following the last meeting a revised specification and costing for this project have been received. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Penistone Grammar School, £1000 – Christmas Hampers

Recognising the success and huge benefit brought about by the Penistone Xmas Day Hamper project, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

Hoylandswaine Arts Group, £908 – Supporting Music Making

The Ward Alliance recognised the importance of the orchestra and the benefits it brings to both its members and the wider public. However, there were concerns over the sustainability of the group if it is reliant on grant funding to cover rehearsal costs. Because of this it was decided not to recommend this project for approval but invite the group to consider re-applying for any one-off costs which would help support them at this time. Action: Tanya to liaise with the group.

Schools Out Fund:

Springvale Community Garden, £300 – Christmas activities

The benefits of these outdoor activity sessions for young people were noted. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

It was noticed that the proposed date for the activity is not an inset day for the nearby school and so the group to be asked to check this to ensure maximum attendance at the event. Action: Tanya to liaise with the group.

8. Area Council Update

Cllr Greenhough informed the Ward Alliance about the two most recent young people projects funded out of the Area Council's Supporting Young People Grant. These include training up young people with backstage technical skills as part of an annual pantomime, and health and wellbeing sessions working with animals.

9. Any Other Business

- Tanya shared with the Ward Alliance the latest edition of the Spotlight Magazine which included an article on Jon Cutts, and his involvement with the local community. Anyone else who wishes to appear in a future edition to let Tanya know. Action: WA Members.
- The Penistone Line Partnership is looking for volunteers to adopt stations along the Penistone line. As a group, these volunteers would be eligible to apply to the Ward Alliance for funding to deliver station projects.
- Closed road rally – Parish Councils are receiving lots of questions about this event which is due to take place in December. Any queries should be directed to South Yorkshire Stage Rally. A resident's information handbook is also available via their website <https://southyorkshirstagesrally.co.uk/community/>

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14 December at Penistone Town Hall. It was suggested that this meeting is followed by a festive drink and so will take place at the slightly earlier time of 6:30pm.

Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello sends her apologies in advance.