

**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 11 January 2024, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Robert Barnard, Graham Saunders, Jon Cutts, Cllr Alex Burnett, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello, Chrissie Yates and Barbara Lee.

**In attendance:** Tanya Dickinson and Elaine Equeall, Penistone Area Team

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies received from Ann Walker, Pauline Ogden, Richard Leech, Bob Blythe and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

**2. Take Action, Live Longer (Previously named Timely Presentation)**

Unfortunately, no-one was available to attend tonight to introduce this new grant pot of funding however an information sheet has been provided which will be sent out following the meeting.

Action: Tanya.

Grants between £2 and £10K are available to the community and voluntary sector to deliver projects which help raise awareness of the early signs of cancer in addition to enabling those without symptoms to access cancer screening programmes. The grant is open for applications throughout February.

Action: WA members to help promote where appropriate.

(Targeted Lung Health Checks covered later in the meeting)

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

None.

**4. Notes of Meeting held 14 December 2023**

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

**5. Matters Arising from the Notes**

Barbara shared with the group that the Wortley Church Bell Ringers who were successful with their Ward Alliance grant at the December meeting 'rang out' the old year on New Year's Eve, and in the new. It was lovely to hear within the village and affirmed the wider community benefit provided by the group.

**6. Ward Alliance Finances**

Current balances were confirmed as £241.50 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,395.84 School's Out Fund. In total this gives the WA an allocation of £1,637.34 for the remainder of the financial year. Appetite for funding to be monitored ahead of the next Area Council meeting in February to see if a request needs to be made to receive a small top up. Action: Cllr Greenhough and Tanya Dickinson.

**7. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurlstone Brownies, £770 – Initial start-up costs**

The WA felt that this is a positive resource which encourages young people to be outdoors and learn important life skills. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval using the School's Out Fund.

### **Springvale Community Garden – Schools Out Fund awarded Nov 23**

The garden received funding from the WA prior to Christmas to deliver festive themed craft activities. The group has some funding leftover from this and so have asked if they could keep this to deliver activities during the Easter school holidays. The WA was happy for this to be the case.

### **8. Penistone Area Council – Annual Update (Elaine Equeall)**

Elaine provided a full update on the work of Penistone Area Council. Please find this attached. If anyone from the Ward Alliance would like to know more about this work, please contact Elaine directly or speak to one of the elected members.

(Hannah Young joined the meeting).

### **2. Targeted Lung Health Checks – Hannah Young, South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Cancer Alliance**

This programme is due to start in the Penistone area in February 2024 and aims to help people identify lung problems earlier and get the help they need sooner. The programme runs on GP data and so those aged 55 to 74 with a Barnsley address who have at any point disclosed to their GP that they smoke or have smoked will automatically be contacted by the programme. More information about the programme and what it entails can be found in Hannah's presentation. Action: Tanya to circulate this following the meeting.

Once firm dates are known, along with a location for the mobile scanning unit, Hannah will share this with the Area Team. Ward Alliance members were asked to help promote the programme within their own communities and encourage people to take up their invitations. Action: Tanya to look at some standardised publicity and share this with WA members for them to use via their own communication channels.

A discussion did take place about residents living on the outskirts of the Penistone wards who may well be registered with non-Barnsley GP's. Currently the programme is only working with Barnsley registered GP's however there are plans to roll out the programme to other areas in the next year. In the meantime, Hannah would encourage anyone who has any concerns at all about their lung health to make an appointment with their doctor as soon as possible.

### **9. Any Other Business**

None.

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

Thursday 8 February 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.