

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 8 February 2024, 7pm, Microsoft Teams

(Due to planned building works at Penistone Town Hall, this meeting was held online)

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr John Wilson, Jon Cutts, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flelo, Ann Walker, Bob Blythe and Richard Leech.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Cllr David Greenhough, Barbara Lee, Chrissie Yates and Cllr Alex Burnett.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Notes of Meeting held 11 January 2024

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

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

Further information about the proposed dates / locations for the mobile unit to conduct targeted lung health checks in Penistone has yet to be received.

5. Ward Alliance Finances

Current balances were confirmed as £270.50 Ward Alliance Fund following a credit of £29 from a previously agreed funding application, and £625.84 School's Out Fund. In total this gives the WA an allocation of £896.34 for the remainder of the financial year.

A request has been made to Penistone Area Council for an additional £5k of funding. A decision will be made on this at their next meeting scheduled for 15 February. Any applications recommended for funding at tonight's meeting will be subject to this additional funding being agreed.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

Tankersley St Peters Primary School, £1000 – Friendship Stop

The WA did feel that the project was a little on the expensive side and that perhaps similar outcomes could be achieved without such a large amount of spend. However, they did fully recognise the benefits of the project and so agreed to recommend this project for approval. They also felt it was worth connecting the school with Age UK Barnsley over this piece of work and would like to receive feedback on how well the project has gone.

Wortley Walled Garden Growers, £940 – Refurbishment of Heritage Orchard

After discussion it was agreed to recommend this project for approval. It was suggested that the group connect with the new Penistone Community Environmental Support Service was up and running.

Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council, £1,250 – Heritage Project

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

7. Ward Alliance Projects

Revised logo - Tanya informed the WA that work has now progressed on this and that there was an offer from the designer to attend a WA meeting to look at taking this forward. A discussion around the associated expense took place and whether it may be more cost effective to revamp the WA logo as part of a local art competition within the schools. Action: Tanya to find out further detail to allow an informed decision on how best to take this forward.

Workplan for 2024-2026 – The WA was asked to consider potential projects / pieces of work they would like to include in their workplan for the coming 2 years. A suggestion put forward was to ringfence some WA funding specifically for the 80th commemoration of WWII in May 2025. Action: WA members to have a think about other priority pieces of work and let Tanya have details of these ahead of the April meeting.

8. Any Other Business

- The South Yorkshire Rally will be taking place in Penistone during October. The original route has been modified to consider concerns received in 2023.
- Ann Walker asked if it would be possible for someone to contact her re. Christmas motifs.
Action: Tanya to arrange for someone to get in touch.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14 March 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.