

**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 14 March 2024, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall**

**Present:** Ann Rusby, Graham Saunders, Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Robert Barnard, Jon Cutts, Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Mandy Low-Flello, Barbara Lee, Cllr Alex Burnett, Bob Blythe (via Microsoft Teams) and Richard Leech.

**In attendance:** Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Chrissie Yates, Ann Walker and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

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

Cllr Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Upper Don Community Energy application and abstained from voting.

**3. Notes of Meeting held 8 February 2024**

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

**4. Matters Arising from the Notes**

- **Lung Health Checks** - The targeted lung health checks for Penistone will now be carried out April / May time. Locations are proving to be an issue and so it is likely that the mobile scanning unit will be in Barnsley Town Centre. The Ward Alliance had concerns about this and would like to push for a Penistone location. Action: Tanya to feed this back to Hannah Young.
- **Revised WA Logo** – Tanya confirmed that there would be no real savings to the Council if the WA chose not to be included within the rebranding work.

**5. Ward Alliance Finances**

Following approval of a £5K top up from Penistone Area Council in February, the current balance of Ward Alliance Funding available stands at £2,706.

**6. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**Thurstone Brass Band, £500 – French Open Brass Band Championship**

Recognising the wider benefits of this project, and after discussion, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

**New Swaine WI, £1281 – Create and Chat Sessions**

The Ward Alliance had a few questions around this application and so it was agreed to defer a decision until more information was provided about the proposed sessions and future sustainability. Action: Tanya to seek clarification from the group.

**Upper Don Community Energy, £2000 – Community Warming**

The Ward Alliance felt that the work of this project was commendable but that it was, however, a provision provided by services already commissioned to work in the area and so on this occasion it was agreed not to recommend this project for approval.

### **HBe+, £388.95 – Sunflowers and Singing**

After discussion it was agreed to recommend a £50 donation towards the costs of the sunflower growing competition. The Ward Alliance felt that the entertainment element was something which could be covered through existing Area Council commissioned services.

### **Penistone Cricket Club, £1669.04 – New Benches**

Due to the number of applications the Alliance has received for replacement benches, and to help ensure that the funds are allocated as fairly as possible across all priorities, it was decided on this occasion not to support this application. It was suggested that the group contact Penistone Men in Sheds about them making some replacement seating for the club, with the offer from the Alliance to consider a revised funding application for any required materials.

### **7. Draft Workplan for 2024-2026**

A draft workplan for the next 2 years was discussed. It was suggested that the proposed road safety campaign be extended to include drivers as well as pedestrians and that delivery of Bikeability sessions are explored. It was also suggested that the proposed community showcasing event be a way of encouraging groups to share resources and equipment. Action: Tanya to make the necessary amendments before circulating the plan for final discussion at the April meeting.

### **8. Any Other Business**

- Tanya informed the Ward Alliance that the procurement process was now complete for the two new Area Council environmental support services. Vital Facilities Ltd will deliver the contract offering reactive support to keep green spaces clean and tidy, and Greenotes CIC will deliver the contract which will offer advice and support to our community groups. This contract also includes a new environmental grant pot which can provide funding for things such as small tools, insurance, training etc. thus alleviating pressure from the Ward Alliance Fund.
- Principal Towns – A quick update was offered about this work which is now progressing.

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

**Thursday 11 April 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.**