

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 13 June 2024, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Chrissie Yates, Barbara Lee, Cllr John Roberts, Jon Cutts, Pauline Odgen, Cllr Robert Barnard, Ann Walker, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello and Cllr David Greenhough (Chair).

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Graham Saunders, Cllr Alex Burnett, Richard Leech and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Notes of Meeting held 9 May 2024

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

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

- Page 1, Item 7 - Tanya is waiting for confirmation from New Swaine WI that they wish to accept the revised amount of Ward Alliance funding offered.
- Page 2, Item 10 - Friendship Stop at Tankersley St Peters Primary School – Cllr Burnett is now unable to attend this event. Barbara Lee offered to come along in his place.
- Page 2, Item 10 – Principal Towns Update – Tanya informed the meeting that the area team will be moving out of the Town Hall ahead of renovation works on Friday 5 July. The team will have touch down space at Penistone Library until the building work is completed.

5. Ward Alliance Finances

The Ward Alliance balance stands at £21,070.

Cllr Greenhough reminded the Alliance that £20K top up is also available from Penistone Area Council should this be needed later in the year.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

Silkstone Common Sports & Recreation Association - £2920, Storage Container (Deferred from May meeting)

The Alliance recognised the problems associated with having individual volunteers needing to store and transport equipment on to site, and how the container will help alleviate these. The Ward Alliance recommended this project for approval.

Tankersley Community Association - £2,400, Outdoor Cinema Community Event

The importance of the role played by the Hub as a social outlet for residents was highlighted. The Ward Alliance recommended this project for approval.

Thurgoland Primary School - £1,000, Bringing Generations Together

As an intergenerational project this application had huge benefits for both the young and older people within our communities. The Alliance recommended this project for approval.

Thurgoland Village Welfare - £1,500, Creation of footpath and steps for the Kings Coronation Garden

This project provides improved access to a local asset and so it was recommended that this project be approved.

Drystone Walling Alliance - £800, Drystone Alliance

The need for continuing the upkeep of this skill was recognised, although there was a slight concern over volunteers being available to do this work long term. The Ward Alliance recommended this project for approval.

Penistone Men in Sheds - £3,000, Relaunch of group

Following a request to reconsider the original Ward Alliance decision to award this grant subject to the group securing match funding, this application received majority agreement for an advance release of the funds ahead of tonight's meeting. This decision was ratified by those present today.

7. Ward Alliance Projects

- **Summer Sports Programme** – Tanya updated the meeting on the great response received to date from local groups about collaborating with us to develop a programme of free activities over the school summer holidays. It was also agreed that an application to ring fence the required amount to deliver this programme be considered ahead of the July meeting due to the necessary timescales. Information about the ask to be forwarded to Penistone Arts Weeks for sharing with local art groups. Action: Tanya
- **Ward Alliance Logo** – The write up of ideas to be incorporated within the new Ward Alliance logo has been submitted. Information about the next steps is now awaited.

8. Any other business

- Ann thanked the Ward Alliance for attending the Oxspring Friends Munch & Mingle event. The group felt the event went well and is now something they are considering on a regular basis.
- Principal Towns – A draft proposal regarding roofing work has now been shared with all parties.
- Stronger Communities Service – Recent changes to the Area Team configuration which allow for new relationships and enhanced skill sets within the individual teams has resulted in a change of Community Development Officer for the Penistone area. Early in the summer, Tanya will be moving to the North team, with Rebecca Battye taking up the role in Penistone.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 11 July 2024, 7pm at Penistone Family Centre (at the rear of St Johns Community Centre, car park).