

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING

Thursday 13th March 2025 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr Robert Barnard, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flelo, Cllr Alex Burnett, Jon Cutts, Ann Walker, Nick Hibberd, Pauline Ogden, Barbara Lee

In attendance: Rebecca Battye – Penistone Area Team

1.Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hannah Kitching, Cllr John Roberts, Richard Leech, Graham Saunders, Sarah Mann and Chrissie Yates.

2.Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interest

None

3. Notes of the meeting held on 13th February 2025

The notes were accepted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Robert Barnard and seconded by Jon Cutts

4.Matters arising from the notes

Penistone Heritage Group – The boards were launched today at Penistone Arts Week. The launch was a great success, with lots of positive feedback and comments. The group will be attending several community groups/events to showcase their boards.

Double yellow lines – The yellow lines at Oxspring Post Office have still not been refreshed. The job has been requested – Cllr Burnett to chase.

5. Ward Alliance Finances

A current balance of £7,019.17 was noted by the meeting

6. Applications for Funds

Cawthorne Recreational Trust - £2000

Application was approved. The Ward Alliance felt that this was a good project to support as the area needs tidying up. The trees are currently encroaching on the cricket pitch and with the cricket season starting imminently the Ward Alliance wanted to help get the area ready for the new season. The Ward Alliance felt that the project had support from a number of enthusiastic volunteers and it

is an area used by more than just the cricket club – groups use the pavilion and people often meet there for a drink and bite to eat.

Cawthorne Choral Society - £400

Application was declined. The Ward Alliance felt that they could not support this application as it is not in their remit to fund one off events or professional musicians.

Silkstone CARE - £1550

Application was approved. The Ward Alliance felt this was a great project. There is one condition on the grant – the grant for the boards and way markers will be released to the group once the Ward Alliance have seen confirmation that the group have permission to put them up.

7. Any Other Business

Ward Alliance Facebook Page – Question was raised if the Ward Alliance would like a facebook page. All members thought this was a great idea as it would be a good platform for groups to promote themselves. The Area Team will set up the facebook page and members of the Ward Alliance will support with this ; Cllr Barnard and Nick Hibberd volunteered to act as admin to the page and a 3rd member of the Ward Alliance will be approached outside of the meeting.

Review of Priorities and Action Plan April Meeting – Rebecca explained with the new financial year starting, the Ward Alliance action plan and priorities will need reviewing at the April meeting. The current Action Plan and Priorities were given to Ward Alliance members to look at ahead of the next meeting.

BMBC Waste Removal Employees – Current working hours of waste removal operatives was raised by a member of the Ward Alliance as there have been a number of recent incidents regarding waste collection. Cllrs responded to say that there is a new health and safety scheme coming into place due to a number of safety accidents happening across the Country, which has resulted in a reduction in the number of bins being able to be emptied at each collection.

Grass Cutting – Question was raised asking if the grass cutting had started yet as the land of Boggard Lane has been left again. It is currently full of litter, brambles and weeds. Cllr Greenhough to look into it.

8. Date and Time of next meeting : 10th April 7pm Penistone Town Hall

Apologies were given in advance for this meeting from Cllr Burnett and Nick Hibberd