

NOTES OF PENISTONE EAST AND WEST WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Held on Thursday on the 25th August 2016 at Penistone Town Hall

1. **Present:** Cllr R Barnard (Chair), Cllr J Wilson, Cllr J Unsworth, Cllr D Griffin, Cllr A Millner, R Green, A Rusby, A Walker, A Pestell, J Cutts, R Blyth, and G Saunders.

In Attendance: Maria Cotton, Markets & Town Centre Business Manager, and J Openshaw, Community Development Officer.

2. **Apologies,** Cllr P Hand-Davis, R Leech, A James, B Meek, D Edmondson, and K Coulton.

3. **Penistone Market,** the Chair introduced Maria Cotton the Markets & Town Centre Business Manager, who gave an overview of proposals to improve Penistone Market, with themed Saturday markets. The market in Penistone has its own identity and is successful on Thursdays rather than Saturdays it is hoped that incremental improvements on Saturdays with monthly themed markets will improve visitors to the market. There were a number of questions and ideas put forward on improvements and uses to the Market Barn. The Chair went on to update the meeting on proposals to install Wi-Fi to the market barn for use by traders and visitors. It was also reported that Tesco's were eager to support flexible activities within the Market barn. It was accepted that the location of the market barn does have its own issues such as anti-social behaviour. Maria offered to return to the Ward Alliance later in the year to update of the initiatives undertaken and their successes. The Chair thanked Maria for her informative update.

4. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest**
None to declare.

5. **Correspondence**

The Community Development officer reported the receipt of the resignation from the Ward Alliance of Steve Webber, who is leaving the area. The chair recorded thanks to Steve for his contribution to Penistone and the Ward Alliance.

6. **Notes of the Meeting Held on 14th July 2016**

The notes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

7. **Matters Arising**

Highways issues, Hazelhead Crossroads, members were updated on a meeting held with the head of highways and his officers. Members at the meeting were given an overview of the accidents at the junction all of which were attributed to driver error. Members felt that the design of the road layout should be investigated to reduce driver error. Members felt that the number of accidents to the number of traffic movements highlighted this junction as a priority. It was agreed at the meeting that officers would review the junction and report back.

Silkstone, members were updated on the lane closure on the A628 at Silkstone due to a land slip. The works are out to tender and it is hoped that the road would be reopened before the end of the year.

Langsett Air Quality Management Area, No Update

Bus Service Consultations, Members were updated on the removal of some services in rural areas. A revised timetable has been issued with some services reduced to a 2 hourly service. Concerns were raised that no serious attempt has been made to link with rail services. Community Transport has been offered as a solution but with no details. Discussions are taking place on a possible Volunteer Community Car Scheme.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

The Community Development Officer updated the meeting on funds available £2,163.12.

The following applications for financial assistance were considered:-

- a. **Thurgoland Village Welfare Association, Community Defibrillator.** Members recommended an allocation of £400.00.
- b. **Wortley Parish Council, Wortley War Memorial.** Members recommended an allocation of £375.00.
- c. **Silkstone Parish Council, A628 Crossing.** Members recommended an allocation of £1,300.00.

9. Clean and Tidy Service

The Community Development Officer gave an update on the project, and the teams work throughout August.

10. Advertising Banners

The chair updated the meeting on discussions with officers. The matter was not resolved.

11. Any Other Business

Ward Alliance Priorities, the community development officer distributed copies of the current priorities of the Penistone East & West ward alliance asking members to consider of the alliance and future priorities which would be an agenda item at a future meeting.

Trans Pennine Trail, Member's highlighted issues with the anti-social cyclists using the trail. Members noted those concerns.

The community development officer updated the meeting on projects supported by the Ward Alliance, **No Horizon**, which is currently receiving positive reviews at the Edinburgh Festival. Members visiting the festival gave their views of the performance.

Penistone Literary Festival, Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th September. **Young Peoples Project** a request for empty 2 litre plastic bottles for the young people's poppy project.

Millhouse Green Tennis Courts. The opening was conducted by the Mayor of Penistone Cllr P Hand-Davis Members.

12. Date and time of next meeting –

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 6th October 2016, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm