

NOTES OF PENISTONE EAST AND WEST WARD ALLIANCE MEETING **Held on Thursday on the 9th February 2017 at Penistone Town Hall**

Present: Cllr R Barnard (Chair), Cllr J Wilson, Cllr D Griffin, Cllr J Unsworth, R Blyth, G Saunders, R leech, A James, B Meek, R Green, and J Cutts.

In Attendance: J Openshaw, Community Development Officer, and Jane Holliday, Karen Dennis and Ellen Hall, Age Concern Barnsley.

1. Apologies, Cllr P Hand-Davis, Cllr A Millner, A Walker, A Pestell, K Coulton and P Reckless.

2. Introductions, The Chair opened the meeting with introductions and welcomed representatives from Age UK, Barnsley.

3. Social Inclusion Project, Jane Holliday introduced the project which has been funded through the Penistone Area Councils 'Working Together' fund. The project will invite the community to get involved by contributing their knowledge and ideas and keeping an eye out for older people who may be experiencing loneliness and isolation. The project will have a number of elements, Isolated Older People; Ellen Hall will be working with individuals providing 1 to 1 support for older people. Groups and Community Development: Karen Dennis will be collecting information on groups and support already available in the area.

The project will work with the local community using their 'Eyes on the Ground' to identify older people at risk of being isolated, we will look at the services and support currently provided and identify gaps in the provision, building relationships with individuals, groups and organisations.

There is a project launch at the St Johns Centre on Thursday the 23rd February 11am to 1pm with an open invitation to all members of the Ward Alliance. A number of leaflets and posters were distributed for members to promote the service. The involvement of older people is paramount to the success of the project it is important that older people help develop the project.

The Chair thanked Jane for her team for the presentation and their attendance.

4. Principal Town Investment Programme

The Chair and the Community Development officer gave the meeting an overview of the project and its impact upon Penistone. The project seeks to build the economic and community capacity within the Principal Town and local centres. The investment, a total of £5m over a 3 year period will focus upon town centres and high streets, targeted at: Quality Public Realm, Shop Front Schemes, Business Security, Business Incentives, Transport Improvements, Car Parking Improvements, Low Maintenance public realm, i.e. curbs, bollards, Acquisition of buildings/land delivering economic benefits. There will be an assessment process and criteria which will look at, each project will need to be, Delivering a saving or a financial return on investment, Underpinned by a clear and robust , Secures other sources of funding involvement, Positive contribution to council priorities, Have a measurable output & outcome, Community Involvement and be Sustainable.

The project in Penistone will align with the area team and the ward alliance will have a significant role within the projects development and delivery.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

R Blyth declared a non-pecuniary interest Age UK project as a Board member of Age UK Barnsley, B Meek declared a non-pecuniary interest in the funding application by Penistone Scouts.

6. Correspondence

A letter of thanks received from Thurgoland Village Welfare for the support given by the Ward Alliance in the installation of a Community Access Defibrillator.

7. Notes of the Meeting Held on 12th January 2017

Following minor amendments to the notes, (9a addition of some) it was agreed the notes represented a true record of the meeting.

8. Matters Arising

Market Barn Wi Fi Installation, the chair reported that the installation of LED Lighting had been completed and the Wi Fi should be up and running within the next 7 days.

9. To review current Ward Alliance Priorities

The CDO distributed a review of the Ward Alliance and its funding allocation to date, together with a number of issues for members to consider:

- Priorities, were the current priorities relevant?
- Membership, does membership represent the communities of Penistone East & West?

Some members did raise concerns at the gender balance of the Ward Alliance.

- Demographic and Geographical breakdown of membership, does membership come from all parts of the community?
- Funding activity against area priorities, are we addressing the priorities set?

A proposal was also put forward for application for funding over a set limit should be asked to present their proposals to the Ward Alliance.

A proposal that members of the Alliance should also champion project was tabled.

- The positive elements of the ward alliance, what works well?
- The negative elements of the ward alliance, what do we need to change?
- Recommendations for the future development of the ward alliance?

10. To consider Applications for Financial Assistance

The Community Development Officer updated the meeting on funds available.

The following applications for financial assistance were considered:-

a. Penistone Scouts, Penistone Little Library, proposals to install 5 x 'Little Free Libraries' at locations around Penistone, The Scout Hut, St Johns Church Yard, Oxspring Post Office, Millhouse Institute and Cubley Hall. Following discussions members supported the installation of 2 x 'Little Free Libraries' at Millhouse Institute and Oxspring Post Office. Members recommended an allocation of £1,200.00.

b. Hunshelf Parish Council;, Green Moor Defibrillator, proposals to purchase, install and maintain a community access defibrillator at Green Moor Church. Members recommended an allocation of £1,200.00.

c. Wortley Parish Council, Wortley Street Furniture, proposals to replace 2 benches and a litter bin within the centre of Wortley, with benches that would be in keeping with the conservation area. Members recommended an allocation of £983.00.

11. Clean and Tidy Service

The Community Development Officer distributed a quarterly project report and gave an update on the teams work throughout January and proposed works planned for February.

12. Any Other Business

Penistone Matters, members were asked if they had received copies of the publication.

13. Date and time of next meeting –

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 23rd March 2017, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm