

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 30th November 2017, Penistone Town Hall

1. Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr Andrew Millner, Richard Popplewell, Richard Leech, Allen Pestell, Graham Saunders, Adrian James, Anne Rusby, Robert Blythe, Bob Green, Jonathan Cutts, Cllr David Griffin, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis

In Attendance: Elaine Equeall, Stephen Miller

Apologies: Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Joe Unsworth

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Richard Popplewell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Hunshelf Parish Council Ward Alliance Fund application.

Cllr Andrew Millner declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Penistone FM Ward Alliance Fund application.

3. Correspondence

Elaine Equeall was introduced as the new manager for the Penistone Area.

4. Notes of the Meeting Held on 19th October 2017.

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting were an accurate record.

5. To Consider any Matters Arising from the Notes

It was raised that it appears South Yorkshire Police are not part of the National Rural Crime Network. Cllr Griffin to enquire.

The proposed new signage at Hartcliff Hill is to be funded and installed by BMBC Highways.

It was noted that the Ward Alliance Celebration at the Metrodome, Barnsley, was a success. Members found it useful to see what other areas are doing and to share best practice. An officer working group will be looking to revise the existing Ward Alliance paperwork based on feedback at this event.

6. Ward Alliance 2017-2018 Update

Cllr Robert Barnard confirmed the current finances of the Ward Alliance Fund. A remaining allocation of £11,544.81 is available for 2017-2018.

7. Penistone Planters

Concern was raised earlier in the year regarding a Ward Alliance Fund application for planting the planters in Penistone and the large bed near Windermere Road. There is also an issue of the condition of some of the containers, particularly outside the library.

Different options were discussed about community group adoption or sponsorship, as is done successfully in other areas. The Ward Alliance Fund does not contribute to the regular planting of any other planters in the area.

It was agreed to investigate other options at this stage than to accept a Ward Alliance Fund application.

8. The following applications for financial assistance were considered:-

a) Hoylandswaine Village Hall- Improvements

Request of £1,208 to repair the flooring of the village hall. Members were very supportive of the project and recommended an allocation of £1,208.

b) Penistone FM- Promote the Shopappy scheme

Request for £650 to help promote the Shopappy scheme in Penistone. Members discussed the Ward Alliances role in supporting the local economy and community. It was agreed to propose the idea of extending the scheme to beyond just Penistone High Street. Members recommended an allocation of £650.

c) Hunshelf Parish Council- Secure Storage

Request for £1,435 to purchase a secure storage unit to support volunteer environmental work. Members praised the groups ongoing work and welcomed the applications. Members recommended an allocation of £1,435.

d) Penistone Pottery Group

Request for £5,858 to purchase a pottery kiln and supplies. Members thought that from the application was unclear who the group were, what their aims were and how people could get involved. There was also some confusion about the volunteer contribution to the project and the wider community benefit. Group will be asked to work on the application to resubmit to a later meeting.

9. Any other business

Details of the Barnsley Carers newsletter, Stephen Miller to circulate to all Ward Alliance members.

A further road traffic accident at the cross-roads of the A616 and B6106 has again raised concerns. Cllr Barnard to raise with BMBC Highways and report back.

Rural crime is an ongoing issue particularly on isolated farms which are being targeted on a regular basis. Cllr Griffin to raise.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 11th January 2018, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.