

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 11th January 2018, Penistone Town Hall

1. Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr Joe Unsworth, Robert Blythe, Cllr Andrew Millner, Ann Walker, Allen Pestell, Adrian James, Jonathan Cutts, Anne Rusby, Richard Leech, Bob Green, Cllr David Griffin,

In Attendance: Kathryn Green, Stephen Miller

Apologies: Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Richard Popplewell, Cllr John Wilson

2. BMBC Libraries Review, Kathryn Green

Discussion around the changing use of libraries and challenges facing the library service. Ward Alliance were members invited to a consultation drop-in at Penistone Library on 7th February 2018, 4pm-6pm. Stephen Miller to forward invitation letter.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr David Griffin declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Penistone Arts Week application.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Notes of the Meeting Held on 30th November 2017.

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

6. To Consider any Matters Arising from the Notes

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

A further road traffic accident at the cross-roads of the A616 and B6106 was reported.

Hunshelf Parish Council have a £225 underspend for their storage container project. It was agreed they could use the underspend for the same project to cover site clearance and a concrete base.

Penistone Planters- Springvale Community Garden are interested in a project with the planters outside Penistone Town Hall. The removal of the remaining damaged planters needs to be explored.

7. Ward Alliance 2017-2018 Update

Cllr Robert Barnard confirmed the current finances of the Ward Alliance Fund. A remaining allocation of £8,251 is available for 2017-2018.

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

a) Springvale Community Garden- Tree work

Request of £2,100 to undertake profession tree work on a number of trees which have become unsafe. Members discussed the amount of work required and therefore cost, there was a recognition of efforts to seek competitive quotes. Members recommended an allocation of £2,100.

b) Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir

Request for £1,342 for new piano and equipment to support the choirs community activities. Members were very complementary, particularly of the groups charity work, and recommended an allocation of £1,342.

c) Penistone Arts Week

Request for £700 to help promote the inaugural Penistone Arts Week (18-25 March 2018). Members praised this new groups ambition and collaborative approach to coordinating the festival. Members recommended an allocation of £700.

9. Any other business

Cllr Andrew Millner gave an update on the Penistone Alehouse project and answered various questions. The Ward Alliance will follow the project with interest.

The new General Data Protection Regulation was discussed with a particular interest in the impact on Parish Councils. Ann White to forward some information for circulation and Cllr Robert Barnard to check if any information is available from Barnsley Council.

Several recent requests for litter-pickers have been made to the Penistone Area Team. The members were in agreement that the Ward Alliance would like to support this activity.

Penistone 1918-2018- Members were invited to a meeting on 30th January 2018, 6-8pm, at Penistone Town Hall to discuss local activities to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

A community representative was requested to sit on the Penistone Working Together Fund panel meeting on 16th January 2018, 2pm, at Penistone Town Hall.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 22nd February 2018, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.