

MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 6 December 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Barnard (Chair), David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Kitching, Millner and Wilson.

27 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Wilson declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 29 and 32 due to his position as Vice Chair of the Trans-Pennine Trail Steering Group and minute 29 due to his position on the Corporate Parenting Panel.

28 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 4th October, 2018 (Pac.06.12.2018/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th October, 2018.

Members were reminded that a revised Ward Alliance Framework had recently been approved. The Area Council Manager agreed to consider any implications for the operation of Penistone Ward Alliance in order for discussions to take place at the meeting in January.

In relation to the consideration of area priorities, Members were made aware that there was a survey being undertaken to gain the views of the community, and this would be made available for Members to support, with results feeding into the Area Council review process.

Those present discussed the issue of speeding in the area, and it was noted that the local policing team had been undertaking their own speedwatch, but community speedwatch was also being promoted in the area. Members felt positive that this could be established in the area, and could provide evidence of hotspots for the Police to target in the future.

Members noted that, whilst raised as an issue by many residents, this was not currently a PACT priority.

The meeting heard of the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Thurgoland, which had recently been refurbished, and was available for deployment throughout the area. It was noted that the particular device could not produce any statistics, but was useful in displaying the speed of drivers to highlight excessive speed.

Members agreed for a future meeting of the Area Council to discuss this issue in more detail, and the potential funding of a further SIDs for the area to assist in reducing speeding.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 4th October, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record;
- (ii) That a future meeting of the Area Council considers road safety in more detail.

29 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th October and 1st November, 2018 (Pac.06.12.2018/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th October, and 1st November, 2018.

Members noted that the Ward Alliance had funded a contribution towards the Care Leavers' Christmas Dinner, also supported by Tankersley Manor. Members discussed the wider issue of funding projects from the Ward Alliance Fund not based in the Wards covered, or those delivered borough-wide. It was noted in this instance that there were small numbers of children in care within the two Penistone Wards who would benefit.

Members heard how the Penistone 41 Club had held a very successful lunch club, which was well attended and was hoped would be a recurring event. Those from many different backgrounds attended and the event was supported by a number of different volunteer groups.

It was noted that many organisations were thanked on social media, however BMBC had not been mentioned. Members discussed the need to reference the source of funding, and it was noted that this was a requirement of accepting the grant.

The Chair provided positive feedback from an event organised by Hoylandswaine Arts Group, which had also produced a booklet commemorating the First World War. In addition it was noted that Penistone Remembers had raised £1,931 with many of the events arranged being oversubscribed.

Members discussed the plans to start a Park Run in Penistone, utilising the show field and parts of the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT). A number of issues had been raised by officers in the Public Rights of Way team regarding the multi-use nature of the Trail. Members heard how there were examples elsewhere in the country where park runs were successfully organised using public rights of way. It was hoped that, with careful organisation the Park Run could be successful, balancing the needs of all TPT users and having additional benefits such as improving health and encouraging footfall in the town centre.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th October, and 1st November, 2018 be received.

30 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.06.12.2018/4)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, and from a total annual balance of £40,000, £11,293.30 remained for allocation.

Members noted that further applications had been received, the total of which exceed the amount of finance currently available in the Ward Alliance Fund.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

31 Performance Report Q2 (Pac.06.12.2018/5)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who noted that the report covered the period Quarter 2, July to September, 2018.

Overall performance was positive, with increases in the numbers of businesses involved in clean and tidy activities, as well as significant increases in the numbers volunteering, which included young people.

Within the quarter, five new community groups had been established, supported by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance and Age UK. Members noted that the Community Car Scheme continued to be well used, and indicated that they would like to see this service maintained in the future.

The high number of people receiving training was acknowledged, and Members were made aware that volunteers engaging in clean and tidy activities receive training on the use of tools prior to the start of each session, with a smaller number of people receiving accredited training as part the Penistone FM contract.

With reference to the advice services delivered by DIAL, 57 residents had received advice face-to-face, with £70,916 in unclaimed benefits gained to date. In addition the health and wellbeing of users of the service had improved following support given. The range of support given on a multitude of issues was noted.

Attention was drawn to the Twiggs Grounds Maintenance contract, noting that it was near the end of the first year of the contract, which would be extended into the second year.

Performance over the first year had been positive, with many volunteers recruited, young people engaged in volunteering, and many volunteers trained.

The Area Council Manager made Members aware that they had been visiting Parish Councils of late, and had been making them aware of the service provided by Twiggs, with feedback generally positive.

Members noted that the contract with Age UK would shortly be coming to an end, and also noted delivery was now spread across the area. Some areas had specifically been targeted, including Ingbirchworth. Members heard how the new group in Tankersley had been well received.

An update was provided on the performance of Sporting Penistone. One quarter of delivery remained. The project had not focused on training during the summer, but due to the post of volunteer administrator, the volunteering aspect of the organisation had much improved.

Feedback from the final report from Penistone FM – My Town My Community project was positive, with a successful programme delivered targeting those aged over 55. It was felt that the project had overestimated the number of volunteers, with 13 achieved against a target of 25. Numbers trained was also slightly lower than

anticipated, but the project had provided a lasting legacy of volunteer broadcasters. Members heard that Penistone FM had been granted a further licence for five years.

Members noted that information was outstanding in relation to the South Pennine Community Bus Service, though the target for number of passengers had been met.

It was noted that information had been requested in relation to the longer term plans for the service, and SYPTE had approached the manager to discuss this area.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted.

32 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.06.12.2018/6)

The Area Council Manager reminded Members of the commission to assist isolated and older people, which was due to end in January, 2019. The Area Council had considered a number of options to take forward the positive work undertaken by Age UK and it was decided to establish a grant regime with a budget of £70,000.

Members noted that the associated specification highlighted the need to build on good practice, assist in the areas highlighted as being 'hotspots' of isolation, and use existing community assets.

The Working Together Fund had been established in 2015, and since then had a combined total budget of £202,038, with £21,963 remaining. Members discussed the issues relating to the TPT conservation volunteers project, and the delays due to Network Rail. It was suggested that both Cllr Wilson and the Area Council Manager make enquiries to progress this.

Members noted that the information and advice service was due to come to an end in December, 2018, and a paper providing data in relation to fuel poverty and numbers of residents claiming benefits was circulated.

Members discussed the information provided, noting that many issues were often masked by the relative overall affluence of the area. It was also noted that rural communities often spend a relatively high proportion of available finance on accessing services. Many services are now provided online, but roll out of Superfast Broadband has been delayed, and many elderly residents chose not to access services electronically even if the service was available.

Following discussion Members agreed that there was a continued need to provide face to face advice, and that applications to provide existing, as well as pilot new targeted provision, be encouraged.

The attention of Members was drawn to the financial overview for the Area Council. It was noted that costs had slightly increased for the distribution of the community magazine and that £18,448 remained for allocation in the current financial year.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the updates in relation to current commissions be noted;
- (ii) That the update in relation to the Isolated and Older People Grant Fund be noted;

- (iii) That the financial position of the Working Together Fund be noted and an application for the provision of advice services be encouraged; and
- (iv) That the financial position of the Area Council be noted.

Chair