

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 11 November 2021, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall

1. Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Graham Saunders, Allen Pestell, Cllr John Wilson, Jon Cutts, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Cllr David Greenhough, Ann Walker, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Bob Blythe, Joe Unsworth.

In Attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Elaine Equeall

Apologies: Pauline Ogden, Barbara Lee, Richard Leech

2. Penistone Council Update

Elaine Equeall presented information to update the Ward Alliance on the current work of the Penistone Area Council. (Presentation attached.) The Ward Alliance was asked to support the following:

- Working Together Fund – This fund is a good progression route for smaller groups who may have already received Ward Alliance funding but are now looking to expand. WA members asked to promote amongst groups who they feel may be eligible. Action: WA members.
- Support for young people’s health and wellbeing – As part of this the Area Council devolved £10k to the Ward Alliance which is sitting within the ‘Schools Out’ fund. WA members asked to promote this fund as much as possible amongst groups who may have capacity to deliver young people’s activities during the school holidays. Action: WA members.
- Take a seat campaign – As part of Barnsley becoming an age friendly town a campaign is underway to identify local benches which are ideal for older people to take a rest. WA members asked to have a think and let the Area Team know of any suggestions. An age friendly plaque can then be fitted to the identified benches. Action: WA members.
- S106 – The Area Council has recently received an update from S106 colleagues about current schemes and the process involved with this. There is an offer from the project manager to attend a WA meeting to offer the same information. The WA would like to accept this offer. Action: TD to arrange.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Cllr Greenhough declared non-pecuniary interest in the Stainborough Rotary Club application and Cllrs Kitching and Lowe-Flello both declared non-pecuniary interests in the Stainborough Rotary Club and Penistone Christmas Hamper Project applications.

4. Notes of the Meeting Held on 23 September 2021

Approved.

5. To Consider any Matters Arising from the Notes

Thurgoland Village Welfare has sent thanks to the WA for supporting their iPad station funding application.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard confirmed the Penistone Ward Alliance fund has an allocation of £7,826.13 remaining for the current financial year. There is also an allocation of £8,410 remaining to support school holiday activities under the 'School's Out' programme.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

a) Penistone Xmas Day Hamper Project - £2,000

The WA were in full support of this project recognising the need to support families this Christmas following another extremely tough year. However, it was decided that this application was best suited to other funding available through the Area Team. A proposal to re-direct this application to the Local Support Grant was made.

b) Stainborough Rotary Club, Stottercliffe Children's Memorial - £2,000

The Rotary Club is providing the financial governance for this project which is being delivered by a small group of individuals. The WA felt this was a very touching project with real warmth. A proposal of £2,000 was recommended for approval.

c) Hunshelf Parish Council, Replacement lawn mower - £2,499

The amount being asked for has reduced to £2,149. A proposal of £2,000 was recommended for approval.

d) Thurgoland Bowls Club, Replacement lawn mower - £4,690

In line with the above decision, a proposal of £2,000 was recommended for approval.

e) Ratification of Norcroft Pit Memorial Committee - £208

The decision to recommend £208 for this project ahead of tonight's meeting was ratified.

8. Any other business

- Penistone has been highlighted as an area with high levels of fuel poverty. Cllr Hand-Davis asked if something was needed to help address this. The WA to remain mindful of this issue.
- Public Health Cancer awareness campaign – it was suggested that parish clerks be contacted to help promote key messages within the villages. Both Oxspring and Penistone Town Council would be interested in receiving more information about this campaign at one of their meetings. Action: TD to liaise with colleagues.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9th December, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall