

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 9th June 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Allen Pestell, Ann Rusby, Pauline Ogden, Jon Cutts, Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr Mandy Lowe-Fello, Chrissie Yates, Barbara Lee, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team and Catherine Wood, Adults Skills and Community Learning.

1. Introductions and Apologies

A round of introductions was carried out to welcome Catherine to the meeting.

Apologies received from Richard Leech, Cllr David Greenhough, Joe Unsworth, Ann Walker, Cllr John Wilson, and Bob Blythe

2. Presentation from Adult Skills & Community Learning

Catherine gave an overview of the service and explained how they are keen to engage with those hard to reach and get out in the community to proactively seek this audience. Catherine can attend local groups who are interested in finding out more about the service and / or take up some of the training on offer. The wider the reach this service can have out in the community the more likely they are able to engage with those who most need this support.

A discussion took place, with Ward Alliance members suggesting several targeted audiences and community contacts.

The presentation is attached to these notes which contains Catherine's contact details should Ward Alliance members have any further suggestions for engagement or simply wish to discuss the support available further.

Action: Ward Alliance members to help promote the service where appropriate.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Notes of the Meeting held 12th May 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes

None.

6. Ward Alliance Development

a) The attached final draft of the Ward Alliance Plan for 2022-2024 was circulated with members of the Alliance volunteering as lead representatives to help deliver the proposed projects.

Action: Any additional WA member wanting to be involved with the planning of these projects, please let Tanya know.

b) To help with consistency in decision making, a discussion took place around the types of activity the Ward Alliance are not minded to fund. These are listed in the attached document for comments.

Action: WA members to let Tanya know of any changes ahead of agreement being sought at the July meeting.

7. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £14,985.03 Ward Alliance Fund, and £5,670 School's Out Fund.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

a) Oxspring Pop-In Club - £3,000

It was felt that this form didn't contain enough costing information for the Ward Alliance to make an effective decision and so it was agreed not to support this application.

b) Penistone Leisure Centre - £666

A discussion took place around the food element of this project. Considering the earlier conversation around consistency in decision making it was felt food was an integral part of this project. A proposal of £666 was recommend for approval.

Decisions for ratification:

c) Thurlstone Community Group - £500

Due to timescales this application was considered by email after the May meeting. The decision to support this application for the full amount was ratified.

9. Area Council Update

Leaflets promoting the recently commissioned Ageing Well Together Service being delivered by Age UK Barnsley and their new 'Eyes on the Ground' initiative were circulated to WA members.

10. Any Other Business

- Concerns were raised about the standard of grass cutting taking place on local grass verges with areas highlighted where this has resulted in poorly cut grass. There have also been some complaints over the Council's Rewilding Initiative and the lack of management of these sites. Action: The Area Team to feed in these concerns to the relevant service.
- The Wellhouse Lane housing development was raised along with concerns about the temporary speed limit of 40mph being lifted. Those attending the WA meeting felt that the speed limit of this road needs carefully consideration by all concerned to ensure the safety of road users.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14th July 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.