

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 14th July 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Allen Pestell, Jon Cutts, Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flelo, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Graham Saunders, Bob Blythe, Cllr David Greenhough and Cllr John Wilson

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Joe Unsworth, Ann Walker, Chrissie Yates, and Barbara Lee

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Jon Cutts declared a non-pecuniary interest in the St Andrews Church application.

3. Notes of the Meeting held 9th June 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

There were no matters arising.

5. Ward Alliance Development

Consistency in decision making - The attached document was agreed as a true reflection of discussions held at the previous meeting and will be used to help maintain consistency in decision making moving forward. It was mentioned that we are further developing consistency through our ongoing discussions as a group.

Penistone Volunteer Celebration Event – Tanya offered an update on behalf of the working group. An initial planning meeting has taken place and the proposed outline is to approach all Parish Councils to ask them to put forward 2 nominations linked to our local priorities. Nominees are then to be invited to a thank you celebration event at Wortley Hall during w/c 26th September to receive a framed certificate. Further details will be shared with the WA as and when they become available.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £14,319.03 Ward Alliance Fund, and £5,670 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

a) St Andrews Church - £5,000

After discussion, it was felt this application was too large an amount for Ward Alliance funding and that the group be referred to SYFAB for funding support. Action: Tanya to sign post the group to Lorna Lewis, Barnsley Funding Advisor.

If the group is short of an item further down the line after being able to secure alternative funding, then the Ward Alliance would be willing to consider a 2nd application from them if they wished to re-apply at that time. Although the Alliance are not minded to funding capital spend for local churches,

they were open to considering any smaller items required to enhance the community offer this church provides.

b) Thurgoland Football Club - £3,600

The Alliance appreciated that the club was seeking funds to get themselves re-established. However due to the pitch hire fees going to a facility out of the area and the view that the club should be using its subs policy to help cover running costs of the team it was felt that on this occasion that this application be rejected. Once the team is more established, the Alliance would welcome an application from them for any smaller items the team may need such as training equipment.

c) Penistone Cricket Club – Contribution towards a new club house

The efforts from the club to raise funds for the club house was commended however due to the group being a way off their target, it was agreed for them to be invited to re-apply for a contribution once they are much closer to the amount needed.

School's Out Funding

d) Penistone Skate Park – Mural Workshop/Personal Safety Event - £1,320

After discussion it was agreed to support this application. A proposal of £1320 was recommended for approval.

8. Area Council Update

Penistone Area Council recently paid for a 6-page supplement to go out in the Summer Living magazine, printed by Barnsley Council. This has gone out across the borough and a great opportunity to showcase the work taking place in the Penistone area.

9. Any Other Business

- A thank you letter has been received from Oxspring thanking us for their jubilee funding.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 11th August 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Penistone Ward Alliance – Consistency in decision making

It was agreed at the June 2022 meeting that the Ward Alliance are not minded to funding the following activity:

Decision	Reason behind it	Exceptions to the rule
<p>Annual / re-occurring running costs of a regular activity or group.</p> <p>For example - insurance, room hire, utilities.</p>	<p>To encourage long term sustainability and reduce reliance on grant funding.</p>	<p>Start-up groups / activities.</p> <p>One off activity or event which incurs the group additional spend such as specific event insurance, extra room hire charges for new activity.</p>
<p>Provision of food where it is deemed to be a ‘treat’ rather than integral to the activity itself.</p>	<p>To encourage organic involvement / support from the wider community network which is more likely to help towards long term sustainability of the activity.</p> <p>This provision could be sought elsewhere by approaching local businesses or asking for donations of home-baking etc. from residents.</p>	<p>Food costs will be considered where it forms a substantive element of the activity taking place.</p> <p>Applications to be considered case by case and a decision based on how critical it is to overall project.</p>
<p>Capital spend for community activity taking place in a non-community owned religious building.</p>	<p>Alternative funding available to religious organisations.</p>	