

NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING
Thursday 11th August 2022, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall

Present: Cllr Robert Barnard (Chair), Barbara Lee, Ann Walker, Jon Cutts, Graham Saunders, Joe Unsworth, Allen Pestell, Cllr John Wilson, Richard Leech, Bob Blythe and Cllr Mandy Low-Flello.

In attendance: Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team.

1. Introductions and Apologies:

Apologies received from Pauline Ogden, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Chrissie Yates and Cllr David Greenhough.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest

Allen Pestell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Dunford Parish Council application and Ann Walker in the Oxspring Parish Council application.

3. Notes of Meeting held 14th July 2022.

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Notes

Tanya updated the Ward Alliance on the progress of the skate park event agreed for funding at the last meeting. This event is taking place on Friday 19th August, 2pm – 6pm at Penistone Skate Park. If anyone would like to come along to lend a hand, please contact Tanya.

5. Ward Alliance Development / Project Updates

Volunteer Celebration Event – Tanya confirmed that the date for this event is Tuesday 27th September, 7pm at Wortley Hall and that emails inviting Parish Councils to put forward nominations have gone out. Members who also wear a Parish Council hat were asked to chase up a response with their Clerks as the deadline for nominations is fast approaching.

6. Ward Alliance Finances

Cllr Barnard offered an update on the WA finances. Current balances stand at £14,319.03 Ward Alliance Fund, and £4,350 School's Out Fund.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Ward Alliance Funding:

a) Penistone Theatre Group - £350

It was recognised that this application has a strong volunteer element to it. A proposal of £350 was recommended for approval.

b) Dunford Parish Council - £1,179

A discussion took place around the importance of community defibrillators and a piece of work being carried out by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to build a 'circuit' of available defibs in the community. A proposal of £1,179 was recommended for approval.

c) Oxspring Parish Council - £2,000

The Ward Alliance is aware of how well used this play facility is by many across the Penistone area, not just Oxspring. A proposal of £2,000 was recommended for approval.

Schools Out Fund:

d) Springvale Community Gardens - £475

The suggestion of the group linking with Penistone Theatre Group for similar events in the future was made to help save on facilitator costs. Action: Tanya to feedback to the group. A proposal of £475 was recommended for approval.

8. Area Council Update

- Members of the Ward Alliance were informed that the Area Council has recently granted funds to another 4 projects to help support the health and wellbeing of young people in Penistone. This was done via their Supporting Young People Grant.
- The 'Ageing Well Penistone' social inclusion project being delivered by Age UK Barnsley has now been officially launched with an event taking place at the end of July. The project is actively looking for volunteers and so please do help spread the word. More detail can be obtained from Tanya.

9. Any other business

- The Area Team has recently sent out an email inviting local community groups and organisations to take part in a survey about a proposed network called **PIPA** (Partners in the Penistone Area). Members were asked to chase up any responses from groups and organisations they are associated with.
- An email has been received from the **Barnsley Hospital Trust Membership** asking if they can come to a WA meeting to talk about being a trust / governor of Barnsley Hospital. Action: Tanya to invite to a future meeting.
- **Winter Warmer Packs** were raised as it was felt that these are something which are going to be needed by many considering the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Action: Tanya to liaise with Age UK Barnsley about working up a proposal.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 8th September, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

Richard Leech and Ann Walker send their apologies in advance.