**Penistone FM - Community Engagement Panel (CEP)**

Minutes of meeting – 15th March 2017

18.30 at Penistone FM Studio 2

**Attending:-**

Andrew Millner (AM) – Director, Penistone FM (PFM)

Mandy Lowe-Flello (ML) – Tesco Champion

John Openshaw (JO) – BMBC

Brenda Halliwell – Springvale Community Gardens

David Gill – Springvale Community Gardens

**Apologies for absence**: -

Lesley Sullivan (LS) - Teacher, St Johns Junior School

Maureen Faxon (MF) – Penistone Churches

Steve Roach (SR) – Penistone Scouts

Keith Coulton (KC) – Town Clerk, Penistone Town Council (PTC)

Antoinette Drinkhill - Head teacher, St Johns Junior School

Andrew Denham – Penistone Library

Father David (FD) – Penistone Churches

Steve Ricks (Sri) – PFM Listener

Ann Farr (AF) – Deputy Head teacher, St Johns Junior School

Bob Green (BG) – Millhouse Green Community Association (MHGVCA)

**Minutes**

AM opened the meeting by thanking those who had attended.

The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters / Actions outstanding from previous minutes:

Mandy advised very little take up of the Tesco Community Room. Penistone FM will liaise with Mandy to create a community news item to further promote the use of the meeting room in the store. **Action ML**

**Projects**

**Springvale Community Gardens**

BH advised that Springvale Community Gardens are planning to start work following being successful in a Tesco community grant, with GBP10k of funding. They plan to complete by end of June 2017.

BH advised that the team are working with the Penistone Line Partnership to provide planting for new planters planned to be installed at the Penistone Rail station. PGS ALC are building the planters, Springvale Gardens will plant them, and PLP will maintain the planters. Help for transportation may be required but PCEB trailer might be used if the team can contact PTC to book it.

BH advised of new engagement from Age UK and U3A (University of 3rd Age) who are visiting Springvale Community Gardens. They are looking at partnerships with other groups to reduce social isolation.

**Penistone FM Special promotions**

Following engagement by local Road Safety team whom are funded by the Speed Awareness Courses, Jonathan Furniss of South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership has now been in contact with Steve Dobson of Penistone FM. He will also engage with PGS ALC.

Ongoing promotions planned with the team and Penistone FM in the first few months include:

* March Seatbelts and Mobile phone use
* April Speed awareness
* May UN Global Road Safety week
  + National Motorcycle Action week
  + Operation Trivium – Foreign National Criminal Activity
* June Alcohol and Drugs
* July Mobile phone use

**Tour de Yorkshire Event Sunday 30th April**

Penistone FM are partnered with Dransfields and Penistone Town Council to ensure promotion of this large event, impacting Penistone, but also Millhouse Green, Thurlstone, Springvale, Oxspring, Thurgoland, Wortley, Greenmoor and surrounding countryside.

Tour de Yorkshire need “”Tour Maker” volunteers and people should contact the Tour de Yorkshire website to register their interest.

Numerous promotions are planned leading up to and including Sunday 30th April to ensure community groups are represented. Community groups are encouraged to email updates to [community@penistonefm.co.uk](mailto:community@penistonefm.co.uk)

**Tesco Projects**

ML mentioned the Farm2Fork project is proceeding, but difficulties being experienced in encouraging Barnsley schools to attend Springvale Community Gardens. A school from Rotherham is participating. ML is keen to see if there is any way we can encourage other schools to attend hopefully using the Penistone Railway service.

**Listener Comments**

A debate on the “nature of volunteering” will be planned in 2017. **Action: AM**

Jonathan Furniss of South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership has commenced promotions with Penistone FM on the subject of road safety. A debate on road safety involving a number of groups is planned for 2017. **Action: AM**

“Ask the Teacher” debate suggested by Lesley Sullivan. Penistone FM to engage with LS to discuss if this might be possible by emailing LS at [l.sullivan@barnsley.org](mailto:l.sullivan@barnsley.org)

AM advised of plans to invite local business to a meeting and BH suggested that this may then allow them to understand the local community groups in the area and how the businesses might provide “**Volunteer days**” to help out local community groups in their project plans. Furthermore, business with surplus stock, such as building materials might contact groups like MGVCA to pass on to them. Barnsley VAB could also assist in sourcing other companies who might help.

AM suggested that the Springvale Community Gardens might use the PCEB trailer to transport materials subject to contacting PTC and the Round Table.

**A.O.B**.

JO advised he will be retiring at the end of March.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 14th June 2017 630pm.**