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

Minutes of meeting – 13th January 2016

18.30 at Penistone FM Studio 2

**Attending:-**

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

John Openshaw (JO) – Lead Officer, Penistone Ward Alliance (WA)

David Gill – Springvale Community Gardens.

Mandy Lowe-Flello (ML) – Tesco Champion

Steve Roach (SR) – Penistone Scouts

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

**Apologies for absence**: -

Maureen Faxon (MF) – Penistone Churches

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

Heather Ricks (HR) – PFM Listener

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

Brenda Halliwell – Springvale Community Gardens

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:-

KC to send relevant PTC information on a 6 monthly basis. **Action c/f KC**

ML and JO discussed progress on the siting of defibrillators, currently proposed for outside Tesco store and the RBL in Penistone. JO to engage with the Clerk of PTC to progress the application for funding to allow these to be purchased and installed. **Updated 13/01** JO advised funding bids have been submitted to British Heart Foundation for 3 defibrillators. Locations to be Tesco, Hoylandswaine Cricket Club, Millhouse Green. Penistone FM will support the media promotion. The First Responders and Ambulance service should be involved too. **Action c/f: JO**

JO discussed the Area Grow Network and how this should involve Springvale Community Gardens. JO plans to engage with them to promote, and will send Penistone FM more detail so they can then promote it. **Updated 13/01**. JO and DG advised 2 other gardeners have attended to plan to form an allotment group and link with others in Thurgoland to work together **Item Complete**

Brenda mentioned there was an event on 17th October where Dan Wildsmith will be attending the Springvale Community Gardens and they are arranging an outdoor brew of Heritage Hops. They would like a reporter to attend to interview them. **Update 13/01 Item complete**

ML is planning to work with JO to promote new community group events in the Tesco Lobby areas. JO will provide new leaflets, and Penistone FM will promote this on air, once we receive the news item to promote from ML and JO. **Update 13/01 Ongoing**. **Action c/f ML and JO**

ML is planning a Tesco 5-year celebration in the Market Barn on Sunday 30th did not take place; Mandy will review other options. **Update 13/01 Item complete**

Projects

**Love Where You Live – Clean for the Queen Project.**

JO advised of a project to celebrate the 90th birthday of our Queen of a litter pick initiative under “Clean for the Queen”. This project would promote volunteering in Penistone community. There are plans for groups to “adopt” a green space.

SR advised that the Penistone Scout Group may be able to get involved. Penistone FM would support the media promotion. JO to liaise with local community groups to gain support for this project. **Action JO**

**Penistone Scout Group**

SR advised that Penistone Scout Group have rolled out a Village Patrol supporting Thurlstone and Millhouse Green, based in Thurlstone. This has promoted volunteering in that community and enabled them to set up a Scout Group which is going well. This is a big success story with young leaders developing Thurlstone and Penistone Scouts. There are now 28 young leaders involved now.

SR advised of a Cycle ride fundraising event involving local Scouts which has raised £2k which has been donated to the Sheffield Children’s hospital. AM advised that Penistone FM would plan to interview the Scout group about this event. **Action AM**

**Tesco Community Update**

ML has developed two boards. The main Lobby area in the store is for Tesco in the Community, and local groups promotion is now to be shown on a board by the checkout area.

ML has been visiting the Church for Breakfast team, with Tesco supporting with food.

ML advised that Tesco are supporting a foodbank run by St Andrew’s church.

ML advised that Tesco have a meeting room in the store above the shopping area. ML is keen to promote this room for use by the community. This would involve community groups booking via ML with guided access through the store to access the room. **Action ML**

ML reported that the 5p carrier bag levy will see a portion of this money be given back to the community. Tesco are looking at a simple voting system for groups who bid for the money, likely to be via a plastic coin in a clear bucket, as seen at other company stores.

**Springvale Community Gardens**

DG reported on funding bids for various initiatives summarised:

1. Wildflower Meadows – looking at encouraging young people to become involved in planting.
2. improve the pond – encouraging volunteers to support the project.
3. building a shop in front of the greenhouses- encouraging retail development,

**Listener Comments**

**Previous comments to be introduced:**

Brenda Halliwell would like to encourage a debate in the “nature of volunteering”. When Penistone FM have fully commissioned Studio 2 we will set up a debate. **Action c/f: AM**

Bob Green would like to take part in a debate about road safety. Penistone FM will contact him once the facility is available. **Action c/f: AM**

**New comments from this meeting**

LS asked whether Penistone FM could promote a “lunch hour” that could lead to a school promotion like “Ask the Teacher”. Penistone FM to engage with LS to discuss if this might be possible by emailing LS at l.sullivan@barnsley.org

LS thinks more local business should be listening to Penistone FM. How can we encourage more local businesses to tune in? Perhaps a local promotion?

AM thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 13th April 2016.**