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

Minutes of meeting – 21st December 2016

18.30 at Penistone FM Studio 2

**Attending:-**

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

Mandy Lowe-Flello (ML) – Tesco Champion

Heather Ricks (HR) – PFM Listener

**Apologies for absence**: -

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

Maureen Faxon (MF) – Penistone Churches

David Gill – Springvale Community Gardens

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

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:

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.

**Projects**

**Tesco Community Update**

ML reported the 5p carrier bag levy grant funding will change in 2017. The amounts available in the grant scheme will less than previous, but there will now be monthly prizes, using the customer coin voting system.

ML advised that Springvale Community Gardens were successful in 2nd prize from the last community grant of 2016, with GBP10k of funding. Well done to Springvale Community Gardens!

ML advised of a change to Tesco food going to “waste”. When the discount is 75% or more, the product will be withdrawn from shelves and donated to local approved groups. The scheme will be known as “Food Cloud” and Tesco will identify and approve groups who will be eligible who will then be contacted to pick up the food. This avoids the friction in the retail area, with food being distributed fairly to local groups as a “Food Share”. Currently, for the Penistone store, these include St Johns’ Church, Bumping Spaces (where food for the Community Christmas party organised for Christmas Day has been allocated), and various local eligible junior schools have also been identified.

ML advised that the “Farm 2 Fork” trails continue with numerous successful school visits organised in 2016.

ML advised of a recent visit to the store foyer by local Road Safety team whom are funded by the Speed Awareness Courses. Jonathan Furniss of South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership is the contact who has now been in contact with AM of Penistone FM. Penistone FM will work with the team to promote their future events in 2016.

**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. Update 211216, HR suggests that Penistone FM volunteers could lead the first debate to encourage participation. **Action: AM**

Bob Green would like to take part in a debate about road safety. Penistone FM will contact him once the facility is available. Update 211216 AM to engage with Jonathan Furniss of South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership to see if they can attend. **Action: AM**

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

**New comments from this meeting**

AM thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

AM advised of plans to invite local business to an updated meeting if this would encourage more to attend.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 15th March 2017 630pm.**