

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

**Monday, November 18th 2013 at 6.30pm
The Grove, Royston**

Present:

Cllr Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Cllr Tim Cheetham, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Martyn Guilemer, Fred Hartson, Howard Lavender, Mick Birkinshaw, Graham Kyte, Stephen Croft, and John Openshaw

In Attendance:

Caroline Donovan, Area Manager, Paul Jolley, Senior Support Officer, David Gill, Support Officer, Elaine Equeall, Community Engagement, Consultation and Research Policy Lead.

1. Apologies for Absence

Matthew Bullimore

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Notes of the previous meeting

Notes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2013 were accepted as a true record.

4. Terms of Reference for Royston Scrutiny Steering Group

An initial meeting has been held with members of the Steering group, with draft Terms of Reference prepared these were distributed for comment. The group would consist of 7 members with Bill Newman as Chair and John Craig as Vice Chair, The Terms of Reference set out the Purpose of the group its Membership, Role, and Decision making. The Ward Alliance agreed the Terms of Reference for the Royston Scrutiny Steering Group.

5. Consideration of the Ward Plan and developing the Priorities

Priorities for the Royston Ward Community Plan had been previously agreed as: The Local Economy and Anti-Poverty Measures, The Environment, Health & Well Being and Youth Provision. The meeting broke into workshops to discuss and identify the measures within each of the priorities identified.

6. Ward Plan Community Commissioning

Elaine Equeall distributed information and presented proposals for the development of Community Organiser's, this also included an offer of free training and support for individuals expressing an interest in becoming a community Organiser. The volunteer role would include training supplied through 'Learn Barnsley' Community Learning Trust the only cost to the Alliance would be the reimbursement of expenses such as travel to learning, child care costs etc. The current proposals are that the training would take place locally at a venue accessible to the individuals, it would be undertaken in a number of modules possibly in 2 hour sessions but the training would require a minimum of 10 individuals.

7. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Gardening Group, following a meeting with the group they expressed an interest in cooperating with the Ward Alliance

Children's Centre, Members distributed proposals from the Children's Centre addressing the Health and Well-Being Priority set by the Ward Alliance, linking into the Public Health criteria of Connect and keep learning.

Cook & Eat Sessions The course would deliver 6 sessions to 4 families with sessions including, Advice on Budgeting, Planning Meals, Family Food preferences, introducing new healthy food tastes, portion sizes and cooking skills, at a cost of £350 per session delivered in 2 sessions a total of £700.

Smoking in pregnancy, targeted work around smoking in pregnancy one to one working with parents, cost of the pilot project working with a total of 3 families £204.

REMIDI, the chair requested that the item be Included on the agenda for next meeting.

Citizens Advice Bureau, the chair reported that a wider project was being developed to be delivered across the borough and suggested that the Ward Alliance should include their proposals within the wider scheme. Members felt that the Royston Ward Alliance should press ahead with its project.

Fit Reds, the course targeted at males over 35 offers free sessions over an 8 week period. There are veteran's sessions and the project is seeking funds to cover the cost sessions over 10 weeks and supply Bibs, Balls, Kit Bag and promotion at a cost of between £620 and £650.

Funding Advice, funding information on National Lotteries Funding, Trusts and Foundations and Local Funds were distributed was distributed. Other opportunities were available one such funding opportunity is 'Rethinking Parks' from National Lotteries and NESTA.

Web Site following discussions with Carlton Community College they have agreed to support this as an extra curriculum activity.

Communications, Cllr Makinson presented a leaflet highlighting the activities available to over 50's in Royston

8. Decisions Agreed

Terms of Reference for Royston Scrutiny Steering Group, The Ward Alliance agreed the Terms of Reference for the Royston Scrutiny Steering Group.

Children's Centre, to approve a grant of £904.00 supporting Cook & Eat Sessions and a Smoking in Pregnancy Pilot.

Citizens Advice Bureau, the Chair agreed to discuss the proposals with CAB and the Area Council Chair on the progression of the Royston project and the allocation of £1500 to the project.

Fit Reds, It was agreed that officers would work up proposals and the volunteer hours and to allocate £700 to the project, to cover possible additional costs.

Rethinking Parks, It was agreed that Cllr Makinson would investigate this funding Opportunity.

Web Site, It was agreed that S Croft and Cllr T Cheetham would progress.

Communications, it was agreed to distribute the draft leaflet to members for views.

REMIDI It was agreed that this update be Included on the agenda for next meeting.

Neighbourhood Pride It was agreed that this update be Included on the agenda for next meeting.

Youth Representation It was agreed that this update be Included on the agenda for next meeting.

Hanging Baskets It was agreed that this update be Included on the agenda for next meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Devolved Ward Budget, the area manager gave a brief report on the allocation of the Ward Devolved budget to date.

Christmas Event, Posters and leaflets on the Royston Christmas Family Event taking place on Thursday the 28th November were distributed for information and to be placed in prominent positions within the community.

Ranger of the Year, members congratulated M Birkinshaw, on receiving Ranger of the Year Award for his work at Rabbit Ings.

10. Dates of future meetings

- Monday 16th December at 6.30pm
- Monday 13 January 2014 at 6.30pm
- Monday 10th February 2014 at 6.30pm
- Monday 10th March 2014 at 6.30pm

11. Future Agenda Items

- Action Plan with headings
- Shrub bed / Allotment bed audit
- Consultation
- Health Fayre planning
- Neighbourhood Network information and Neighbourhood Network host (sub group)

12. The Chair closed the meeting at 9:05pm