

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

**Monday, December 16th 2013 at 6.30pm
The Grove, Royston**

Present:

Cllr Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Cllr Tim Cheetham, Cllr Caroline Makinson, William H Newman (Chair of Scrutiny Steering Group), Martyn Guilcher, Fred Harston, Howard Lavender, Graham Kyte, Stephen Croft, Matthew Bullimore and John Openshaw

In Attendance:

Paul Jolley, Senior Support Officer, and David Gill, Support Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence

None Received

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Notes of the previous meeting

Notes of the meeting held on the 18th November 2013 were accepted as a true record.

4. Report from Royston Scrutiny Steering Group

The Chair welcomed Bill Newman Chair of the Royston Scrutiny Steering Group. Notes of the Steering group meeting held on the 9th December were distributed and the Chair of the group gave a brief update of the meeting and the work of the Steering group.

5. Neighbourhood Network Information and Neighbourhood Network Host.

The support Officer gave an overview of the Neighbourhood Network, bringing together groups, individuals within the community to give mutual help and support. A mapping exercise has been undertaken within Royston and to date over 40 active groups have been identified and recorded. A number of questions were raised on bringing groups together and how groups would share skills and knowledge. It was agreed that there are already a number of activities already ongoing within the community.

6. Health and Well Being Leaflet

Cllr Makinson gave an overview of a leaflet prepared highlighting activities available within Royston for older members of the community in the winter, proposals are to distribute in January 2014. The draft leaflet was distributed for views, it was agreed that following further amendments the draft leaflet would be distributed for further comments.

Following discussions with local G P surgeries they have expressed an interest in working with the Ward Alliance.

7. Agreement of Ward Plan for Community Consultation

The Senior Support Officer gave an overview of the Draft Ward Community Plan, which was distributed to members; a further document was distributed listing the possible project to address the priorities.

8. Action Plan

The Chair reported that the Royston Ward Alliance were already commissioning projects with three project commissioned to date. The Senior Support Officer gave an overview of the three projects, which were, Fit Reds, Citizens Advice Bureau and Meadsteads Children's Centre.

A proposal was put forward to support the services of a District Nurse in Royston but it was felt that discussions should be held with the local surgeries on the current services available in Royston, this was agreed.

Concerns were raised at the sustainability of Children's Centres and discussions took place on how services could be developed and delivered supporting the work of the Children's Centre and planning for the future.

9. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Web Site, S Croft reported on a meeting with Carlton Community College who were enthusiastic about designing the web site and also about reporting on the work of the Ward Alliance and the projects it commissions. There were questions raised about a number of issues, the independence of the web site, a Domain Name, Hosting Costs, links with Social media and e mail addresses.

It was agreed that S Croft would follow up with the college and the secretary would provide information for inclusion on the web site.

Community Organiser, the Chair sought names of individuals interested in the role of Volunteer Community Organisers and taking advantage of the training on offer. There were no names put forward.

10. Decisions Agreed

Health and Wellbeing Leaflet, it was agreed that the draft leaflet be distributed for comment.

11. Dates of future meetings

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

12. Future Agenda Items

- Health and Wellbeing Leaflet
- Shrub bed / Allotment bed audit

- Consultation on Ward Plan
- Health Fayre planning
- Royston War Memorial
- Audit of Youth Provision

13. Any Other Business

Christmas Lights switch on; the Senior Support Officer expressed his gratitude to all Ward Alliance Members attending the light switch on at the Wells for their support. The event was well supported with around 250 attending.

Refreshments, The Chair thanked M Guilcher for providing the refreshments.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:10pm