

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 14th December 2015
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Clements, Cllr Tim Cheetham, Fred Harston, John Craig, John Clare, Graham Kyte, Stephen Croft, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore and John Openshaw

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Mick Birkinshaw, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, and Howard Lavender.

2. Declarations of Interest
None Declared.

3. Correspondence & Communications,
The secretary reported the receipt of an e mail from Carlton TARA expressing concerns at their exclusion from the Royston Directory. Councillor Clements replied to the E Mail apologising to our oversight. A request has been made to the group for a list of activities which will be included in further publications of the directory.

4. Notes of the previous meeting,
With a minor amendment to the second paragraph, Carlton Community College have adopted planters on Midland Road and section 3, the canal will be included the Yorkshire in Bloom initiative in 2016, Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the, 9th November 2015 were a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

Canal, John Clare reported on a possible leak along the canal, members of the club and officers of the local authority have inspected the section of canal in question and attributed the problem to recent high rain fall, but agreed to monitor the situation.

Orchard Planting, the planting went ahead on Friday the 4th December with 9 fruit trees being planted in the former Rose Garden of Royston Park. Further developments in the Rose Garden will see soft fruit trees planted next year. Suggestions were put forward that an interpretation board be installed to inform residents and visitors to the park, the work undertaken and the trees planted. This would be progressed.

Children's Centre members felt that this issue should remain as an agenda item. The changes at the centre which will transform into a Family Centre from April 2015 offering a number of advisory services to families are of concern. Our local MP is currently highlighting issues around Child Poverty. Discussions took place on the

possible gaps in services offered in Royston and the services which could be supported at the centre, one such service being mental health issues.

Christmas Event the Community Development Officer gave an update on the event held at the Albert Shepherd Memorial Hall., with between 400 and 450 young people and parents attending. Thanks were expressed to John Craig for his support at the event. A number of lessons would be taken forward to future events, a future event will required more activities for younger children, with possibly a community group taking the lead in organising the event, better access to the centre by wheel chairs and mobility scooters will be required, it was agreed that this issue would be passed to Barnsley Premier Leisure.

Sportivate the funding opportunity suggested could be accessed to support our summer activities programme, and it was agreed this item should remain on agenda.

Royston in Bloom, J Craig presented proposals for the Royston in Bloom 2016 project. It was agreed that the planning for the event would start early with an approach to Neighbourhood Services for cost and delivery information on plants and hanging baskets.

Carlton Community College their environmental group have already adopted beds along Midland Road it was proposed that they be invited to adopt flower beds at East End Crescent.

6. Area Council Update

The chair gave a verbal update on the Area Council.

Community Magazine featuring information about Ward Councillors across the North East Area, the work of the North East Area Council and the 4 Ward Alliance's, is currently being delivered to homes across the North East Area Council's area.

A Private Sector Housing Officer has been recruited to work across the North East area.

Enforcement Figures over the last quarter were consistent with the previous quarter.

7. Ward Alliance Membership

Members discussed membership of the Royston Ward Alliance representatives, their term of office, current vacancies and the alliance annual review. It was agreed that the Community Development Officer would investigate and timetable the annual review with the Secretary writing to Carlton TARA, seeking a nomination to the Royston Ward Alliance.

8. Project Updates

Allotments, there has been an agreement that the hedge bordering Robin Lane and The allotments would be trimmed, any future work to the hedge would be the responsibility of the land owners. With the recent developments of more plots on the site of the allotments lots more vehicles are accessing the site; there is now a need for further improvements to the central access road. It was agreed to seek further quotes for the work.

Other Allotments site at the West End of Royston would be investigated.

DIAL a summary of their client numbers for October and November were distributed, and accepted, this six month project runs until March 2016. It was agreed to invite DIAL and CAB to the January meeting to review the services offered in Royston.

Planters and Barrels the chair reported that Christmas Cards would be sent to all the adoptees of the barrels and planters, thanking them for their contribution throughout the year.

WW1 Commemorations Members discussed the proposals put forward by Experience Barnsley and further celebrations which could take place up to 2018.

9. Ward Alliance Funding Update and to consider applications received

The secretary gave an overview of the project proposed by **Experience Barnsley**. Copies of the application were distributed: an indicated cost to each of the 21 Ward Alliances across Barnsley would be £335.71. Members recommended an allocation of £500.00 towards the project.

10. Any Other Business

The Wells, it was reported that some of the mortar on the coping stones of the well feature is missing, the Community Development Officer agreed to contact Royston history group seeking ownership information.

The Wells Retaining Wall concerns were raised at the condition of the wall and that of the trees behind, members to help with identifying owner of land and the Community Development Officer to contact the North East neat and tidy team to look at maintenance issues.

Royal British Legion, members of the ward alliance supported the annual poppy appeal distributing and collecting the collection material. The current organiser is standing down and a request was made for the Ward Alliance to promote this vacancy.

Carlton Community College, Cllr Clements reported on his roll supporting candidates through the election process in their democratic elections for a President of Student Voice.

Royston and Carlton Community Partnership, the chair reported on the recent meeting of the partnerships management committee which discussed the future of the partnership. It was agreed that the community partnership and its future would be a regular agenda item.

11. Ward Alliance Members Actions

- a) **Albert Shepherd Memorial Hall**, Wheelchair and Mobility Scooter access, Community Development Officer to report to BPL.
- b) **Royston in Bloom** Community Development Officer to approach to Neighbourhood Services for cost and delivery information on plants and hanging baskets.
- c) **Carlton Community College** the Community Engagement Officer to liaise with the colleges and their environmental group to arrange site meeting on Midland Road and invite them adopt beds at East End Crescent.
- d) **Ward Alliance** the Community Development Officer would investigate and timetable the annual review with the Secretary writing to Carlton TARA, seeking a nomination to the Royston Ward Alliance.

- e) **Allotment** It was agreed to seek further quotes for improvements to the central access road. The chair to have a site meeting on the proposed allotment site at West End.
- f) **Planters and Barrels** Christmas Cards would be sent to all the adoptees of the barrels and planters, thanking them for their contribution throughout the year.
- g) **The Wells, Maintenance, Well Feature, Community Development Officer** to contact history group seeking ownership information. **Retaining Wall** members to seek ownership information. Community Development Officer to also contact the North East Neat & Tidy team to look at other maintenance issues.
- h) **Royal British Legion**, the ward alliance to promote the poppy appeal organisers vacancy in Royston.

12. Decisions Agreed.

- a) **Family Centres** item to remain on agenda
- b) **Sportivate** item to remain on agenda
- c) **Experience Barnsley, Remembering the Battle of the Somme**, members recommended an allocation of £500.00
- d) **DIAL and CAB** to be invited to January Meeting
- e) **Royston and Carlton Community Partnership** to be included as an agenda item

13. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the Monday 18th January 2016, 6:30pm at The Grove

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:20pm wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year