

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 23rd June, 2014
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Cllr Tim Cheetham, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Simon Potter (Barnsley Premier Leisure) Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Howard Lavender, Martyn Guilcher and John Openshaw

In Attendance: Caroline Donovan, North East Area Manager.

1. Apologies for Absence, Stephen Croft, and Mick Birkinshaw.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Community Activator, the chair welcomed Simon Potter the facilities manager with Barnsley Premier who also sits on the Cudworth Ward Alliance. Simon gave an overview of the Community Activator Project a Sport England initiative which is targeted at:

- Activities reflecting a broad range of sports
- Informal opportunities which could lead to regular participation
- Multi-sport activities which provide people with a range of choices and opportunities to suit them
- Family orientated activities with a focus on the 14 plus age group
- Local activator roles that focus on directly organising and delivering new opportunities for participation

Projects could be for up to three years and the grants will range from £50,000 - £250,000.

The best projects will demonstrate the following key characteristics:

- A focus on a clearly defined geographical area and community
- Demonstrable understanding of sporting needs
- Evidence of what potential participants want or need in order to take part in sport once a week
- Local partners working together to deliver and help fund the project
- A clear and robust delivery plan
- Realistic but ambitious numbers for increasing and sustaining once a week participation

The project proposals are for a 3 year project employing 2 x Community Activators to cover the 4 wards of Royston & Monk Bretton and North East & Cudworth, the proposals would require support from each ward of £2,500.00 in years one and two with support from BPL in year three which would be matched with a grant from Sport England. BPL would prepare the funding application with a joint project management structure between BPL and the Ward Alliances. The proposals address the Ward Alliances Priorities of Health & Well Being, The Local Economy & Anti-poverty Measures, Youth Provision and The Environment. Regular updates would be provided to the Ward Alliances on the project progress.

Members agreed in principle to support the proposals and allocate £2,500.00 in year 2014/15 and £2,500.00 in 2015/16. The funding bid would be prepared for submission to a future Ward Alliance Meeting.

4. Correspondence & Communications

The Area Manager distributed updates on a number of projects.

Fit Reds, which has seen 20 individuals, engage in the 8 week programme.

Citizens Advice Bureau, the project has now been running for 5 months and during that period has achieved targets set.

Cook & Eat Cllr Makinson gave an update on the Cook & Eat sessions delivered by the Children's Centre. Unfortunately only one individual has signed up for the sessions.

Press Releases, following discussions on the issue of communications it was agreed that information released to the press would be approved through the Chair. This was agreed. It was also agreed that copies of information forwarded to the press would be forwarded to BMBC's communications department.

Royston Park Band Stand, members reported further damage to the Parks Band Stand. Following this latest incident Councillors have approved a reward of £500.00 for information leading to the prosecution of the individuals involved.

5. Notes of the previous meeting

Members agreed that the note of the meeting held on the 12th May 2014 were a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising

Albert Shepherd VC Centre, Quotes for the signage has been received, it was agreed to place the order for 3 signs, and their installation.

Grants Panel, discussions took place on the proposal to hold quarterly funding panels and the level of grants to be approved. It was agreed to deal with applications as they are received.

7. Update from Royston Scrutiny Steering Group

Notes of the Steering Group meeting held on the 20th May 2014 were distributed with Cllr Makinson giving a brief update on issues discussed.

Neighbourhood Network Flyers, the flyer agreed by the steering group was available at the Gala with a number of groups signing up for the Neighbourhood Network. The Children's Centre has also agreed to promote the Ward Alliance.

First Responders, there were no volunteers signed up at the Gala.

Love Where You Live, Posters & Flyers were distributed throughout Royston.

Action Plan, The plan was tabled at the meeting and it was agreed to undertake case studies of projects supported to date.

8. Summer Holiday Activities

The Area Manager distributed a draft of the summer activities programme for members to consider.

9. Royston Park,

Youth Shelter and Wi Fi, It was agreed to seek revised costs for the proposals.

Skate Park, It was reported that some of the equipment was reaching the end of its useful life and a request was made for cost of replacement, and a possible indication of the numbers using the facilities.

10. Allotments, members raised concerns at the conditions of some allotments in Royston and questioned their management. A proposal was put forward for local management of the Allotments in Royston. It was agreed that Cllr Makinson would request details of the waiting list for Allotment in Royston together with a report on the individual sites in Royston.

11. Environment. Members raised concerns at the maintenance of a number of sites across Royston and requested the schedule of works carried out by BMBC's Neighbourhood Pride Department, together what is to be commissioned in Royston. It was agreed to request this information.

Planting Boxes and Barrels there are a number of planting Boxes and Barrels around Royston which are not being maintained. A proposal was put forward that a Love Where You Live initiative be prepared for their maintenance. This was agreed

12. Ward Alliance Members Actions

None agreed or outstanding

13. Any Other Business

Web Site, the site is currently under construction; contact would be made with the school to progress.

Remedi, a further request for project was made, a number were proposed, in Royston Park, Shrub Bed Maintenance, and Repainting the Bandstand, on New Street, Rubbish removal.

Environmental Team, the Area Manager reported that the project to employ 2 officers and an apprentice is currently out to tender.

Enforcement, the Area Manager reported that the project to address litter and dog fouling is currently recruiting staff.

Proms in the Park, the Area Manager issued posters and Flyers for members to help distribute in Royston.

Church/Children's Centre, Rev Bullimore reported that the Children's Centre and the Church would be delivering a Works Club from September helping individuals with Interview skills, completing applications and CV's.

Food Bank, Rev Bullimore reported that the Children's Centre are beginning to receive food bank referrals.

Health Fayre It was proposed that the Alliance contact Royston & Carlton Community Partnership to work with them to deliver a health fayre in September, Cllr Makinson to lead.

Love Where You Live the Chair agreed to write to the Barnsley Chronicle thanking everyone for their recent contribution to the recent events in Royston.

14. Decisions Agreed.

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15. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday the 28th July 2014 at the Grove, Station Road, Royston.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:40pm