

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 28th July 2014
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Cllr Tim Cheetham, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Fred Harston, Stephen Croft, Mick Birkinshaw, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Jason Farrar, Groundwork Dearne Valley, and John Openshaw.

In Attendance: Cllr Steve Green, Chair of Monk Bretton Ward Alliance, Caroline Donovan, North East Area Manager.

1. Apologies for Absence, Howard Lavender, Graham Kyte, Martyn Guilcher.

2. Declarations of Interest

The secretary declared an interest in agenda item no 8 as secretary of the Royston & Carlton Community Partnership.

3. Correspondence & Communications, Rethinking Parks, Cllr Makinson distributed a report on the 11 projects which were selected for the Rethinking Parks Project, Bloomsbury Squared, London Borough of Camden, Endowing Parks of the 21st Century, Sheffield and Manchester, Pack Hack, Hackney London, Costal Parks and Garden Foundation, Bournemouth, Everton Park Community Hub, Liverpool, Go to the Park, Burnley, My Park Scotland, Edinburgh and Glasgow, Eastbrookend Rekindled, Barking and Dagenham, Darlington Park Improvement, Darlington, ParkWork, Bristol and Heeley Park Subscription Society, Sheffield.

4. Notes of the previous meeting

Members agreed that the note of the meeting held on the 23rd June 2014 were a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

Community Activator, the project proposals would be presented to a future meeting.

Band Stand, following vandalism to the Band Stand a request was made to make safe.

Royston Proms, Number attending proms in the park increased throughout the day. Proposals to promote through the University of the 3rd Age were made.

6. Update from Royston Scrutiny Steering Group

Notes of the Steering Group meeting held on the 8th July 2014 were distributed with Cllr Makinson giving a brief update on issues discussed.

Environment, Planters and Barrels, an audit of the planters and barrels would be made encouraging volunteers to maintain, the maintenance may also include the planting beds on Royston Lane. The group also agreed to include the Canal in the Environmental project.

7. Allotments, The chair welcomed Jason Farrar of Groundwork Dearne Valley who gave an overview of Groundwork's current role in the management of allotments. A breakdown of the 7 allotment sites in Royston together with the number of plots on each site the number on the waiting list for each site and the number of vacant plots. In Royston there is only one vacant site, this has not been let due to its size. There are a number of other plots in Royston which are not being cultivated and action with the plot holders is underway.

Graham Kyte had prepared a note on Allotments in Royston which was presented by Cllr Makinson.

It was agreed that an audit of the waiting list would be undertaken, true numbers waiting for an allotment and the enforcement action being undertaken.

It was also agreed to investigate possible new sites, the feasibility of transferring the asset to the local community.

8. Health Fayre, Cllr Makinson gave an update on the discussions with Gail Naylor of the Royston & Carlton Community Partnership on the support to deliver the Health Fayre/Feel good Event. It was agreed to contact local surgeries to promote the event. The area manager gave a breakdown of the indicated project costs of £1,300.00. Members agreed to support the project with a grant of £1,300.00 matching the partnerships budget with a maximum project budget of £2,500.00 with any underspend being returned to the ward alliance.

The Health Fayre would enhance the Feel good Event targeting a wider age group and including road safety information.

9. Summer Holiday Activities

The Area Manager distributed a summer activities programme. The Chair thanked the Area Council team for their work in compiling the activities and the timetable together with the distribution to schools, libraries and its promotion on Facebook and twitter. The Chair agreed to contact local radio stations to promote the activities and to distribute posters to local shops.

10. Royston Park,

Youth Shelter and Wi Fi, Rethinking Parks and Skate Park, It was agreed to include these issues on the agenda for the next meeting. .

11. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Web Site, Proposals to progress at the start of the new school term, the Area Council team have already made contact with the Deputy Head at Carlton Community College.

Albert Shepherd VC Centre, The Area Manager distributed designs for the signage. It was proposed that the official opening should take place in September.

Skate Park, awaiting costs.

Neighbourhood Pride, to request work schedules for the Royston Ward.

12. Any Other Business

None

13. Decisions Agreed.

Health Fayre, Members agreed to support the project with a grant of £1,300.00 matching the partnerships budget with a maximum project budget of £2,500.00 with any underspend being returned to the ward alliance.

Summer Activities, The Chair agreed to contact local radio stations to promote the activities and to distribute posters to local shops.

Albert Shepherd VC Centre, It was agreed that the official opening should take place in September.

Allotments, that any reclaimed allotments should be divided, that an audit of the waiting list would be undertaken, true numbers waiting for an allotment and the enforcement action being undertaken, to investigate possible new sites, the feasibility of transferring the asset to the local community.

Neighbourhood Pride, to request work schedules for the Royston Ward.

14. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday the 8th September 2014 (Revised Date) at the Grove, Station Road, Royston.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm