

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

**Monday, 27th October 2014
6.30pm the Grove, Royston**

Present: Cllr Tracey Cheetham, (Chair), Cllr Caroline Makinson, Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, Stephen Croft, Mick Birkinshaw, Howard Lavender, Martyn Guilcher, and John Openshaw.

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Senior Local Support Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Cllr Tim Cheetham, and Philip Hayes, (Groundwork Dearne Valley).

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Correspondence & Communications,

The secretary distributed information on training offered by Voluntary Action Barnsley on 'Introduction to and understanding of financial management' this will be delivered in three sessions and could be delivered locally. The cost of providing this bespoke training is £1,680 fully inclusive.

The secretary distributed an invitation to Ward Alliance Members to a special Barnsley Community and Volunteer Network (BCVN) meeting on Thursday the 20th November 9:30am to 12:00 noon at The Core County Way to discuss the development of the new 'Community Offer'.

The secretary outlined a few issues raised by Revd Dr Bullimore, plans by the Ward Alliance to commemorate the First World War, the restoration/replacement of the Albert Shepherd gate, and the early year's provision in Royston & the funding of the Children's Centre. It was agreed that these issues would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. Notes of the previous meeting

Members agreed that the note of the meeting held on the 8th September 2014 were a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

Volunteer Celebrations, Cllr Makinson reported that the celebration event she attended with John Craig was very informative, finding out how other groups in the borough are progressing, and delivering the new arrangements.

6. Update from Royston Scrutiny Steering Group

The chair proposed the rebranding the Scrutiny Steering Group as 'Neighbourhood Network' it was felt that this proposal should be put to the Steering group for consultation, prior to any decision being confirmed, this was agreed. It was also agreed to confirm the terms of reference of the Scrutiny Steering Group.

Notes of the Steering Group meeting held on the 30th September 2014 were distributed with Cllr Makinson giving a brief update on issues discussed.

Barrels & Planters, a report was given on the success of the 'adopt a planter scheme'.

Allotments, a report on a meeting between Glyn Forrester, Cllr Makinson and Graham Kyte was given. There was some concern at the progress of improvements to allotments in Royston. It was agreed that a proposal would be developed to accelerate the management and letting of allotments in Royston.

Car Parking, Royston Park, the steering group has reservations at the increase in parking spaces and felt that signage directing motorists to the car park off Park View would address the issues raised. Following discussions it was agreed to progress the additional parking spaces.

Royston Guide / Directory, work is ongoing to prepare a first draft.

Health Fayre, the secretary distributed a report on the event prepared by Gail Naylor.

7. Food Growing Project/Allotments

Apologies were received from Philip Hayes, (Groundwork Dearne Valley) the secretary reported that a meeting had been arranged for 2pm on Monday the 11th November at Rabbit Ings to discuss the proposals.

8. Ward Alliance Funding Applications

Royston Canal Club, the club requested support for 12 months' rent, and insurance.

Members agreed to allocate £500.00 towards the project.

Royston Park, Additional Car parking, proposals are to create an additional 20 parking spaces off Midland Road at a total cost of £18,940.00. It was agreed to allocate £9,470.00 with a proposal to future proof the project with the relocation of knee high fencing.

Adopt a flower box scheme, the adoption scheme has been a success with individuals, groups and schools coming forward to adopt and maintain a planter. The alliance agreed to provide compost, plants, wood stain etc. at a cost of £1,500.00.

9. Royston Park,

No further issues to discuss.

10. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Web Site, a meeting with the school has been arranged for after half term, an update would be available for the next meeting.

11. Any Other Business

Meadstead Assembly, Cllr Makinson reported on her attendance at an assembly at Meadstead School. Following the assembly three pupils, Sapphire Elisha Devonport, Millie Brown and Kelsey Phillips provided Cllr Makinson with their views on the Good & Bad in Royston, which were shared with the meeting.

Rabbit Ings, A café is now open on the site at weekends 'Monckton Pit Stop'. A local football team is using one of the pitches, Brierley Cubs, and a couple have asked about using the site as a wedding venue in 2015.

Christmas Lights Switch on, will be held at The Wells on the 17th November from 4:30 to 5pm.

Citizens Advice Bureau, the Senior Locality Support Officer reported that the current 12 month project being delivered by CAB comes to an end in January 2015. Following the success of the initial project members views were sought on an in principle agreement to support for a further 12 months. This in principle agreement was given.

12. Decisions Agreed.

Royston Scrutiny Steering Group, Confirm terms of reference

Allotments, develop proposals to accelerate the management and letting of allotments in Royston. **Royston Canal Club**, Award grant of £500.00.

Royston Park Additional Parking Spaces, Award grant of £9,470.00.

Adopt a Flower Box, Award a grant of £1,500.00.

Web Site, Hold meeting with school following half term

Citizens Advice Bureau, in principle agreement to support for a further 12 months.

13. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday the 15th December 2014 at the Grove, Station Road, Royston.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm