

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 15th December 2014
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Tracey Cheetham, (Chair), Cllr Caroline Makinson, Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, , Martyn Guilcher, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, and John Openshaw.

In Attendance: Caroline Donovan, North East Area Manager.

1. Apologies for Absence, Stephen Croft, Mick Birkinshaw, Howard Lavender, and Cllr Tim Cheetham.

2. Declarations of Interest
None declared.

3. Correspondence & Communications,
None to report

4. Notes of the previous meeting

Members agreed that with a minor amendment, (Royston Park, Car parking, the initial work were to provide 20 additional car parking spaces, it was agreed that with a relocation of boundary fencing a total of 40 spaces would be provided) . Following this amendment the notes of the meeting held on the 27th October were agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising
None raised

6. Ward Alliance Review

The chair outlined the need for an annual review, and highlighted a number of issues for consideration. a) Membership of the Ward Alliance, current members agreed to retain their membership. b) Appointment of a chair, the chair reported that she would be standing down as a councillor and as a member of the Ward Alliance at the elections in May. It was agreed that the appointment of a chair would be considered in May 2015.

An assessment of achievements was agreed with a number of projects being highlighted: **CAB project**, the project one of the first to delivered in the community across Barnsley and being delivering benefits to Royston residents.

It was also proposed that we build upon the success of the CAB project and work with DIAL to deliver advice to disabled residents in the area.

Fit Reds, delivered at Carlton Community College. The chair highlighted the experience of an individual who joined the course and in 3 months lost weight and improved his lifestyle. Other successes were also highlighted; the number of local groups supported through ward alliance funding i.e. The Royston Canal Group, The renaming of The Civic Hall, The roll out of good practice, i.e. The Older Persons Project and the Adopt a planter project.

There were lessons to be learned through the evaluation process such as the Youth provision in Royston even though the ward alliance supported the Karisma Youth Group and their craft sessions.

Steering Group, following the last meeting the steering group's terms of reference were confirmed. At the meeting the steering groups chair stood down and members of the group agreed to amalgamate with the Ward Alliance, the Chair sought approval for the steering group members to become members of the ward alliance, this was agreed. The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of the steering group and to its members thanking them for their contribution.

The next steps for the Ward Alliance review is for the alliance members to discuss the priorities for next year, celebrate its achievements, which could include the number of volunteers recruited and the number of volunteer hours contributed, and look for a potential host for the community network.

Ward Alliance Self-Assessment Questionnaire, the questionnaire and a proposed Ward Alliance Development Process were distributed and it was proposed that members would complete and return via e mail to the North East Area Manager.

7. Albert Shepherd VC Centre, Official Opening

The proposal is for an afternoon event linking in with WW1 commemorations one Friday in early March, this was agreed.

8. Allotments

The secretary reported on meetings with Philip Hayes, (Groundwork Dearne Valley) and proposals to fast track the management of allotments In Royston. It was agreed that the secretary would arrange a further meeting to discuss the details and possible costs with Phillip and Graham Kyte.

9. Early Years Provision and Children's Centres

Rev Dr Matt Bullimore outlined his concerns about the future of Early Years Provision, and proposals for Children's Centres. The Ward Alliance should think seriously about early years provision (0 to 5yrs), the key issues are intervention in early years for children. The provision of services locally should be monitored. It was agreed that the issue would remain on the agenda and the Alliance would ask Councillor Tim Cheetham to update on the issue.

10. WW1 Commemorations.

This would remain an agenda item.

Albert Shepherd Gate, members highlighted the state of the gate, it was agreed that this would be included within the WW1 Commemorations debate.

11. Ward Alliance Funding Applications

None received

12. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Web Site, the secretary updated the group on meetings held between Stephen Croft and the school. The school do not have the resources to maintain the web site but would be prepared to become involved in specific projects. The maintenance of the web site would be the responsibility of the Alliance.

13. Any Other Business

None raised

14. Decisions Agreed.

Membership of the Ward Alliance, current members agreed to retain their membership

Appointment of a chair, the appointment of a chair would be considered in May 2015.

Steering Group, members to amalgamate into the ward alliance.

The Chair to write to the Chair of the steering group and to its members thanking them for their contribution.

Ward Alliance review to discuss the priorities for next year, celebrate its achievements, and look for a potential host for the community network.

Ward Alliance Self-Assessment Questionnaire, members would complete and return via e mail to the North East Area Manager.

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WW1 Commemorations, to remain an agenda item.

Albert Shepherd Gate, this would be included within the WW1 Commemorations debate

15. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday the 26th January 2015 at the Grove, Station Road, Royston.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm