

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

**Monday, 2nd March 2015
6.30pm the Grove, Royston**

Present: Cllr Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr Tim Cheetham,

1. Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, , Martyn Guilcher, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Howard Lavender, Stephen Croft, , John Craig, John Clare and John Openshaw.

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Senior Area Support Officer

2. **Apologies for Absence,** , Mick Birkinshaw

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

4. **Correspondence & Communications,**

None to report

5. **Notes of the previous meeting,**

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 26th January 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

6. **Matters Arising**

None raised

7. **Project Updates**

DIAL, the project to deliver advice sessions will take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month commencing on the 9th April 2015. The project and the CAB sessions would be promoted in the Royston Ward Alliance 'Local Information Sheet' and Cllr Makinson would arrange distribution.

Allotments a meeting was held with Groundwork Dearne Valley, who explained they had a limited budget to deliver the changes we were seeking. It was agreed to contact Groundwork Dearne Valley for an update on their progress to date, to also contact BMBC for their view on the progress of allotment management.

Canal a verbal report was give on the improvements undertaken along the canal. A survey prior to the commencement of the project identified the largest population of water voles in South Yorkshire; this resulted in funding being secured to improve the habitat for the water voles. The work undertaken included thinning trees, removing brambles and the installation of new fishing platforms including a disabled platform. Further work along the canal will see some dredging and the removal of silt and weeds.

The Alliance wanted to record their thanks to the Canal Club for all their work along the canal.

Other issues highlighted along the canal were dog fouling and litter, a recent incident of fly tipping on Cronk Hill Bridge is currently being investigated, but to date no progress has been made in identifying the culprit.

Royston Directory Senior Area Support Officer distributed a draft of the directory for comment, it was agreed that members would bring their comments to the next meeting with the directory being prepared for distribution at the meeting in May.

Volunteering Activities, it was agreed to include the item in project updates at future meetings.

Annual Ward Alliance Review, a case study of the Canal Group and the current project would be prepared.

8. Albert Shepherd VC Centre, Official Opening

The Senior Area Support Officer updated the meeting on plans for the opening which will take place on Friday the 6th March 2015, 1pm to 3pm with the Mayor of Barnsley Councillor Tim Shepherd arriving at 1:30pm. A list of invitees was distributed and included members of Albert Shepherds family and former regiment.

9. Early Years Provision and Children's Centres

The Chair invited Cllr Tim Shepherd to give an update on proposals for the boroughs children's centres.

A 2 stage consultation process is being undertaken with the 1st stage currently underway. On completion of the first stage proposals will be prepared and a 2nd stage of consultation will be undertaken over a 6 to 8 week period. This is being undertaken due to a substantial reduction in the budget available.

It was agreed that Poverty Figures for the Royston Ward would be provided to the next meeting.

10. WW1 Commemorations.

It was agreed that this item would remain on the agenda.

11. Ward Alliance Funding Applications

Royston TARA, a funding request for catering costs for the Albert Shepherd VC Centre official opening. The Ward Alliance approved a grant of £350.00.

12. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Web Site, the meeting was updated on the web site; 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. It was agreed that the annual hosting costs would be met by the Ward Alliance.

13. Any Other Business

Adopt a Planter there are 5 square planters that require painting with wood stain, a request for 5 x ¾ litre of wood stain was made. It was agreed that this would be made from Ward Alliance funds. There were also a number of other planters which required adoption, repair and /or removal.

Band Stand with the summer approaching a request for an estimate for repair was made, this would be progressed.

14. Decisions Agreed.

DIAL, The project and the CAB sessions would be promoted in the Royston Ward Alliance 'Local Information Sheet' the Senior Area Support Officer would prepare the leaflet and Cllr Makinson would arrange distribution.

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Canal The Alliance agreed to record their thanks to the Canal Club for all their work along the canal.

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Volunteering Activities, it was agreed to include the item in project updates at future meetings.

Early Years Provision and Children's Centres, it was agreed that further discussions would take place following the completion of the consultation process

Poverty Figures the information for the Royston Ward would be presented at the next meeting

Royston TARA, the Ward Alliance approved a grant of £350.00, for catering at the Albert Shepherd VC Centre Official opening.

15. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday the 13th April the Grove, Station Road, Royston

Monday the 18th May the Grove, Station Road, Royston (Revised Date)

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:15pm