

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 13th April 2015
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Tracey Cheetham (Chair), Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr Tim Cheetham, Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, Howard Lavender, Mick Birkinshaw, John Craig, John Clare and John Openshaw (Secretary).

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Martyn Guilcher, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, and Stephen Croft.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Correspondence & Communications,

The chair reported that members of the alliance who were school governors or wished to become school governors. The Barnsley Association of School governors would be holding its AGM on the 16th May at Holy Trinity School with Baroness Estelle Morris (Former Education Secretary) as the key note speaker. Members wishing to attend should contact the chair who would arrange an invitation.

4. Notes of the previous meeting,

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

A number of issues were raised; these are covered in project updates.

6. Project Updates

DIAL, flyers for the advice sessions were distributed widely in and around Royston and the first session was attended by two individuals, which the organisation were pleased with.

Allotments the secretary had previously distributed a project proposal put forward by Groundwork Dearne Valley who have already secured funding to deliver it. A site meeting was held with Groundwork running through their proposals and outlining the work they hoped to complete on the allotments at Robin Hood and Jubilee Gardens, a suggesting start date was after Easter.

Albert Shepherd VC Centre, the community development officer distributed photographs of the official opening which was attended by a large number of individuals, and organisations. The chair commented on the wide range of publicity that the event attracted. She also gave thanks to Graham Kyte who was the driving force behind the project and to Cllr Tim

Cheetham for his hard work in delivering a successful opening, which was attended by members of the Shepherd family and Albert Shepherds former regiment.

Royston Directory an update was not available. A request was made at the previous meeting for comments and observations of the draft, with some being received. It was agreed that the Community Development Officer would progress with the final draft being distributed for comment before preparation for publication.

Canal concerns were raised at the lack of action on the issue of dog fouling and litter along the canal, members were assured that this location would be highlighted as a 'Hot Spot', but to date no action has been seen. Members were informed that footpath stencils should be installed by the end of May. They were also informed that a number of fixed penalties have been issued. Other areas in Royston have been identified as 'Hot Spots' these include Warren Walk, Robin Lane, The Canal from Church Hill to Midland Road and some School Routes. It was agreed that Enforcement should be increased and added to the agenda at future meetings for updates.

Royston Park,

Band Stand, Barnsley Community Build have been approached to provide an estimate for the repairs required to the roof of the Band Stand.

Parking, an update was requested on the proposals to extend the parking available off Midland Road. Funding has been delayed but it should be released shortly.

Skate Park, the amount of glass and rubbish around the area was highlighted.

Volunteering Activities, volunteers are undertaking a number of activities within the local community.

Adopt a Planter Scheme, members agreed to write to the individuals adopting a planter thanking them for all their work. They also agreed to the provision of summer bedding and compost, and the removal / repair other planters, replacing with square planters where required. Councillor Makinson to progress.

Litter Picks, it was proposed that a series of litter picks should be arranged to coincide with the planned volunteering month in June, with a small bursary provided for a local group to take the lead, Councillor Makinson to approach local Church group.

Poverty Figures, Councillor Makinson to obtain information.

7. Early Years Provision and Children's Centres

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

The 1st stage of consultation has now been completed and the 2nd stage would be undertaken shortly. A meeting with other authorities has taken place seeking information on how they have addressed issues around 'Sure Start' and Child Care.

8. WW1 Commemorations.

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

9. Ward Alliance Funding Applications

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, an application for the provision of additional cameras with Berneslai Homes approving to match fund the cost. A 2 camera kit costs £1,200.00 members agreed to contribute £600.00 towards the project costs.

10. Ward Alliance Members Actions

None to report

11. Any Other Business

Parking members highlighted the lack of parking within Royston, Midland Road, the Leisure Centre and Scholars Gate.

Gala/Proms, The Community Development Officer distribute posters and flyers for the Gala in Royston Park on the 28th June and the Band Performances on the 2nd and the 30th August.

12. Decisions Agreed.

Environmental Enforcement to be increased and included as an agenda item.

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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, approval of an allocation of £600.00 towards the purchase of a 2 camera kit, with the balance provided by Berneslai Homes.

13. Chair The meeting recorded its thanks to Councillor Tracey Cheetham, thanking her for the support and direction given to the Ward Alliance since its inception.

The meeting appointed Councillor Makinson as the interim Chair until the meeting planned for Monday the 18th May 2015 (following local elections)

14. Date & Time of Next Meeting

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:20pm