

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 18th May 2015
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), Cllr Tim Cheetham, Cllr Malcolm Clements, Martyn Guilcher, Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, Mick Birkinshaw, John Craig, John Clare and John Openshaw (Secretary).

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Howard Lavender and Stephen Croft.

2. Appointment of Chair, Members elected Councillor Makinson as Chair and Councillor Clements Vice Chair for the next 12 months.

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Correspondence & Communications,

None Received.

5. Notes of the previous meeting,

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 13th April were a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

7. Project Updates

Allotments, Members reported that Groundwork Dearne Valley have 4 people on site and have to date removed 8 skips full of rubbish from the neglected allotments. The next phase of work will include the installation of fencing and improvements to the access routes. Some of the allotment holders have requested improved access to water supplies and help with the clearing of rubbish from neglected sites possibly the supply of a skip.

It was agreed that the secretary would seek updates from Groundwork on the projects progress, the number allotments brought back into use and let, to also seek their views on improving the water supply to allotment holders and the removal of rubbish.

Volunteer Update,

Adopt a Planter Scheme / Litter Picks. The Community Development Officer distributed a programme of volunteering opportunities available over the summer, period. Many of the activities would be followed by refreshments supplied by the local church. The chair distributed information on the plant collection arrangements for the 'adopt a planter' scheme.

Members agreed to distribute the information to the volunteers who have adopted a planter. A number of schools are now supporting the scheme, adopting planters and flower beds. One of the activities listed in the volunteer opportunities is the Gala in Royston Park on the 28th June, members agreed to support the activity with an allocation of £1000.00.

Royston Directory the Community Development Officer distributed draft copies of the directory for comment, members agreed to some minor amendments.

Members agreed to support the cost of printing 5000 copies and to help with distribution to all the homes in Royston.

Environmental Enforcement, The Community Development Officer reported that between February and April 2015 43 fixed penalty notices have been issued for dog fouling/Litter and parking offences. Members of the Canal group raised concerns at the lack dog wardens patrolling sections of the Royston canal, stating that volunteers are becoming disillusioned at the lack of support to maintain this area. A request was made for Enforcement Officers to have a visible presence along the canal and in Royston. It was also proposed that Enforcement officers utilise social media to promote their work.

Poverty Figures the chair distributed the Children & Young People's Profile 2014 for the Royston Ward as an indication of the type of information available. A discussion took place on the type of projects targeting young people to address some of the issues highlighted. A summer programme of activities with a priority to address Healthy Eating /Activities targeted at young people. It was agreed that the Community Development Officer supported by Councillor Clements would develop the summer programme, members agreed to allocate a maximum of £1500.00 towards the project.

8. Funding Opportunities The secretary distributed information on funding opportunities from National Lotteries, Crowdfunding, Local Funds, Trusts and Foundations, South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Coalfields Regeneration Trust. It was proposed that this information be made available to the Neighbourhood Network.

9. 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 2nd stage of consultation is now underway with a six week timescale; the consultation includes information on the proposals and includes information on current child care available across Barnsley. Any proposals agreed will not be implemented until 1st April 2016.

A question was raised on the services delivered by the Youth Outreach workers; any outreach work will be incorporated into the family centres.

10. WW1 Commemorations.

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

11. Ward Alliance Funding Update

The Community Development officer gave the meeting an update on the funding available for the 2015/16 financial year.

12. Ward Alliance Members Actions

None to report

13. Any Other Business

Royston Park Band Stand, members requested an update on repairs. Estimates for the repairs have been received from Barnsley Community Build; funding applications have been prepared and are waiting processing. Work will be started as soon as possible.

Future Meetings, The secretary presented proposed 2015/16 Royston Ward Alliance meeting dates for approval. 6:30pm on Monday 29th June, Monday 10th August, Monday 21st September, Monday 2nd November, Monday 14th December, Monday 25th January 2016, Monday 7th March, Monday 18th April and Monday 30th May. These were approved.

14. Decisions Agreed.

Allotments the secretary would seek updates from Groundwork on the projects progress, the number allotments brought back into use and let, to also seek their views on improving the water supply to allotment holders and the removal of rubbish.

Royston Gala, members agreed to support the activity with an allocation of £1000.00.

Adopt a Planter Scheme, Members agreed to distribute the plant collection arrangement information to the volunteers who have adopted a planter.

Royston Directory Members agreed to support the cost of printing 5000 copies and to help with distribution to all the homes in Royston.

Environmental Enforcement, Members agreed to request for Enforcement Officers to have a visible presence along the canal and in Royston. And for Enforcement officers utilise social media to promote their work.

Future Meetings, Dates approved. 29th June, 10th August, 21st September, 2nd November, 14th December, 25th January 2016, 7th March, 18th April and 30th May

15. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 29th June 2015, 6:30pm at The Grove.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:25pm