

**Royston Ward Alliance**  
6pm Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Caroline Makinson
	Councillor Pauline McCarthy
	Councillor Dave Webster
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Gemma Conway
	John Openshaw
<b>In Attendance</b>	Christie McFarlane Community Development Officer

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Bill Newman	
	Graham Kyte	
	Father Craig Tomlinson	
	Kevan Riggett-Barrett	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Election of Chair</b>	
2.1	It was proposed that Cllr Pauline McCarthy be the Ward Alliance Chair for the municipal year. This was agreed.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest</b>	
3.1	Members of the Royston & Carlton Community Partnership declared a non-pecuniary interest in Rabbit Ings as owners of Monckton Playing Fields.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communications</b>	
4.1	All correspondence received distributed prior to meeting.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting.</b>	
5.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022 were a true record.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>	
6.1	<b>7.6 Hanging Baskets</b> , it was reported that the baskets have now been installed. A number of issues were raised, replacement lamp post not having brackets installed, Baskets obscuring signs. It was agreed that all issues raised would be addressed by CDO.	
6.2	<b>7.4 Canal</b> , the group have yet to meet the Community Constable.	
6.3	<b>PACT meetings</b> , members questioned when the meetings would resume. It was reported that the meetings are currently being roller out across the borough.	
6.4	<b>Ward Alliance Membership</b> , members proposed a review of Ward Alliance membership. Members discussed representation and agreed to seek new members.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>	
7.1	<b>Holiday Activities</b> , The Community Development Officer gave an update on the delivery of the holiday activities in Royston. Members questioned the leisure centres provision. The Meeting recommended an allocation of £600.00 to support sessions at the leisure centre. The secretary to contact the leisure centre.	
7.2	<b>Green Spaces</b> , the secretary gave an update on work undertaken over the last month. Planting at the Pocket Park on Church Street, planting at the Wells together with preparations for cleaning of the paving, repairs to notice board at the Park, and plans to replace the notice board along the canal.	

	<p>Work on the Park Entrance off Park Crescent is ongoing with the local resident requesting additional materials, the secretary agreed to contact the resident and supply materials requested.</p> <p>Members also raised concerns about the Dyke around the park. The secretary agreed to contact the Floods Officer.</p>	
7.3	<p><b>In Bloom</b> work on the footpaths around the planters at the old Youth Club Site, are underway. Planting of the beds will be undertaken once work is completed.</p> <p>Watering the flower beds and planters is an issue in this dry weather. Proposals were put forward to plant and maintain the round beds in Royston Park close to the park keepers house.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Canal</b>, a volunteer session is planned for Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> July from 9:30am, cutting back the hedge, planting and painting.</p> <p><b>Sluice</b>, a site meeting was held with council officers with a number of proposals to repair put forward.</p> <p><b>Co-op Grant</b>, the group are now preparing an end of grant report and members were updated on the information required for the report.</p> <p><b>Notice Board</b>, suppliers have been contacted to supply and installation a replacement.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Section 106</b> The secretary reported on proposals by the SAFG (Soccer Academy For Girls) proposals to address a water logging issue on the lowest football pitch at Rabbit Ings. The secretary proposed use of the section 106 underspend from the installation of the steps to the pitched (£4,200.00) to engage contractors to undertake the works.</p> <p>Members approved the proposal.</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b> No Update.</p>	
7.7	<p><b>Gala</b> members were updated on the plans for the event to be held on Saturday, members were asked to be on site from 8am.</p> <p>Members recommended an allocation from the Ward Alliance of £750.00 to support delivery of the Gala.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b>Area Council Update</b></p>	
8.1	<p><b>Social Isolation Project</b> The Community Development Office reported that Age UK were successful in securing the commission.</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<p><b>Funding Opportunities</b></p>	
9.1	<p>No update available.</p>	
<b>10.0</b>	<p><b>Ward Alliance</b></p>	
10.1	<p><b>Finances</b> the Community Development Officer gave an update on the finances for 2022/23.</p>	
10.2	<p><b>Applications,</b></p> <p><b>Royston Bowling Club</b>, application to purchase a New (Refurbished) Lawn Mower for the 2 Bowling Greens, a request for £500.00 towards the cost.</p> <p>Members recommended approval of the request.</p>	
<b>11.0</b>	<p><b>Ward Alliance Meeting Dates</b></p>	
11.1	<p>The Secretary proposed that the date for the coming year should be 12<sup>th</sup> September 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> April, and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.</p>	
<b>12,0</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>	
12.1	<p>None Raised</p>	
<b>13.0</b>	<p><b>Date of next meetings</b></p>	
13.1	<p><b>Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>, At the Grove, Station Road, Royston</p>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8:15pm</b></p>	

