

**Royston Ward Alliance**  
6pm Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

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| <b>Present</b>       | Councillor Caroline Makinson (Chair)               |
|                      | Councillor Dave Webster                            |
|                      | Father Craig Tomlinson                             |
|                      | Gemma Conway                                       |
|                      | Graham Kyte  |
|                      | Bill Newman  |
|                      | John Craig   |
|                      | John Clare   |
|                      | John Openshaw (Secretary)                          |
| <b>In Attendance</b> | Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) |

| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Apologies</b>  | <b>Action</b> |
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|            | Councillor Pauline McCarthy   |               |
|            | Kevan Riggett-Barrett   |               |
|            | Kevin Copley  |               |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest</b>   |               |
| 2.1        | None Declared.  |               |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b>  |               |
| 3.1        | Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 were agreed as a true record, following a minor amendment to 4.1.(Royston members were not invited to previous PACT meetings)  |               |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>   |               |
| 4.1        | <b>PACT Meeting</b> , the PACT meeting at Royston Library was attended by Cllr Makinson and Cllr McCarthy. The next meeting is at Royston Library on the 16 <sup>th</sup> February 5pm to 7pm.The meeting in March is on the 28 <sup>th</sup> and will be held in Shafton.  |               |
| 4.2        | <b>Monckton Coke &amp; Chemical Company Site and the Burns Construction Site</b> , No update available.   |               |
| 4.3        | <b>Canal</b> , the secretary gave an update on issues raised at the Green Spaces meeting held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> January.   |               |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Christmas Event Evaluation</b>   |               |
| 5.1        | The Community Development Officer sought views on Members on the event. Views of the meeting and those on social media were all positive. There were some concerns raised with tree decorations to the top part of the tree and the security of the tree in high winds. There were proposals for the 2023 to be held in the Church, this was agreed.<br>Members felt that thanks should be given to Premier Foods and Cllr McCarthy for their contributions to the event. |               |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Ward Alliance Governance.</b>  |               |
| 6.1        | The Community Development Officer distributed the suggested Ward Alliance Ground Rules.<br>As part of the Governance Arrangements the Ward Alliance is expected to undertake an annual review of its action plan. A draft of  |               |

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|             | <p>the Royston Ward Alliance Action Plan 2023/24 was distributed. Members were asked to review and respond to via the Community Development Officer.</p> <p>Members felt that a dedicated Action Planning Meeting should be held, this was agreed.</p>  |  |
| <b>7.0</b>  | <b>Ward Alliance Finance</b>  |  |
| 7.1         | <p>The Community Development Officer distributed an up to date finance report. There are a number of projects with a current underspend.</p> <p><b>DIAL</b>, following receipt of the latest quarterly report on the services delivered to Royston residents members were encouraged by the success of the project.</p>                         |  |
| <b>8.0</b>  | <b>Ward Alliance Applications</b>   |  |
| 8.1         | No applications to consider.  |  |
| <b>9.0</b>  | <b>Any Other Business</b>   |  |
| 9.1         | <p><b>Coronation Celebrations</b>, The Community Development Officer outlined the support given to community groups for the Jubilee Celebrations. The Church and other groups will be holding celebration events.</p> <p>It was proposed that groups should be brought together to discuss the celebration events and the support required.</p> |  |
| 9.2         | <p><b>Gala</b>, members were updated on planning for the Royston Gala, a number of community groups are supporting the event, Grass Roots Football, Ring 'O' Bells public House, and Royston Scouts. A number of questions were raised around, toilet facilities, promoting summer activities, Pont Rides and Proms in the Park.</p>            |  |
| <b>10.0</b> | <b>Date of next meetings</b>  |  |
| 10.1        | <b>Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b> , 6 pm the Grove, Station Road, Royston   |  |
|             | <b>The meeting closed at 7:10pm</b>   |  |