

Royston Ward Alliance
6pm Monday the 22nd May 2023
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

Present	Councillor Pauline McCarthy (Chair)
	Councillor Caroline Makinson
	Councillor Dave Webster
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Gemma Conway
	John Openshaw (Secretary)
In Attendance	Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer)
	Lisa Phelan (North East Area Council Manager)
	Sarah Sverdloff (Smoking Cessation Officer)

1.0	Apologies	Action
	Father Craig Tomlinson	
	Bill Newman	
2.0	Introductions	
2.1	The Chair asked Members and Visitors to introduce themselves.	
3.0	Stop Smoking Initiative.	
3.1	Sarah Sverdloff gave an update on the Stop Smoking initiative and the clinics held across the North East area and in Royston. There are telephone and face-to-face sessions across the week, with remote sessions delivered throughout the Covid crisis. There are sessions delivered at large employers, with GIST and Premier Foods holding sessions. We have posters in the staff quarters of the supermarkets across the North East Area. Together with local surgeries. Proposals are in place to work with young people both in schools and with agencies delivering services to young people in the area. We have plans to deliver a social media campaign and to link the service with the cost of living crisis. We continue to receive positive feedback for the service we deliver. The Chair thanked Sarah for her informative update.	
4.0	Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest	
4.1	None declared.	
5.0	Notes of Previous Meeting	
5.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 17 th April 2023 were agreed as a true record,	
6.0	Matters Arising from the notes	
6.1	Canal Sluice , Councillor Makinson gave an update on a response from officers. Members raised severe concerns at the time it has taken to get any sort of response from officers on the matter.	CM
6.2	Oakwood Playing Fields Litter Bin. Members were informed that after many requests the bin has finally been installed.	CMc
6.3	Road Traffic Accidents at The Wells and Midland Road , members were informed that work on both sites have been programmed, with barriers now in stock. Concerns were raised at the	

	timescale for the repairs to the Midland Road Wall and Planter and the retention of the commemorative bricks.	CMc
6.4	Achievement Awards , the event went very well with both Children and parents enjoying the ceremony. Members agreed to support and plan an event in 2024 at the same time of year again in the Town Hall. Some discussion took place on refreshments to be offered at the 2024 event and some of the issues and lessons to be learned from this year's event.	GC
6.5	Canal Volunteer Painting , unfortunately the event did not go ahead. The Grass along the Canal now needs cutting before the painting can go ahead. Members were informed that a grass cutting schedule is now published on the BMBC web site.	JCI
6.6	Defibrillator Training , Sessions have been well supported and sessions are ongoing. There will be additional sessions if there is demand. Members discussed other training opportunities available.	
7.0	Ward Alliance Action Plan	
7.1	Members agreed a number of projects to be delivered throughout 2023/24. Achievement Awards In Bloom , Royston Canal, Adopt a Planter scheme. Hanging Baskets Summer Holiday Provision , Swimming in partnership with BPL. Explore other summer holiday provision. Fishing along the canal, young people must be accompanied by an adult. Activities at Rabbit Ings, and working with the Youth Association on delivery in Royston.	All
8.0	Community Updates	
8.1	In Bloom , JCr gave an update on the project and the planting of the planters, letters to volunteers would be distributed this week. It was proposed that a volunteer session be held on Wednesday the 6 th June at The Wells, this was agreed. Plans would be put in place to apply weed killer and then jet wash the area. Work is also required at the Pocket Park.	All
9.0	Area Council Update	
9.1	The North East Area Manager and the Community Development Officer gave an area Council update. Giving information on Staffing, Briefings on Area Council Priorities, the rebranding of Ward Alliance teams. Proposals were also put forward on the updating WA logos, members felt that the Royston Flame Flower only needed upgrading.	LP, CMc
10.0	Ward Alliance Finance	
10.1	An updated report would be distributed later	CMc
11.0	Ward Alliance Applications	
11.1	Meadow Crescent , Bingo Sessions, Request for £500.00, members were concerned at the lack of match funding. It was proposed that, Royston & Carlton Community Partnership donate a Bingo machine and this could be used a match funding. Members agreed to recommend an allocation of £300.00.	All
11.2	Linwood Drive Park installation of a bench, members recommended an allocation of £1500.00	All

12.0	Any Other Business	
12.1	Proposals to arrange a volunteer session at the end of August to paint play equipment in Royston Park.	
12.2	Howard Lavender members were informer of the death of a Ward Alliance Member and a long serving Councillor who passed away recently whilst on holiday in Cyprus. Members expressed their sadness at the loss of a staunch champion of Royston.	
10.0	Date of next meetings	
10.1	Monday the 3rd July 2023 , 6 pm the Grove, Station Road, Royston	
	The meeting closed at 7:45pm	