

Royston Ward Alliance
6pm Monday the 3rd July 2023
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

Present	Councillor Pauline McCarthy (Chair)
	Councillor Dave Webster
	Father Craig Tomlinson
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Gemma Conway
	Bill Newman
	John Openshaw (Secretary)
In Attendance	Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer)
	Faye Dolan (Youth Association)

1.0	Apologies	Action
	Councillor Caroline Makinson	
	Graham Kyte	
2.0	Introductions	
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3.0	Youth Association	
3.1	<p>Faye Dolan gave a brief update on the Youth Association and the services delivered in Royston. The organisation has been delivering detached youth work in Royston since April 2023. The Organisation are also delivering Self Defence classes at Manor Court Youth Centre.</p> <p>Also available through the Youth Association is Youth Work training to level 2 and 3 for over 18's, this is via both face-to-face and online sessions. This is offered to groups working with young people in Royston. The group are from September also delivering sessions in Carlton College a one-stop shop for all the services offered to young people.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Faye for her update.</p> <p>There were a number of questions and reports about where young people are congregating in Royston, in the Community Orchard, along the Canal and Royston Green.</p> <p>Sessions are held in Royston and Carlton Parks on Tuesday evenings for 2 hours per session. It was agreed to try and engage with young people at the sites identified.</p>	
4.0	Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest	
4.1	11.2 Father Craig Tomlinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application by the Knit and Natter Group.	
5.0	Notes of Previous Meeting	
5.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 22 nd May 2023 were a true record,	All
6.0	Matters Arising from the notes	

6.1	Road Traffic Accidents at Midland Road , members asked about the location of the memorial bricks in the damaged wall. No update was available.	CM
6.2	Canal Sluice , It was reported that Councillor Makinson is progressing the issue with an officer identified and agreement for exploratory works to be undertaken.	CMc
6.3	Achievement Awards , it was confirmed that the event in 2024 should take place at the same time of year again in the Town Hall.	GC
6.4	Jet Washing at the Wells . A number of concerns were raised at the cost and if the area required cleaning every year. It was agreed that a decision on cleaning and obtaining quotes for the work would be made much earlier possibly in Autumn prior to the summer In Bloom judging.	All
6.5	Meadow Crescent Funding Application . The group thanked the WA for the allocation of £300.00 and the Royston & Carlton Community Partnership for the donation of a Bingo Machine.	CMc
7.0	Ward Alliance Action Plan	
7.1	Members previously agreed a number of projects Achievement Awards, In Bloom, Hanging Baskets and Summer Holiday Provision, all are being progressed. Members questioned if the Ward Alliance should set some Strategic Objectives , Reinstatement of Royston Railway Station and Obtaining Green Flag status for Royston Park. This received support.	All
8.0	Community Updates	
8.1	Gala 2024 booked for the 13 th July 2024 a number of stalls have already confirmed attendance. The 2023 event was enjoyed by many including the Mayor and Mayoress. Members gave a thank you to Manor Bakeries for their donation of cakes for the Tombola Stall which was a great success. There were a number of negatives on the day, footfall was lower than in previous years. The major issue was the lack of facilities and use of toilets in the pavilion. It was reported that Cllr Makinson was progressing with the access issues Former High School Site concerns were raised at the condition of benches on the site, with questionable installation issues with the memorial bench and damaged benches. The Memorial Tree which is damaged. Condition of footpaths through the site. Elected members agreed to address the issues raised. In Bloom , volunteers have been contacted about summer planting, other works to be undertaken are, the Wells, Pocket park, some High Street planters, Royston Lane beds, round beds in Royston Park and planter outside Parkside School. Canal , the unusually hot weather over the last few weeks has had a devastation effect on fish in the canal where over 1000 fish have been lost due to the lack of oxygen within the water. A proposal was put forward for the installation of an Aerator to address the issue in hot weather, It was agreed to seek costs of equipment required.	

	In September plans are in place to reduce the number of fish within the canal. Work along the canal has continued and the area NEET team have undertaken a number of tasks, for which the group were grateful.	
9.0	Area Council Update	
9.1	A Ramp Up Session is proposed for Royston Park, funded by Public Health on the 31 st of August focused on school-aged children. The North East Area Council are launching an electronic newsletter members were encouraged to sign up to receive it.	CMc
10.0	Ward Alliance Finance	
10.1	An updated report was distributed to members.	CMc
11.0	Ward Alliance Applications	
11.1	Jolly Good Communities, Rabbit Ings Gala , Request for £645.80, members questioned the cost of some of the items listed in the application and a similar application was reported to be made to Wakefield's Community Development fund. Members agreed to recommend an allocation of £250.00 to cover the first aid needed for the event to take place.	All
11.2	Knit & Natter Group , to purchase craft materials for the group that supports a number of charities with knitted blankets, jumpers etc. A request for £150.00. Members recommended an allocation of £250.00.	All
12.0	Any Other Business	
12.1	Father Craig extended an invitation to members to join him the Church and the School on the 11 th July, The Bishop of Wakefield is coming to visit St John's school and church. The event will begin at school at 1.30 pm. There will be a parade from the school to church with some children playing instruments and others waving banners and flags etc. Parents are also invited to attend. This will be followed by a joyful service of celebration in church which will be led by the Bishop of Wakefield.	All
13.0	Date of next meetings	
13.1	Monday the 25th September 2023 , 6 pm at the Grove, Station Road, Royston	
	The meeting closed at 8:15pm	