

**Royston Ward Alliance**  
6pm Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Pauline McCarthy (Chair)
	Councillor Caroline Makinson
	Councillor Dave Webster
	Graham Kyte
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Bill Newman
	John Openshaw (Secretary)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Darryl Hand (Community Development Officer)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Father Craig Tomlinson	
	Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer)	
	Gemma Conway	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Introductions</b>	
2.1	The Chair introduced Darryl Hand, (Community Development Officer) with members also introducing themselves.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest</b>	
3.1	None Declared	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b>	
4.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023 were a true record,	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>	
5.1	6.1 Midland Road Traffic Accident. Members were updated, Berneslai Homes have raised an order for the planters to be removed and the rebuilding of the brick wall, the memorial bricks are at Bow Street awaiting contractors. Barnsley Community Build have also been asked to cost further works to the site and costs for replacement planters are being sought.	
5.2	6.2, Canal Sluice, members were updated on the issue with repairs estimated at £15k to £20k, funding for the work has yet to be identified.	
5.3	8.1 Former High School Site, a site meeting has been arranged with officers, 9am on Tuesday the 26 <sup>th</sup> September, to discuss the issues. Concerns were also raised about the damaged Memorial tree and the Memorial Bench Base. Concerns were also raised about the weeds in the Pocket Park flower beds.	
5.4	11.1, Rabbit Ings Gala, The gala planned for the 16 <sup>th</sup> July was cancelled due to the weather, but went ahead on the 12 <sup>th</sup> August.	
5.5	11.2 Knit and Natter, members attended the group and presented the Grant from the Ward Alliance.	
5.6	9.1 Summer Activities it was agreed that attendance figures and a report of the sessions would be distributed.	

	A number of young people visited the canal with parents. Numbers attending the Swimming Sessions will be sought.	
5.7	Christmas Lights, due to the lack of sponsors it was proposed that a subsidy should be offered to potential sponsors, possibly 50/50 on the cost of Installation, Electric and Removal of the lights. This was recommended.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Community Update</b>	
6.1	<b>Canal</b> , the proposed fish netting is now planned for October. <b>Airator</b> , two grants have been submitted and responses are awaited. Volunteers are trimming the hedge along the canal and are removing a dead tree.	
6.2	<b>In Bloom</b> , summer was completed in time for the judging and invitations have been received for the award ceremony on the 5 <sup>th</sup> October. There has been a request for the removal of the planter in the Lynwood Drive Park, it is proposed that this be re located on Cross Lane, this was approved.	
6.3	<b>Principal Towns</b> , the secretary gave an update on the proposals for Rabbit Ings. Previous proposals have not been supported due to the proximity to the Site of Special Scientific Interest and the possible presence of Willow Tits. Current Proposals are to improve the current facilities utilising the footprint of the original building. Due to the buildings age and current building regulations, a new build is being considered.	
6.4	<b>Lynwood Drive Play Area</b> . Proposal were received to utilise an underspend of section 106 monies to improve the play area swings. This was agreed. Other works proposed was for the climbing frame to be repainted, a meeting was held with the probation service, who have agreed to carry out the works. The Ward Alliance will provide the paint and materials together with COSHH information and insurance details.	
6.5	<b>Youth Club Site</b> , Update given earlier at 5.1.	
6.6	<b>10 Year Celebration</b> , new date is 16 <sup>th</sup> November 6:30pm at West Green Club, Burton Avenue, Monk Bretton, S71 2PD.	
6.7	<b>Royston Park Pavilion</b> , members were informed that issues with the availability of Toilets at the Gala have been resolved and they would be available at future events.	
6.8	<b>Christmas Plan</b> , The event would follow the same format as last year details to be confirmed with Father Craig. There will be a single tree erected at the Well.	
6.9	<b>Community Orchard</b> members were given an update on the fruiting trees within the orchard. It was reported that further work was required on the borders and it was agreed to arrange further volunteer sessions to undertake this. Proposals were put forward for tree information posts to be installed it was agreed to supply possible samples. Thanks were given to Gary Seymore for his volunteer work within the park and the orchard.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Ward Alliance Action Finances</b>	

7.1	Finance reports were distributed and included Ward Alliance allocations to date, the Working Fund and the In Bloom Project.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
8.1	<p><b>Volunteer Session</b>, Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9am in Royston Park. <b>Healthy Hearts</b> members reported on attending the open day at Healthy Hearts this morning to view the outdoor space and the furniture donated by the Ward Alliance and the Green Spaces Group.</p> <p><b>Library Reading Challenge</b>, it was reported that 101 young people attended the sessions and Cllr Makinson attended and present the young people with their awards. It was also reported that The Library will be refurbished over the coming weeks.</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
9.1	<b>Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b> , 6pm the Grove, Station Road, Royston	
	<b>The meeting closed at 7:40pm</b>	