

Royston Ward Alliance
6pm Monday the 6th November 2023
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

Present	Councillor Pauline McCarthy (Chair)
	Councillor Caroline Makinson
	Father Craig Tomlinson
	Graham Kyte
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Bill Newman
	Gemma Conway
	John Openshaw (Secretary)
In Attendance	Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer)

1.0	Apologies	Action
	Councillor Dave Webster	
2.0	Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest	
2.1	None Declared	
3.0	Notes of Previous Meeting	
3.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 25 th September 2023 were a true record,	
4.0	Matters Arising from the notes	
4.1	5.1, Midland Road Planters , The planters have been removed by Neighbourhood Services, Berneslai Homes have agreed to rebuild the wall and Barnsley Community Build have been tasked with other works on site.	
4.2	5.3 Former High School Site , Cllr Makinson gave an update on a site meeting with officers. There are issue with works by Yorkshire Water, before the site is adopted. The park has been adopted by BMBC. The waste area will be landscaped by contractors and proposals are to utilise section 106 funds to install fencing.	
4.3	5.3 Pocket Park , following work to remove the weeds it was proposed that a regular maintenance schedule is put in place to maintain the site. It was also agreed that shrubs should be planted to reduce maintenance.	
4.4	6.1 Canal , the proposed fish netting has been postponed due to the cost of fish health checks. Members were given an update on grant applications for the Aerator/Pump.	
4.5	6.2 In Bloom , the judging went well, it has been agreed that the planter at Lynwood Drive will be repositioned at Cross Lane.	
4.6	6.4 Lynwood Drive Play Area , works to the swings should be completed within the next few months. Probation Service have agreed to repaint the climbing frame/slide. The installation of the seat is being progressed as is the cost of a replacement the slide and installation of the slide safety surface.	

4.7	6.3 Principal Towns , Note of a meeting held at Rabbit Ings on the 27 th October were distributed. The meeting discussed options to improve/replace the site facilities.	
5.0	Community Updates	
5.1	Canal there have been no issues with flooding due to the recent heavy rain. There have been an number of fly tipping incidents.	
5.2	In Bloom , Autumn planting letters to volunteers have been distributed with some volunteers already undertaking the work on their individual planters. We have seen some encouraging news with volunteers coming forward to help with the planting schemes.	
5.3	Principal Towns , Covered under matters arising.	
5.4	Royston Section 106 , notes of the meeting held on the 19 th October were distributed.	
5.5	Lynwood Drive Play Area , Covered under matters arising.	
5.6	Midland Road Planters/Youth Club Site , Covered under matters arising.	
5.7	10 Year Celebrations , members were updated on the planning for the event taking place at West Green Club, Monk Bretton on the 16 th November.	
5.8	Christmas Plan , 4 schools have confirmed their attendance at the event in the Church. The Christmas Tree for the Wells will be delivered on the 22 nd November. It was agreed that the lights and the street motifs would be switched on, on the 1 st December. Manor Court Community Centre will be undertaking a Santa's grotto. Meadow Crescent Community Centre will also be undertaking Christmas events . It was proposed that the Ward Alliance allocate £100.00 to both Manor Court and Meadow Crescent to support their festive events. This was agreed.	
5.9	Cutts Buildings Tree Planting the Community Development Officer updated members on the proposed tree planting on the site. Members agreed that larger trees should be planted along the boundary to deter vehicle access.	
5.10	Orchard/Park members discussed the installation of information boards and an entrance arch. Work would be required to supply information on the trees variety's and the size and specification of the Arch. Members were informed of a Grant Scheme "Pride of Place" from the UK Property Fund the closing date is mid-November and all projects have to be completed by 31 st March 2024. It was proposed that an application for works within the orchard be submitted with the Ward Alliance allocation match funding of £1,000.00, This was agreed. Other projects proposed were Small play equipment and Other play equipment within Royston Park. Applications would prepared and submitted by the Royston Green Spaces group. Ash Trees members have been informed that a number of Ash trees within the park are to be removed due to Ash Die Back.	

	<p>Orchard, Members were informed that Gary Seymour had cut the grass in the Orchard a couple of times recently. Thanks were recorded.</p> <p>Skate Park, it was reported that there are rails between the Skate Park and the MUGGA which are a trip hazard.</p> <p>Trees, It was recommended that some trees temporarily planted in the Orchard area now require transplanting.</p> <p>Ditch around Park, it was reported that the ditch requires clearing.</p>	
6.0	Ward Alliance Action Finances	
6.1	Finance reports were distributed and included Ward Alliance allocations to date, the Working Fund and the In Bloom Project.	
7.0	Funding Applications	
7.1	<p>16th Barnsley (Royston) Scout Group. A request for £1310.00 to update the equipment. Members recommended an allocation of £1310.00.</p>	
7.2	<p>Royston Bowling Club. A request for £3000.00, A new Watering System, Shrub Planting and equipment. Members recommended an allocation of £2000.00.</p>	
8.0	Any Other Business	
8.1	Armistice Day there will be an event on Friday the 10 th at 11am with local schools. There will also be the main armistice event on Sunday the 12 th in Church from 9:15am and at the War Memorial from 10:45am.	
8.2	Carlton Community College , the College have appointed an new Head Teacher and they are seeking a greater community involvement. They plan to include Civic Responsibilities within the curriculum and are wanting to be involved in the Adopt a Planter Scheme. They have also asked for a meeting with the Canal Group.	
8.3	Achievement Awards the event is planned for the 13 th May 2024, at Barnsley Town Hall.	
8.4	Coke Works Site members sought clarification of works on site, the installation of large earth bunds around the entrances. If Planning permission was sought or given for the works.	
9.0	Date of next meetings	
9.1	Monday the 18th December 2023 , 6pm the Grove, Station Road, Royston	
	The meeting closed at 8:15pm	