

Royston Ward Alliance
6pm Monday the 18th December 2023
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

Present	Councillor Pauline McCarthy (Chair)
	Kevin Copley
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Gemma Conway
	John Openshaw (Secretary)
In Attendance	Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer)

1.0	Apologies	Action
	Councillor Dave Webster	
	Councillor Caroline Makinson	
	Father Craig Tomlinson	
	Graham Kyte	
	Bill Newman	
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 6 th November 2023 were a true record,	
4.0	Matters Arising from the notes	
4.1	Midland Road, Youth Club Site , the site is awaiting, Berneslai Homes rebuilding the damaged wall.	
4.2	High School Site , no update available.	
4.3	Achievement Awards , revised date 8 th or 9 th May 2024.	
4.4	Coke Works Site , No planning permission sought or given on the boundary works undertaken.	
5.0	Community Updates	
5.1	Canal , members were updated on the funding application to the Freemasonry and Lieutenancies Partnership Fund who have sought the groups bank statement. The Group have recently held their AGM at the Ring O Bells. The group have recently met with teachers at Carlton Community College to discuss issues along the Canal and students behaviour. Members were given an update on issues with the "Sluice" following intervention by Cllr Makinson the issue now sits with The Capital Oversight Board at the Local Authority. The meeting were also given an overview of e mail exchanged from Spring 2022 to October 2023 on the issue and the confusion identifying the department responsible and funding available to rectify the issues identified,	
5.2	In Bloom , the Autumn planting allocation has a current underspend. The current works outstanding are, Pocket Park , to clear and prepare for spring planting. Royston Lane , tidy beds. Planters , move one from Lynwood Drive to Cross Lane. Budgets , finalise budget with Newstead Nurseries in mid January.	

	<p>The "In Bloom" project lead indicated that he would step down from his role at the end of 2024.</p> <p>Manor Bakeries, it was reported that the company have recently implemented an ESVS (Employee Supported Volunteering Scheme) trial where groups of 10 employees would undertake projects within the local community.</p>	
5.3	<p>Principal Towns, the secretary gave an update on current proposals for the facilities at Rabbit Ings Car Park/Sports Complex. Initial discussions with the local planning department on the proposals were not favourable. Further discussions are to be had with officers and the new head of planning at BMBC.</p>	
5.4	<p>Royston Section 106, notes of the meeting held on the 22nd November were distributed.</p>	
5.5	<p>Parks/Play Areas Planning, following on from the Section 106 meeting a meeting with Park Services was arranged for Tuesday the 23rd January, meeting at Royston Park Car Park at 9:30am to discuss future plans/proposals in Parks and Play areas in and around Royston. These would include, Royston Park, Community Orchard, Lynwood Drive Play Area and other parks and Play area within our community.</p> <p>The CDO gave an update on the funding application for the Community Orchard project.</p>	
5.6	<p>10 Year Celebrations, the CDO gave an update on the event and some of the feedback received.</p>	
5.7	<p>Christmas Events Review the event at the Church was supported by 3 local schools, the CDO gave an update on the event and the feedback received.</p> <p>Manor Court Santa's Grotto, the event supported by the WA was a success.</p> <p>Knit & Natter Group, the CDO gave a report on the works of the group in the supply of knitted baubles for Christmas Tree and their thanks to the WA for its support.</p> <p>Christmas Tree the date of the tree installation and lights switch on was discussed. It was agreed that in 2024 the lights switch on and tree installation would be on the same day if possible.</p>	
5.8	<p>Tree Planting, Midland Road Date to be agreed with Park Services Officers.</p>	
5.9	<p>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.</p>	
6.0	<p>Ward Alliance Action Finances</p>	
6.1	<p>Finance reports were distributed and included Ward Alliance allocations to date, the Working Fund.</p>	
7.0	<p>Funding Applications</p>	
7.1	<p>Canal Group. A request for £500.00 to match funds secured from the Freemasonry and Lieutenancies Partnership Fund to purchase Aerator equipment next Summer. Members recommended an allocation of £500.00</p>	
8.0	<p>Any Other Business</p>	

8.1	Memorial Benches, Royston Park a proposal supported by Park Service for improvements within Royston Park for the replacement of benches with Memorial benches sponsored by local families was discussed. It was agreed that proposals should be developed and advertised to gauge reaction.	
9.0	Date of next meetings	
9.1	Monday the 29th January 2024 , 6pm the Grove, Station Road, Royston	
	The meeting closed at 7:40pm	