

**Royston Ward Alliance**  
6pm Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Pauline McCarthy (Chair)
	Councillor Dave Webster
	Bill Newman
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Gemma Conway
	Graham Kyte
	John Openshaw (Secretary)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Councillor Caroline Makinson	
	Father Craig Tomlinson	
	Kevin Copley	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest</b>	
2.1	None Declared	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b>	
3.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 were a true record,	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>	
4.1	<b>5.1 Canal</b> , members were informed that the group were successful in their application to the Freemasonry and Lieutenancies Partnership Fund.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Community Updates</b>	
5.1	<b>Canal</b> , Carlton College have agreed to hold an assembly to discuss the Canal with the groups to be invited to attend. <b>Sluice</b> a report has been prepared for consideration by the Capital Oversight Board. <b>Environment Agency</b> , following recommendations for the EA to improve the summer oxygen levels within the Canal. The group have secured funds to purchase an Airator other kit required include a generator, an oxygen meter and storage. Funds already secured and funds from the Ward Alliance will allow the group to address low oxygen issues within the canal in the summer. <b>Cronk Hill Lane</b> it was reported that the surface of Cronk Hill Lane is deteriorating.	
5.2	<b>In Bloom</b> , some of the Autumn planting is still outstanding and the project has a current underspend. This will be utilised within the Spring planting and the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. <b>Volunteer Sessions</b> , future sessions would take place on the first Mondays of each month starting on Monday the 5 <sup>th</sup> February meeting at 9:30am in Royston Park. <b>Lee Lane Roundabout</b> , some weed suppression is required. <b>Manor Bakeries</b> , date for the company volunteers are to be put forward.	

5.3	<b>Principal Towns</b> , the secretary gave an update on a meeting held with the new head of planning at Rabbit Ings. The meeting was productive and it was agreed that a business plan would be put together with more detailed design.	
5.4	<b>Royston Section 106</b> , notes of the meeting held on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> January were distributed.	
5.5	<b>Lynwood Drive Play Area</b> , dates have been agreed with the Probation Service who will be painting the Climbing Frame. Lightmain have been issued with an order for a bench and to refurbish the swings.	
5.6	<b>Youth Club Site</b> , Councillor Makinson has tried without success to encourage Beneslai Homes owner of the site to reinstate the wall.	
5.7	<b>Tree Planting on Midland Road Site</b> , the project is awaiting approval for the installation of the trees from the local authorities Assets department.	
5.8	<b>Community Orchard</b> , following a site meeting on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January an action plan was prepared by Park Services. Looking at the entrance arch into the orchard and the information boards.	
5.9	<b>Park and Play Area Master Planning</b> following a site meeting on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January an action plan was prepared by Park Services. This included looking at play area, general park and the orchard. It looks at what works could be undertaken in short, medium and long term and who would take responsibility for each element.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Ward Alliance Action Finances</b>	
6.1	Finance reports were distributed and included Ward Alliance allocations to date. It was reported that there is an outstanding balance of £900.00.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Funding Applications</b>	
7.1	<b>Allocation of Balance.</b> <b>Achievement Awards</b> following the review of last year's event some adjustments to the careering were proposed. In light of these changes it was proposed to increase the budget for the event with the allocation of a further £500.00. This was recommended. <b>Orchard Information Boards.</b> It was proposed to allocate £400.00 toward the installation of information Boards to match possible grants from other sources. This was Recommended.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
8.1	<b>Hanging Baskets</b> , the contract to supply hanging baskets across Barnsley for 2024 has been out to tender. The contract has been secured by KMO Ltd. The cost of hanging baskets for 2024 are, New Basket Sponsors plus Plaque £145.00 Existing Sponsors with Plaque £110.00 Following a discussion on a number of proposals on how to support the Hanging Basket Project it was agreed to allocate a budget of £2,000.00	
8.2	<b>Gala</b> , the Ward Alliance <u>have been approached by Grimethorpe and District Band asking about performing at our next Gala.</u>	

8.3	<b>Great British Spring Clean</b> , it was reported that Carlton College and Carlton Primary have agreed to be involved in this years event.	
8.4	<b>Digital Access</b> the issue of accessing meetings via the internet was raised. It was agreed to discuss later.	
8.5	<b>DIAL</b> it was proposed that a Dial representative be invited along to the next meeting to give an update on their project. This was agreed.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
9.1	<b>Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> , 6pm the Grove, Station Road, Royston	
	<b>The meeting closed at 7:15pm</b>	