

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, the 18th July 2016 at 6pm
The Grove, Royston

Present, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr T Cheetham, John Craig, Gemma Conway, Graham Kyte, J Clare, H Lavender, and John Openshaw.

In Attendance, Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. **Apologies for Absence**, S Croft, Fred Harston, Mick Birkinshaw, and Cllr M Clements.
2. **Declaration of Interest**, none received.
3. **Correspondence & communications**, none to report.
4. **Notes of previous meetings, 2nd June 2016**
Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2016 were a true record.

5. Matters Arising

Agenda Item 13,

Royston Bowling Club, the club are currently working with the County Bowling Association to develop taster sessions, with a proposal to deliver them in association with other events in Royston Park.

The Wells, following the exchange of e mail on the repainting of the railings at the Wells, a cost for repainting has been requested from BMBC Highways.

6. Area Council Update

The Chair gave a verbal update on the Area Council meeting, which covered updates on, North East Environmental Teams extended contract, Biodiversity project and the adoption of a hedgehog as the North East Area Council mascot, Summer Internship Project, QDOS's learning through dance project and feedback from the Fit Reds Project funded by the Area Council.

7. Project Updates

- **Allotments, Robin Hood**, Footpath works agreed at the meeting held on the 25th April is being progressed.
- **Sycamore Drive**, the project has been allocated funding from Section 106 monies for the improvement of 'Green Spaces' this together with funding from Park Services and the balance from the Royston Ward Allowance will enable the project to be progressed. Current tenants of the site have been issued with termination notices.
- **Section 106 funding**, the Chair updated the meeting on proposals to allocate monies to a number of projects in Royston, and sought volunteers to sit on a working group.
- **Planters, Royston Canal**, J Clare and J Craig gave an update on the 'Royston in Bloom' which took place recently. The group visited the Canal and inspected the work completed by the canal club. The group also visited sites of the planters and beds maintained by

volunteers at various sites in Royston. The Chair thanked John and Sheila Craig for organising the day and the work preparing the planters, a thank you was also recorded for the Canal Group and all the hard work them have undertaken along the Canal. All the adoptees have received a letter of thanks for all their hard work in maintaining the planters and flower beds plus a small gift.

Members were also updated on the work undertaken in the installation of the new planters, and preparations for the judging.

A number of new volunteers have also come forward identifying locations that they are prepared to maintain.

- **Gala Feedback**, the chair gave an update on the Royston Gala, and proposed that balance of the funds generated by the event be donated to Royston Dynamos, this was agreed. A cheque presentation would be arranged. The chair also invited volunteers to come forward to arrange next year's event.
 - **Summer Activities**, the Community Development Officer distributed posters listing the activities available. The bowling club agreed to deliver some taster sessions. The fishing raised concerns at under 16's attending the sessions would require a fishing licence, members agreed to fund the cost of the licences.
8. **Royston Family Centre**, No Update available.
 9. **WW1 Commemorations**, The secretary to contact John Niland for help in the repair, restoration of the Albert Shepherd gate.
 10. **Royston & Carlton Community Partnership**, the secretary updated the meeting on the partnerships Annual General Meeting and plans for a celebration event on the 17th September.
 11. **Funding Opportunities**, The secretary updated the meeting on new funding opportunities.
 12. **Ward Alliance finance update and to consider applications**
 - **Finance**, The community Development Officer distributed details of the budget, the allocations to date and the balance available.
 - **Allotments, Robin Hood**, Footpath works an allocation of £1893.52 was agreed at the meeting held on the 25th April.
 - **Sycamore Drive**, members recommended support of the project with a budget of £10,550.00. The chair reported that the project has been allocated funding from Section 106 monies this together with funding from Park Services and a smaller balance than anticipated from the Royston Ward Allowance will enable the project to be progressed.
 13. **Any Other Business**
 - **Achievement Awards**, The Community Development Officer, outlined the proposals to recognise the achievements of the young people at schools within our community, together with a cost. Members agreed to an allocation of £1,000.00. The chair also sought volunteers to plan the event.
 - **Christmas Working Group**, the chair to sought volunteers.
 - **Royston Gala Working Group**, the chair to sought volunteers.
 - **Library Services**, The chair reported on discussions with the Library and a closer working relationship with the Ward Alliance. This has already seen the library promoting the Ward

Alliance and its projects and initiatives and a discussion to place the notice board in a more prominent position.

- **Autumn Planting**, proposals to be brought to next meeting.

14. Ward Alliance Members Actions

- **Bowing Club**, to arrange Taster Sessions.
- **Fishing Club**, to purchase fishing licences for under 16's attending sessions.
- **Section 106 working group**, Cllr M Clements, C Donovan, J Birch, J Openshaw.
- **WW1 Commemorations**, the secretary to progress.
- **Achievement Awards Scheme** P Jolley and G Conway.
- **Christmas Working Group**, Cllr T Cheetham, Cllr C Makinson, J Craig and P Jolley.
- **Royston Gala Working Group Wells**, P Furniss, G Conway, Cllr C Makinson, J Craig, J Clare and B Makinson.

15. Decisions Agreed,

- **Sycamore Drive**, support the project and to allocate balance of funds required.
- **Achievement Awards**, Members agreed to an allocation of £1,000.00.

16. Dates of next meeting, 6pm on Monday the 22nd August 2016.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:35pm