

Royston Ward Alliance
Monday 8th May 2017 at 6pm
The Grove, Royston

Present	Councillor Caroline Makinson (Chair)
	Mick Birkinshaw
	Stephen Croft
	John Craig
	John Clare
	John Openshaw
In Attendance	Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer
	Jenni Jarvis, BMBC's Digital Inclusion Officer
	Sian Stanhope, Principal Towns Project Officer

1.0	Apologies	Action
	Councillor Malcolm Clements	
	Cllr Tim Cheetham	
	Fred Harston	
	Howard Lavender	
	Graham Kyte	
2.0	Declarations of a pecuniary and non pecuniary interest	
2.1	J Craig declared a non pecuniary interest in a funding application by the Green finger Gardening Group	
3.0	Correspondence and Communications	
3.1	None to report	
4.0	BMBC Digital Champion	
4.1	The Chair introduced Jenni Jarvis BMBC Digital Inclusion Officer, who went on to give an overview of the Digital Inclusion Project and her role. The focus of the project is to get local residents on line with sessions delivered in local libraries across the borough. The sessions work with individuals using their own lap tops, tablet or mobile phones, they can also use the libraries computers. The project also delivers 'On Line Basic' sessions which are 6 week courses helping individuals get on line, these can be with local groups at their locations, and there are also one to one sessions available. All are delivered free of charge. The project is also seeking to work with care homes, local churches, charities, job centres, and family centres. The chair thanked Jenni for her informative presentation. Members agreed to distribute time tables of sessions.	ALL
5.0	Principal Towns Project	
5.1	The Chair introduced Sian Stanhope the Principal Towns Project Officer, who gave an overview of the project and her role. The presentation covered issues around how the funding will be allocated to the 6 Principal Towns and the 11 Local centres, the project assessment criteria, and the wide range of opportunities available. One of the elements of the assessment criteria is the involvement of the local community and how the Ward Alliance can help. Members discussed a number of possible projects ranging from business improvement to public realm improvement.	

	A group agreed to meet at Rabbit Ings on Thursday the 11 th at 9:30am to discuss possible projects	CM, MB, JO.TC, SS,JC, SC
6.0	Notes of Previous Meeting	
6.1	Member approved the notes of the meeting held on the 27 th March 2017 as a true record	
7.0	Matters Arising from the notes	
7.1	ALDI site, no update available.	TC
7.3	Royston Lane Fence, it has been agreed that the broken fence will be replaced.	CM
7.4	CAB Funding, P Jolley contacted the group.	PJ
7.5	DIAL Monitoring, No Update,	GC,MC
7.6	Royston Lane, Sign. The advertising hording is to be removed by Park Services. It was proposed that the developer be informed that the sign will be removes and stored for a period of 28 days after which it will be disposed of.	PJ
8.0	Project Updates	
8.1	Royston Green Spaces Group. The secretary distributed notes of the groups meeting held on the 26 th April 2017. The chair updated the meeting on the work in the park on the 4 th May with groups from BMBC's Benefits & Taxation, Asset Management, Norse, North East Team and the NEET Team all helping to clean and clear the Park Pavilion with 20 individuals attending and filling 2 skips.	JO CM
8.3	Canal, the request to the Countryside Rangers to cut the grass along the canal has not been fulfilled. It was agreed that a request for the grass be cut 2 weeks before the Royston in Bloom Judging.	CM
8.4	Planters, Letters to all volunteers have been prepared and distributed with plans and schedules. Arrangements will be made with a local contractor for work on the Royston Lane beds. Letters are to be prepared for residents on Royston Land and East End Crescents to recruit volunteers to maintain the beds.	JC
8.5	Section 106 Funding, The chair updated the meeting on the various proposals put forward and supported by the funding.	CM
8.6	Royston Gala and Proms, no update the next meeting is on the 10 th May.	PJ
9.0	Funding Opportunities	
9.1	The secretary to investigate opportunities	JO
10.0	Ward Alliance Finances	
10.1	Members were given an update on finances to date.	PJ
10.2	Members supported the previously agreed funding applications. Members also discussed to possibility of reducing the cost of the Christmas event, it was proposed that discussions with the leisure centre be held	All PJ
10.3	Royston Scouts funding application. Following discussions members recommended an allocation of £889.00	All
10.4	Green Fingers Gardening Group, Following discussions members recommended an allocation of £1008.00	All

11.0	Royston Family Centre	
11.1	No Update	TC
12.0	WW 1 Commemorations	
12.1	Secretary to contact John Niland re the Albert Shepherd Memorial. The Chair updated the meeting on Albert Shepherd VC, paving stone, discussions have been held with Cllr's and agreed that the stone will be placed centrally in the Town Hall gardens. Mayor's Office have been notified and given contact details of people/family members that attended the renaming ceremony, in order that they can be invited to any celebrations which will take place in the Town Hall. The Chair has also spoken to the History Group about these suggestions as they have requested information, and they are happy with the suggestions	JO CM
13.0	Royston & Carlton Community Partnership	
13.1	No Update	JO
14.0	Any Other Business	
14.1	Rabbit Ings , members were updated on the use of the facilities and the proposal to adapt the unused changing facilities to make the building on site more useable. Members expressed their support for the proposals.	All
14.2	The Wells , members were informed of the state of the wall at the Wells and a requirement to repoint.	JC
14.3	Life Long Learning Centre , members were informed of the location of the Ward Alliance display material with a proposal to relocate and the possibility of funding display material and equipment. It was agreed to discuss the proposals with library staff.	PJ
15.0	Date of next meeting	
15.1	Monday the 19 th June 2017, 6pm at The Grove.	
	The meeting closed at 8pm	