

Royston Ward Alliance
Monday 15th January 2018 at 6pm
The Grove, Royston

Present	Councillor Caroline Makinson (Chair)
	Councillor Malcolm Clements
	Councillor Tim Cheetham
	John Clare
	John Craig
	John Openshaw
	Mick Birkinshaw
	Gemma Conway
	Graham Kyte
In Attendance	Sian Stanhope, BMBC Principal Towns
	Kathryn Green BMBC Libraries
	Bill Newman, Royston & Carlton Community Partnership

1.0	Apologies	Action
	Stephen Croft	
	Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer	
2.0	Principal Towns	
2.1	Sian Stanhope updated the meeting on the projects progress to date. The Royston project proposal received approval in September. It was agreed that feasibility funding would be required to strengthen the business case for the business units. A Borough Wide Shop Fronts scheme has been approved with budget of £800,000 allocated across the borough. This would see up to 15 shop in Royston improved, the project would initially focus upon Midland Road, with each business allocated a maximum of £4000 with a requirement that each owner contributing 20% of the project costs. Consultation with the businesses in Royston would be undertaken in February. One shop has already registered an interest. The chair thanked Sian for her update.	
3.0	Library Engagement	
3.1	The Chair introduced Kathryn Green from BMBC Library service who informed the meeting of the ongoing Library review and the engagement process. The library service is facing a challenge, the way people use the libraries has changed in the last 10 years, less book borrowing, more use of the buildings for Wi-Fi, computers, information, group activities and as meeting place. Savings of £872,000 are required by 2020 with £165,000 required by the Library Service. A new way of running libraries is required we are looking at drop in sessions in January and February 2018 with key groups to look at ways to deliver the library service. Members were given a profile of the Royston Library its users, the activities and its financial costs. Members were encouraged to promote the drop in sessions and contribute to the discussions. The Chair thanked Kathryn for her presentation.	
4.0	Declarations of a pecuniary and non pecuniary interest	

	None declared.	
5.0	Correspondence and Communications	
5.1	None to report	
6.0	Notes of Previous Meeting	
6.1	Member approved the notes of the meeting held on the 27 th November 2017, as a true record, following minor amendments.	
7.0	Matters Arising from the notes	
7.1	8.5 Raffle , the raffle funds raised £32.00 which supported the Christmas event. The £82.00 raised by the Community First Responders will be used to install Local Defibrillators. 11.2 Canal Monitoring Information , all information supplied to the Community Development Officer, who agreed to prepare the report.	
8.0	Project Updates	
8.1	Green Space Group , Members were updated on the activities of the Group. Community Orchard , new trees have been planted, additional stakes installed together with tree guards. Pavilion , a group undertook to decorate the entrance hall in the pavilion on the 3 rd January. Additional sessions will be arranged. Canal , members were informed that a local school was interested in fishing sessions along the canal, this would be progressed.	JO CM JCI, GC
8.3	In Bloom , members agreed to support the competition entry costs in 2018. John Craig made a presentation to the individuals who were the first to complete the autumn planting of the boxes, Barry and Caroline Makinson.	JCr
8.4	Section 106 , The chair informed the meeting that the majority of the funding has now been allocated the outstanding project was the Park Pavilion. At a meeting on the 10 th January a proposal to convert two shower rooms into storage for the football clubs was approved, details of the proposals were distributed. It was also agreed at that meeting to progress proposals to convert the changing rooms into meeting rooms and additional store rooms. Works were also approved to improve facilities within the building, New kitchen work top, new water heater, baby changing facilities and hand dryers in the toilets.	CM
8.5	Royston Events Group , The chair updated the meeting. A new Volunteer has come forward. The Gala date set as Saturday June 30 th , and the invitations have been e mailed out. The meeting date is to be agreed and a request for volunteers was made. It was agreed the Community Development Officer would agree the date and contact members.	PJ
8.6	What's on Guide , The chair updated the meeting. The next draft is nearly completed and all updated from previous meetings have been made. It was agreed that 1000 copies would be ordered at a cost of £470.00, members also allocated an additional £107.00 to print	

	a further 1000 copies.	PJ
8.7	Achievement Awards , the event will take place on the 13 th March at Barnsley Town Hall, all schools involved will be contacted after the February half term.	GC
9.0	Area Council Update	
9.1	<p>Foster Care, The chair reported that In 2016, the Foster Care Team had received 52 enquiries over 12 months. From April to September 2017, in just 6 months, the Foster Care Team received 81 enquiries. 14 of the enquiries were from the North East Area Council communities. 5 of these enquiries are in the process of having assessments 2 are in the application stage 3 are in the initial Home visit stage and 4 have decided not to take any further action. Some of the enquiries received from other community areas may also be attributed to this marketing and information campaign through Barnsley residents' attendance at the Galas, Proms and Community Events in the North East area, and through the Borough wide media coverage.</p> <p>The Foster Care Team would like it to be noted that: <i>'It's nationally recognised that selling the Foster Care, product, is unlike promotions or marketing of any other kind. Foster Care changes the lives of the people we recruit, perhaps forever, and for many it's a 24/7 commitment for years of their life.'</i></p>	
9.2	Village Life , the publication has now been delivered and positive feedback from residents has been received.	PJ
9.3	<p>Health Fayres, Will probably take place in October, Paul Jolley and Kevan Riggett are working on some ideas for the Health Fayre</p> <p>Members discussed the evidence required to support benefits of the Health Fayres and their future support. A discussion took place on the future of health services delivered in Barnsley, and concerns were raised at their affect on the population across the borough. It was agreed that these concerns should be raised at the Area Council.</p>	PJ, KR MC
10.0	Funding Opportunities	
10.1	South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau , It is proposed that a SYFAB drop in Funding Advice session is scheduled after the next Ward Alliance meeting from 11 until 1 pm. This will provide free funding advice for the Ward Alliance members and any other community activists who may be interested in looking at funding opportunities.	PJ
11.0	Ward Alliance Finances	
11.1	The chair gave a brief update on finances.	
12.0	Applications	
12.1	Members agreed, in principle, to continue to fund the Achievement Awards, Summer Holiday activities, Christmas Events, The Working Fund and Hanging Baskets.	All
13.0	WW 1 Commemorations	

13.1	The secretary updated the meeting on proposals for the reinstatement of the Albert Shepherd Memorial Gate. A funding application has been submitted to Awards For All, a decision should be known by the end of March. Copies of the plans for the Lynch Gate and its foundations were distributed for information.	JO
14.0	Any Other Business	
14.1	Phoenix Communities CIC , the secretary distributed a discussion paper, from the organisation wishing to tackle issues around community cohesion, resilience and enhancing community spirit through supporting local people and/or groups to organise events for the communities across the North East wards.	JO
14.2	National Spring Clean 2018 , The event will take place the week commencing the 26 th February. It was agreed that an event would take place on Friday the 2 nd March 10am to 12noon.	All
14.3	Albert Shepherd Paving , members raised concerns at the protection of the recently installed paving at the front of the War memorial in front of Barnsley Town Hall. A request for protective railings has been dismissed, but members were informed that the War Graves Commission who supplied the paving would maintain it in perpetuity.	
14.4	Royston Leisure Centre car park extension . Members sought an update on the works to install additional parking spaces. There was no update available	CM
14.5	Community Orchard , members were informed that land drain issues along the footpath have been causing issues with freezing ice in the cold weather. Yorkshire Water are currently investigating.	BN
14.6	School Parking , a request to use the Park View car park has been progressed. A member of staff from the Church School will open the car park at 6:30am for a trial period following the February half term.	CM
14.7	Rabbit Ings, Changing Rooms , Land Trust are making a funding application to WREN to adapt the building to better meet the needs of the user groups. Members supported the proposal.	MB
14.8	Annual Review , members were informed that at the next meeting discussions will be around. Priorities - Are the Ward Alliance members happy with the current Ward Alliance priorities? Membership – are all the Ward Alliance members happy to continue for another 12 months? Meeting times , 9am or 6pm?	
15.0	Date of next meeting	
15.1	9am Monday the 26 th February 2018	
	6pm Monday the 9 th April 2018	
	The meeting closed at 8:10pm	