

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 29th June 2015
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), Cllr Tim Cheetham, Cllr Malcolm Clements, Graham Kyte, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Stephen Croft , John Craig, John Clare and John Openshaw (Secretary).

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Martyn Guilcher, Fred Harston, Howard Lavender and Mick Birkinshaw.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Correspondence & Communications,

None Received.

4. Notes of the previous meeting,

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 18th May were a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

Royston Park Bandstand, The community Development Officer gave an update on the repairs, which have been completed, the outstanding item is the repainting of the woodwork which should be completed shortly. There were no other matters raised.

6. Project Updates

Allotments, The secretary distributed a report and photographs of the work undertaken on the allotments. The work on the allotments has also seen 7 plots brought back into use that were not maintained by tenants. These will be offered to individuals on the waiting list. In addition 5 new small plots will be created, something that members of the Alliance proposed as part of the improvements.

Discussions took place around rents and management of allotments. Proposals have been put forward to transfer the collection of rent from BMBC to Groundwork Dearne Valley. As previously proposed members felt that in partnership with Groundwork there is an opportunity for the local management of allotments in Royston.

It was agreed that members would arrange a tour of the Improved Allotments on the 23rd July, following a site visit at Rabbit Ings.

Summer Activities, the Community Development Officer and Cllr Clements have assembled a draft summer programme which will include activities delivered at the Leisure

Centre, Royston Park, along the canal, Bowling Club and Rabbit Ings. Promotion of the programme will be through Schools in Royston and in the local press.

Environmental Enforcement, the Chair gave an update on the request from the previous meeting that officers should use social media to promote their work and the locations visited. Unfortunately there has been little progress and members raised their concerns at the lack of a visible presence along one of the hot spots identified 'The Canal'. Cllr Clements agreed to raise the issues with the head of Community Safety. Members requested a closer working relationship between BMBC enforcement officers and the North East Enforcement team. They also asked for enforcement figures at a Ward level.

Royston Directory the Community Development Officer agreed that the directory would be updated from the comments received and the chair would approve the final version.

Volunteer Update,

Love Where You Live, Adopt a Planter Scheme, Litter Picks. The Community Development Officer gave an update on the activities undertaken in Royston. A number of local schools took part in the planting in Royston Park, at the Band Stand, in the Rose Garden and around the Children's Play Area. Planter's and Barrels; most have now been planted up. A clean up took place on Meadow Road with members of the Church providing refreshments at all the activities.

A number of litter picks have been arranged at hot spots around Royston the next taking place on the 30th August, prior to the 'Proms in the Park'.

Autumn Planting, members reported that in the autumn some compost will be required in some of the planters. It was also proposed that the plant collection date should be given in advance so that volunteers could prepare the planters prior the plants and compost being delivered.

Some of the barrels are reaching the end of their useful life; some which have not been adopted should be removed or relocated. It was agreed to complete an audit of planters and sites. Maintenance of some would be undertaken with paint supplied.

Royston Wells, Members highlighted the condition of The Wells, it was agreed that an approach to the tidy team to help clean the area.

Church Street, a request was put forward for volunteers to help cut back some shrubs and tidy up the green space on Church Street, two volunteers came forward to support John Craig with the tidy team taking away the waste.

Youth Club sites, Berneslai Homes have agreed to a clear the planters on the site. It was proposed that a localised letter drop takes place around the sites of the planters that have not been adopted to encourage volunteers to take on the role of maintenance.

Park Pavilion, following the Gala at the weekend concerns were raised at the condition of the pavilion. A discussion took place on the options available to improve its maintenance.

Community Orchard, Proposals have been put forward to develop the Rose Garden into a Community Orchard, an approach has been made to Dan Wildsmith and Martin Sugden of Voluntary Action Barnsley to support the proposal. Members also highlighted the need for the installation of a 'French Drain' in the area.

Poverty Figures the chair proposed that the information presented at the previous meeting is used in the preparation of Ward Alliance priorities for the coming year. This was agreed.

7. Funding Opportunities No new opportunities to report.

8. Early Years Provision and Children's Centres

The consultation period is still ongoing. No further information to report.

9. WW1 Commemorations.

It was agreed that this item would remain on the agenda.

10. Ward Alliance Funding Update

On funding application has been received from the Royston Derby and Joan Club, for the support of Social Activities, a request for £500.00. Members supported the application.

11. Ward Alliance Members Actions

It was proposed that members help to promote the ward alliance funding.

12. Any Other Business

Ward Alliance Priorities, members were requested to consider the alliance priorities for the coming year. To work with local partners to address the priorities for the area, possible areas were highlighted, Children Centres, Child Poverty and Nursery Provision.

Royston Gala, the Community Development Officer reported that the event had generated a surplus of £400.00 and requested members of the Alliance to attend a cheque presentation to the Dynamos.

13. Decisions Agreed.

Allotments members to undertake a site visit to view improvements on the 23rd July.

Royston Directory, the chair to approve final draft prior to printing.

Summer Activities, programme to be prepared and promoted through schools and local press.

Enforcement, Cllr Clement raises the Ward Alliance concerns with the head of Community Safety. A request be made that BMBC and North East Area Enforcement teams work more closely together and that enforcement data be prepared on a ward level.

Royston Gala, members present a cheque to Royston Dynamos.

14. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the **24th August 2015**, 6:30pm at The Grove (Revised Date).

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:25pm