

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 24th August 2015
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), , Cllr Malcolm Clements, Graham Kyte, Fred Harston, Mick Birkinshaw, John Craig, John Clare, Bill Newman (Chair, Royston & Carlton Community Partnership, and John Openshaw (Secretary).

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Cllr Tim Cheetham, Martyn Guilcher, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, Stephen Croft , and Howard Lavender.

2. Royston & Carlton Community Partnership

The chair welcomed the Chair of the Royston & Carlton Community Partnership who gave an overview of the community partnership its development from inception to the current date. Outlining the successes the partnership had delivered and supported since 1995. The aims and objectives of the Community Partnership and those of the Ward Alliance are similar and it was proposed that discussions take place on the future of the Ward Alliance and the Community Partnership over the following 12 months. This was agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Correspondence & Communications,

None Received.

5. Notes of the previous meeting,

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 29th June were a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising

Royston Park, Community Orchard Project, Bill Newman reported on the work undertaken by volunteers within the Park together with the youth offending team. Lots of rubbish has been removed (15 to 20 bags). A proposal for the Rose Garden is to plant fruit trees within the Rose Garden creating a Community Orchard.

It was also reported that the trees along Coronation Drive have been crown lifted.

Members also asked about the French Drain in the area of the Rose Garden, The Chair to progress.

Environmental Enforcement, at a previous meeting it was suggested that the work of the environmental enforcement team be promoted on social media. Officers felt that this would raise further issues with the safety of individuals as many lived locally. There were a number of proposals put forward to address the concerns of the Ward Alliance. It was agreed that

quarterly statistical information be reported publicly to highlight the work of the Environmental Enforcement team in Royston.

Rabbit Ings Mick Birkinshaw reported on the visit to the site by the world renowned water conservationist, Rajenda Singh, who in March was awarded the Stockholm World water prize for his river restoration efforts in rural Asia. He visited the site to inspect the work undertaken by Yorkshire Water on the Sandybridge Dyke running through the site. Before leaving Rajenda Singh presented Mike with an Honorable Kashmiri Shawl, which conveys honour to the recipient in recognition of their work.

Royston Gala the presentation of cheques to the Darby & Joan Club and the Royston Dynamos has still to take place.

7. Area Council Update

The chair gave an update on the North East Area Council referring to the summary distributed with the meeting notes.

8. Project Updates

Allotments, No report available.

Royston Directory, the Community Development Officer distributed copies of the final draft of the directory with a proposal to print 6000 copies, this was agreed.

Summer Activities, the Community Development Officer reported that the activities delivered to date have been well attended with attendance figures higher than last year.

Celebrating Success, there is a great deal of volunteering undertaken in Royston, the Ward Alliance has supported many initiatives, it was proposed that we promote and celebrate these activities more. It was agreed that the Chair would draft a report for the local press.

Poverty Figures, following the receipt of poverty figures at a previous meeting it was proposed that a project be delivered to parents and young children in Royston, it was proposed that Homestart should be approached to develop a project targeted at Royston. This was agreed.

Volunteer Update

Church Street, Green Space has been cleaned up.

Park Pavilion Toilets, issues with the cleaning of the pavilion and its toilets were raised at a previous meeting, Cllr Clements agreed to contact Park Services.

Planters, the painting of the planters would be undertaken within the next few weeks. A survey of the planters and barrels was presented to the meeting. It was agreed the John Craig and The Community Development Officer would discuss the survey's findings.

The Wells, a proposal to approach the Neat team to undertake a regular sweeping of the Wells, this was agreed.

Plant Replacement, a recent report in the Chronicle highlighted vandalism to the planters at the Wells and the replacement of plants by Betty Fawcett and Sheila Graig, it was proposed that a letter of thanks from the Ward Alliance be sent to the individuals, and this was agreed.

Environmental Enforcement previously discussed under matters arising.

Litter Picks, the Community Development Officer distributed notices and flyers promoting the clean- up day planned for Sunday the 30th August, 1:30pm to 3:00pm, meeting at the park pavilion.

9. Funding Opportunities No new opportunities to report.

10. Early Years Provision and Children's Centres, No further information to report.

11. WW1 Commemorations. It was agreed that this item would remain on the agenda.

12. Ward Alliance Funding Update

The chair gave an update on the funding to date referring to the summary distributed with the meeting notes.

Applications Received,

- a) **Summer Activity Programme**, Delivery of Summer Programme £1,448.00
- b) **Royston Park, Community Orchard**, Cost of fruit trees £455.00
- c) **Royston Ward Alliance Directory**, Cost of publication and distribution £1081.00
- d) **Royston Jubilee Allotments**, the provisions of car parking and water supply £415.00
- e) **Christmas Event**, the provision of a band, catering and supplies (i.e. hot drinks and mince pies) £400.00

13. Ward Alliance Members Actions

Ward Alliance Funding, members to continue promoting the funding available.

French Drain in the area of the Rose Garden, The Chair to progress.

Celebrating Success, the Chair would draft a report for the local press.

Park Pavilion Toilets, issues with the cleaning of the pavilion and its toilets were raised at a previous meeting, Cllr Clements agreed to contact Park Services.

14. Any Other Business

Dial Funding, Initial funding for the project was for 6 months and runs out in October members raised concerns at timescale to allocate further funding. It was proposed that the monitoring information from the first few months of the project be reviewed and further allocations of funding be discussed at the September meeting. This was agreed.

Play Areas, Cllr Clements has reviewed the condition of plays areas across the ward, highlighting the condition of the Lynwood Drive play area. It was agreed to seek quotations for refurbishment of the current equipment.

Street Furniture, the community development officer requested the help of ward alliance members in undertaking an audit of the condition of street furniture within the area, lamp posts, signs, barriers etc, and items of concern to be reported to the community Development officer.

15. Decisions Agreed.

- a) **Homestart** should be approached to develop a project targeted at Royston.

- b) **Play Areas**, Lynwood Drive play area, to seek quotations for refurbishment of the current equipment.
- c) **Dial Funding**, allocation of continuation funding to be discussed at the September meeting.
- d) **Summer Activity Programme**, approve an allocation of £1,448.00
- e) **Royston Park, Community Orchard**, approve an allocation of £455.00
- f) **Royston Ward Alliance Directory**, approve an allocation of £1081.00
- g) **Royston Jubilee Allotments**, approve an allocation of £415.00
- h) **Christmas Event**, approve an allocation of £400.00

16. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the **21st September 2015**, 6:30pm at The Grove

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm