

# ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

## Notes

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015  
6.30pm the Grove, Royston**

**Present:** Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Clements, Cllr Tim Cheetham, Kieron Campbell, (Barnsley FC Trust), Fred Harston, John Craig, John Clare, Rev Dr Matt Bullimore, and John Openshaw (Secretary).

**In Attendance:** Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager.

**1. Apologies for Absence,** Mick Birkinshaw, Graham Kyte, Stephen Croft, and Howard Lavender.

The secretary distributed copies of the Ward Alliance Governance Framework document directing members to section 6 Termination of Ward Alliance Membership.

*A person shall cease to be a Ward Alliance member if:*

- 6.1 *Their 'term of office' expires and they are not reappointed.*
- 6.2 *They choose to resign.*
- 6.3 *They miss two Ward Alliance meetings in a row without apology or explanation agreed by Ward Alliance, or, they fail to accept the ground rules or fulfil the agreed roles and responsibilities. In this instance, the Chair will make a request on behalf of the Ward Alliance to the Chair of the Area Council and this shall be appropriately recorded in the minutes of the subsequent meeting of the Area Council minutes.*
- 6.4 *They are not re-elected (in the case of Elected Members).*

The secretary encouraged members to submit apologies, if unable to attend meetings.

## **2. Street Games**

The chair welcomed Kieron Campbell, of Barnsley FC Trust, who gave an overview of the Street Games project which has been running for 11 months in the Royston area. An evaluation of the project was distributed which over the period engaged 1046 participants with 165 individuals participating at a 70% retention rate. 8 individuals used the links with Barnsley FC to open pathways to sport and academically enhance their personal development. The project also has links with other projects, with 36 participants engaging in an addiction workshop. The project would like to build upon the first years success and are seeking match funding of £675.00 to sustain the project over the next 12 months. The chair thanked Kieron for his presentation.

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

## **4. Correspondence & Communications,**

The secretary reported on the receipt of a letter of resignation from Mr Martyn Guilcher. The chair expressed her regret at the resignation of Mr Guilcher and agreed to write a letter of thanks to him, for his support and commitment to the Royston Ward Alliance.

#### **5. Notes of the previous meeting,**

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> August, were a true and accurate record.

#### **6. Matters Arising**

**French Drain**, following representation by the Chair Park Services has agreed to progress the installation.

**Environmental Enforcement**, a request for quarterly statistical information, the provider only provides information for the whole North East Area Council area. It was agreed that this information would be useful.

**Summer Holiday Activities**, the Area Manager distributed a breakdown of the activities delivered over the summer holidays, a total of 45 sessions with 556 young people attending across the sessions, with swimming the most popular. The final cost for the provision was £1563.00.

**Royston Directory**, the area manager distributed the final version of the directory before publication.

**Pavilion Toilets**, Park Services have confirmed that the cleaning of the pavilion is included in the tenancy agreement with Royston Dynamos.

**Royston Gala** the presentation of cheques to the Royston Dynamos was agreed to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> November in Royston Park.

#### **7. Area Council Update**

Next meeting is arranged for the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **8. Project Updates**

**DIAL**, due to time constraints a grant of £1080.00 was agreed for a six months project to deliver two weekly sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at The Grove.

**Environment Enforcement**, Reported earlier. A number of areas were highlighted as environmental hot spots; Walking Routes to School, a meeting with the principle at Carlton Community College will be arranged. Pinfold Lane, requires a clean-up, vegetation cutting back. High School drive also requires the vegetation cutting back.

**Allotments**, members reported that 2 smaller plots have now been let. Further sites have also been identified for allotments, it was agreed that members would investigate the use of a site on Church Hill.

#### **Volunteer Update**

**Planters**, a survey of the barrels and planters were distributed. There are 9 locations with barrels that should be replaced with square planters, there are 2 square planters that are not maintained and could be relocated. It was proposed that 6 square planters and 1 rectangular planter be purchased. The types and costs were discussed. It was agreed that replacement planters should be purchased to complement the current volunteering project underway in Royston, with volunteers planting and maintaining them throughout the year.

**Winter planting**, it was proposed that Polyanthus and Primulas should be used and that compost and mulch should be supplied.

**Volunteering**, members felt that there was an under recording of volunteer hours within Royston, with many individuals undertaking Litter picks, maintaining planters, clearing flower bed's etc.

**Litter Picks**, the 12 individuals attending the session on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> August, collected around 40 bags of rubbish, which linked with the Band concert in the Park. The chair expressed her thanks to members of the Church for providing refreshments, for the concert.

**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**

A breakdown of funds allocated to date was distributed.

### **Applications Received,**

- a) **Summer Activity Programme**, Members previously allocated £1,448.00 the final costs were £1,563.00, members agreed an additional £115.00.
- b) **Christmas Event**, members previously approved £400.00 the final costs are estimated at £800.00 members approved an additional £400.00.
- c) **Love Where You Live**, provision of refreshments at LWYL events, by church members, approval of an allocation of £304.00.
- d) **Street Games**, members approved an allocation of £675.00 to sustain the project over the next 12 months. A request was made to encourage the project to improve its gender balance and to provide quarterly updates.
- e) **Royston Children's Centre**, application would be distributed once received.

## **13. Ward Alliance Members Actions**

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

**Allotments**, investigate use of Church Hill site.

**Christmas Event**, members to distribute posters and flyers.

**DIAL Project**, members to distribute posters and flyers.

**Planters & Barrels**, Letter of thanks to individuals maintaining planters and updating them on delivery of plants, compost etc.

## **14. Any Other Business**

None raised.

## **15. Decisions Agreed.**

- a) **Dial Funding**, Confirmation of continuation funding.
- b) **Summer Activity Programme**; approve additional allocation of £115.00.
- c) **Christmas Event**, approve an additional allocation of £400.00
- d) **Love Where You Live**, provision of refreshments at LWYL events, allocation of £304.00.

- e) **Street Games**, members approved an allocation of £675.00.
- f) **Royston Children's Centre**, application would be distributed once received.
- g) **Planters & Barrels**, members agreed to the purchase of 6 square planters and 1 rectangular planter.

**16. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the **9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**, 6:30pm at The Grove

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm**