

ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

Notes

Monday, 7th March 2016
6.30pm the Grove, Royston

Present: Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), Fred Harston, John Craig, John Clare, Graham Kyte, Howard Lavender, Mick Birkinshaw, Stephen Croft, and John Openshaw.

In Attendance: Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager, Gemma Conway Carlton TARA.

1. Apologies for Absence, Cllr Malcolm Clements, Cllr Tim Cheetham.

2. Declarations of Interest
None Declared.

3. Introductions, the chair welcomed Gemma Conway, representing Carlton TARA, followed by member's introductions.

4. Correspondence & Communications,
The Chair gave an update on 'Food Banks' following a report from Father Matt Bullimore and Reverend M Neal.

5. Notes of the previous meeting,
Members clarified dates of Proms in the Park and Issues with the Canal.
The Proms in the Park dates are 31st July and 28th August. The suspected leak in the Canal, the land owner has dug a trench on the Royston Lane side of the canal which is filling from natural drainage from his land, not the canal as previously assumed.
With these amendments the notes of the meeting held on the 18th January were agreed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising
Community Orchard, the plans for the orchard are ongoing.
Review of Priorities. The secretary distributed revised priorities/Vision statement, which were approved by members.
Wells Retaining Wall, The blocks have been replaced on the retaining wall and the coping stones on the Well feature have been secured.
Planters, the order for the new planters is progressing. A site meeting was held with the High School about adopting the planters at the old youth club site, there is currently an issue with glass on the site, following the site meeting the school will be proposing a scheme for the site.
Litter Picks, a joint litter pick with Notton Parish Council has been arranged for 10am on Sunday the 20th March 2016 meeting at the Parish Council Community Centre in Notton.

Following the success of the litter pick on Saturday the 5th March the chair proposed a letter of thanks to the school for the contribution of the pupils.

7. Area Council Update

Copies of the North East Area Councils Project Performance report were distributed and the Area Manager gave a verbal update on the report.

NEET Team, the Area Manager reported that the project is being recommissioned.

Celebration event, a celebration event is being planned for the 8th September 6:30pm to 10pm probably at Priory Campus.

8. Ward Alliance Membership

The chair reported with regret that Farther Matt Bullimore had, due to other commitments decided to stand down from the Royston Ward Alliance for 12 months.

9. Project Updates

Allotments,

Robin Hood, a quote for the path works was being sought, a plan of the site was required to obtain the quote, members agreed to supply plan of the site.

West End, the asset department have requested evidence of the allotments waiting list, which will be required before progressing the proposals.

10. Children's Centre, The chair gave a brief update on the Children's centre and its transformation into a 'Family Centre'.

Child Poverty, members received a report on a campaign by the Barnsley Central MP on Tackling Child Poverty in the Barnsley Central Constituency which Royston is part. Members agreed to support the campaign.

11. WW1 Commemorations

No updates

12. Royston & Carlton Community Partnership

No Update

13. Funding Opportunities

The secretary distributed information on funding available through a 'Coalfields Regeneration Trust' initiative Sports Relief,

14. Ward Alliance Funding Update and to consider applications received

Members were updated on the funding allocated to date and the available budget.

Copies of funding application received were distributed:

Dial Barnsley, Members recommended an allocation of £525.00 (three month trial)

Citizens Advice Barnsley, members recommended an allocation of £904.16 (three month trial)

Healthy Bones, members recommended an allocation of £1,200.00. The £200 for publicity was not approved.

The Area Manager gave an update on the funding available in 2016/17 with an overview of a number of projects and their costs.

Summer Hanging Baskets, £1,320.00

Summer Bedding, Royston Park, £245.00 and Royston Lane £490.00.

Christmas Motifs £1,600.00

Royston Working Fund, £2,000.00

Members approved the allocation of these funds from the 2016/17 budget.

15. Any Other Business

Web Site, members were updated on the web site and annual costs of the domain name (£40.00). It was agreed to reimburse the annual cost of the domain name and terminate the hosting costs.

Litter Pick, members highlighted the success of the recent litter pick, but raised concerns at the lack of enforcement activities in Royston especially fly tipping on Cronkhill Lane where a security camera has been installed.

Environmental Maintenance, members highlighted the damage to fencing on Royston Lane, Midland Road and at the Wells which are in need of repair, or repainting.

The entrance to the car park on Oakwood Fields is in need of repair.

Notice Boards, Royston Park 'Interpretation Board' has been ordered.

Events, members were updated on events at Rabbit Ings,

13th March 10am to 11:30am Clean Up,

25th March, Good Friday, Annual Way of The Cross event and

17th July Summer Gala.

Tesco grant, Rabbit Ings are one of three projects in Barnsley vying for a grant from Tesco's, members were encouraged to cast a vote for Rabbit Ings.

Meeting Start Time, the Chair sought members view on starting the meetings earlier. This was agreed by all present to start earlier at 6pm.

16. Ward Alliance Members Actions

a) **Planters**, J Craig to oversee the supply of plants and material from Newstead Nursery.

b) **Allotment Path**, Fred Harston, and the Secretary to provide plan of site

c) **Litter Pick**, the secretary to e mail High School thanking them for their support and complimenting them on the pupils who were a credit to the school and the community.

d) **Future Meeting Dates**, Secretary to provide

e) **Tesco grant**, members to cast a vote for Rabbit Ings.

f) **Tackling Child Poverty** Members agreed to support the local campaign.

g) **West End Allotments**, the chair to provide the asset department with details of the waiting list.

17. Decisions Agreed.

a) **Dial Barnsley**, an allocation of £525.00

b) **Citizens Advice Barnsley**, an allocation of £904.16

c) **Healthy Bones**, an allocation of £1200.00.

- d) Summer Hanging Baskets**, an allocation from 2016/17 budget of £1,320.00
- e) Summer Bedding**, an allocation from 2016/17 budget of £245.00 to Royston Park and £490.00 to Royston Lane.
- f) Christmas Lights**, an allocation from 2016/17 budget of £1,600.00
- g) Royston Working Fund**, an allocation from 2016/17 budget of £2,000.00
- h) Web Site**, to reimburse the annual cost of the domain name £40.00 and to terminate the web site.
- i) Meeting Time**, meetings to start at 6pm.

18. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the Monday 25th April 2016, 6pm at The Grove

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:15pm