

ROYSTON AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
**(Royston and Ermine Ward – Parishes of Barkway, Barley, Kelshall, Nuthampstead,
Reed and Therfield)**

**Meeting held at Royston Town Hall, Melbourn Street, Royston
on 11 June 2008 at 7.30p.m.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs F.R. Hill (Chairman), H.M. Marshall (Vice Chairman),
Mrs Liz Beardwell, P.C.W. Burt, A.F. Hunter and F.J. Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan Fleck - Community Development Officer
Louise Symes – Projects Planning Manager
Simon Young – Transport Policy Officer
Susanne Gow – Committee and Member Services Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Ray Griffin – resident of Royston

6 members of the public

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr R. Inwood.

5. MINUTES – 2 April 2008

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Royston and District Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2008 be
Chairman.

The Chairman requested confirmation that the resolutions from the Royston and District Committee M
consideration and action. The Projects Manager Planning Services (PMPS) confirmed that this had been d

6. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that the Transport Policy Offer had some information on the proposed Royston railwa

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

She informed those present that there would be 1 minute's silence as a mark of respect for the former Mayo

The Chairman afforded Cllr Paul Grimes, the new Mayor of Royston, very best wishes for his term in office.

She then congratulated Royston Town Council and the Town Centre Forum on being awarded the markets

She reminded Members of the Royston and District Committee that any declarations of interest in respect o
the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenc

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ray Griffin addressed the Royston and District on the problem of speeding traffic in Barkway Road, Ro
despite this, estimated traffic speeds down the centre of the highway were in excess of 60mph, from before

Despite Mr Griffin's requests to the Police for speed checks to be carried out, nothing had been done, and a

Mr Griffin asked the Royston and District Committee for their assistance in eliminating the risk to local re
installation of speed humps.

The Chairman thanked Mr Griffin for putting before them the problem of speeding traffic in Barkway Road.
the problem and made suggestions as to how to alleviate the danger presented. Mr Griffin was advised to o
of Royston and District Committee. It was also suggested that there should be a review of traffic signs in
would not only mean that they would not be obstructed by vegetation in due course, but this process would

The Committee agreed that proper signage was vital for the affected area, and strongly advised that the Po
Committee funds, as this was one of the best deterrents available, causing speeding motorists to slow do
highly likely that this would act as a deterrent in Barkway Road.

The Chairman requested a copy of the letter he had received regarding this matter from Hertfordshire Highways, Barkway Road, Royston, to the North Hertfordshire Highways Partnership Joint Member Panel on 23 June 2017.

The Committee requested that the Police carry out a speed check on Barkway Road.

RECOMMENDED TO NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP - JOINT MEMBER PANEL

That Mr Ray Griffin should address the Joint Member Panel on the problem of speeding traffic in Barkway Road and clarify his concerns and suggestions for traffic management.

9. ROYSTON TOWN CENTRE AND CAR PARKING STRATEGIES

The Projects Manager, Planning Services (PMPS) stated that the Royston and District Committee were being asked to:

1. Agree that the Royston Town Centre Strategy be adopted by Council
2. Agree the Royston Town Centre Action Plan, and
3. Agree the amendments made to the Royston Car Parking Strategy.

The PMPS gave a brief explanation of the Revised Strategy, pointing out the amendments suggested for all sites.

The Strategies were discussed in detail, and comments/suggestions were made by Members of the Committee. In relation to the amendments, the Committee was happy to agree the recommendations, but they stressed the importance of the detailed Action Plan.

The PMPS confirmed that the date for the loading bays in the High Street and parking restrictions over Royston Town Centre.

The Royston and District Committee agreed that the revised Royston Town Centre Strategy SPD and the Royston Car Parking Strategy.

The Chairman thanked both the Project Manager Planning Services and the Transport Policy Officer for their contribution.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- 1) That the Royston Town Centre Strategy Revised Supplementary Planning Document, Appendix 1, 2 and 4 and in accordance with paragraphs 4.4 to 4.9 of the report, be agreed.
- 2) That the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, agree the policy intent of the document, which are needed to be made to the Royston Town Centre Strategy.
- 3) That the draft Action Plan, as set out at Appendix 5, be agreed as a supporting document to the Corporate Business Planning Process, to progress those sites in which the Action Plan is required.
- 4) That the amendments to the Royston Parking Strategy, as set out in Appendix 6, be agreed and the Royston Car Parking Strategy be included as a background paper to inform the Strategic Review of the Royston Car Parking Strategy.
- 5) That the Action Plan, as set out in Appendix 5, be regularly monitored by the Royston and District Committee.
- 6) That the further amendments made to the Revised Royston Town Centre Strategy be agreed, and that the further amendments to the Revised Town Centre Strategy be agreed.

RESOLVED: That officers be thanked for their hard work in bringing both the Revised Town Centre Strategy and the Royston Car Parking Strategy to the Committee.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the Council to produce a Strategy that provides an overall framework for guiding development in the Royston Town Centre, achieving the Council's strategic objectives.

10. CHAMPION NEWS

The Community Development Officer (CDO) took the Royston and District Committee through the activities of the Royston Youth Council and the Royston Youth Network, community-based activities which will take place over the next few months.

Royston Youth Council

The CDO had nothing to add to the report given in the Agenda for the Royston and District Committee Meeting.

Royston Youth Network

Once more, there was nothing further to add to the report given in the Agenda to the Royston and District Committee Meeting.

Town Centre Partnerships

The Community Development Officer (CDO) has supported both the work of the Royston Town Centre Partnership and the Royston Car Parking Strategy.

Royston.

The CDO attended the Stakeholders' Meeting of the Royston BID on 27 May, which was attended by 37 stakeholders forming the projects. These projects offered delivery which would improve the business and in the near future and it is hoped that the clear majority in favour required will be achieved.

Service Level Agreements

The arrangements for Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and general grants awarded by Area Committees which is currently being undertaken. A report will go to Cabinet in the near future.

The Royston Stone and the Royston Cross

The CDO had been asked to report back to the Royston and District Committee on the feasibility of inserting a cross which to work to create a replica. There is a wide range of crosses from which to choose, including the con

The CDO expressed some concern about the Royston Stone itself, as excessive drilling would be likely to be mounted around and above, but not in contact with, the stone.

The Committee discussed the options presented by the CDO, and suggested that the cross of the nearby P

ACTION: The CDO is to discuss a range of options with Royston Town Council and Cllr F J Smith. These

Other Work

The CDO related to the Committee the work in which he had been engaged. This included updating the NH 6 May 2008; assisting with the analysis of both the Youth Council's questionnaire and the Baldock Town P leaflet prior to reprint; and gathering prior to issue of promotion material for the major grant schemes – Paris

The issue of inviting fellow councillors from North Hertfordshire District Council to visit Royston was discus

ACTION: The Community Development Officer (CDO) is to arrange this.

The Chairman thanked the CDO for all his hard work in Royston.

Royston Railway Underpass

The Transport Policy Officer reported that work was scheduled to begin on a proposed underpass to the rail

Funding for the underpass consisted of a package of monies including the successful lottery bid, Herts Cou

The route to and from the underpass would have to be designated as a Right of Way, and design issues ne

For general information, it was suggested that news on this should be put into *Outlook*, which was distribute

The Committee confirmed that the approach on both the north side and south side of the railway track was

The Transport Policy Officer stated that the Rights of Way team at Herts County Council needed to be more

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Royston and District Committee endorses the actions taken by the Commu
- 2) That the Committee Members indicate their views on the scale and construction of a
- 3) That the CDO is thanked for all his hard work in Royston.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure that the Royston and District Committee are kept informed of the work of the Community Develop

11. ROYSTON AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT AND AREA VISIONING BUDGETS 2008/2009

The Community Development Officer (CDO) took the Committee through the Royston and District Budget Royston Town Council for a notice board, from Barkway Church Handbell Ringers to recast one of the bells

part-funding their Hope Family Fun Day which had run in Priory Memorial Gardens on 1 June 2008. This las

Members were asked to note the information in Appendix 1, which related to Area Committee Budget ba Budgets available to respective wards within the Royston and District area.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the budgetary expenditure, current balances and carry forwards from the Deve

2) That the Committee consider the grant applications from Royston Town Hall, Barkway

3) That the response to the Scrutiny Committee as detailed in Appendix E is noted.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

To use the allocation of funds available and accessed by various members of the community to improve the

12. GRANT APPLICATION – ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That the sum of £165 be allocated to Royston Town Council to part-fund the purchase of an

REASON FOR DECISION:

The allocation of funds would improve the services provided by the local organisations and groups that are

13. GRANT APPLICATION – BARKWAY CHURCH HANDBELL RINGERS

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree financial support for Barkway Church Handbell Ringers to the tune

REASON FOR DECISION:

The allocation of funds would improve the services provided by the local organisations and groups that are

14. GRANT APPLICATION – CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ROYSTON AND DISTRICT

RESOLVED: That the sum of £350 be allocated to Churches Together in Royston and District as financial

REASON FOR DECISION:

The allocation of funds would improve the services provided by the local organisations and groups that are

15. WEIGHT LIMIT, MELBOURN STREET

The Community Development Officer updated the Royston and District Committee on the proposed weight weight limit in one direction only. However, Hertfordshire Highways (HH) have said that this is not viable.

The Committee discussed this, and agreed that it was a sensible solution to the problem. The suggestion (Transport Portfolio Holder) so that they could see the problem for themselves, and they would also be able

Another suggestion was to cite pedestrian traffic as well as large lorries in the area as being damaging to R

A further possibility raised was making Melbourn Street One-Way from West to East. This would safeguard

16. ROYSTON YOUTH SHELTER

The Community Development Officer (CDO) Royston Community Development Officer (CDO) updated the

He reminded them that they had agreed to consider the provision and installation of the Youth Shelter, and whether the young people would use a shelter and to the choice of design. The Youth Council also made a the Shelter and was being intimidated, feeling trapped and unable to escape the situation, as well as facilitat

The CDO also updated Members on the cost of providing litter bins near the Youth Shelter, and of supplying eastern exit from the Gardens.

The Royston and District Committee discussed the points raised, and also the matter of lighting in the area that if lighting in the area was required later in the year, funding for this could be considered at a future mee

RESOLVED:

1) That the Committee authorises the installation of a Youth Shelter in Priory Memorial

2) That the Committee allocates funding, in addition to that already earmarked, to cover

REASON FOR DECISION:

To provide a safer environment for young people to congregate in Royston Town Centre.

17. ROYSTON COMMUNITY SURGERIES

The Chairman read out the dates for the Royston Community Surgeries, and pointed out that the last sent air surgeries in August and October would be held in Angel Pavement, not Market Hill.

She reminded Members that the next meeting of the Royston and District Committee would be held on 30 J

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

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Chairman