

Draft Minutes (25/06/2021)

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Roehampton Partnership (RP) held on Monday,

21st June 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Jeremy Ambache (Chair)	Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton and Putney Heath)
Deacon Kathy Johnson	Roehampton and Putney Methodist Church
Mr Steven Fannon	Western Area Housing Panel
Councillor Claire Gilbert	Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton and Putney Heath)
Ms Pam Harris	Roehampton Trust
Mr Marc Newey	Roehampton Business (Roehampton Club)
Fr Alberto Pelucchi	St Joseph's Church
Mr Tom Rowson	University of Roehampton (Chief Operating Officer)
Rev Joshua Rey	Holy Trinity Church
Mr Sean Heanen	Heanen's Wholesale Meats
Mr Joseph Langden	Regenerate and Youth Representative

In attendance:

Mr Jonathan Palma	CAB Wandsworth
Mr James Pickard	TfL (Community Partnerships Specialist Local Communities & Partnerships)
Zakiya Campell, Minutes Taker	University of Roehampton

1. Welcomes, RP membership and apologies

Councillor Jeremy Ambache (JA) welcomed Reverend Joshua Rey (JR) and Joseph Lagden (JR) to their first meetings.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Kieron Earney, PC Lydia Heyward, Councillor Sue Mckinney and Natasaha Beckwood. Natasha Beckwood is on maternity leave and JA will send her a card on behalf of the Roehampton Partnership.

2. CAB project My Roehampton – Learning from responding to Covid 19 pandemic and what next in developing an even more vibrant local Roehampton community.

Jonathan Palma shared a presentation on the Citizen Advice Bureau's 'My Roehampton Project'. JP outlined that there was a need for groups in the community to work together and develop capacity building. JP said that within the first three months of the project the team assessed the history, strengths and weaknesses of Roehampton in addition to identifying resources already in place in to support relationship building with stakeholders. In response to the pandemic the Roehampton Response Network was established, the purpose of the network was to bring local businesses, local groups and individuals to meet virtually to share ideas, planning and coordinate a recovery response plan to serve the community. To date the Roehampton Response Network has initiated many other networks (including for Women and for

Older people's initiatives) and a group planning the major initiative for the Community Week (5th to 11th July). JP reported that next year is the final year for the project. It continues to build momentum and will begin sourcing available funding to continue the project. The project is funded by the Council's Public Health department.

Councillor Claire Gilbert (CG) thanked JP for the work he had done on the project and reported it had helped Roehampton groups successfully get grant funding from the Council. Her thanks were echoed by the whole RP.

Reverend Joshua Rey (JR) and Marc Newey (MN) raised concerns regarding the longevity and funding of the project. JR queried whether there was capacity to develop individuals and organisations to continue to the work that had already been done.

CG suggested that the My Roehampton project could adopt a model similar to the Katherine Lowe Settlement with a building and support for voluntary sector projects and for volunteers.

JP thanked those who had contributed to the project. JP added that the project will aim to seek funding from the National Lottery and Wimbledon Foundation however to reach maximum funding potential it is important for umbrella organisations to assist with development.

JA suggested that the Roehampton Partnership could contribute to the work that JP has started. JP advised that further consideration was required but agreed that it could be a good opportunity.

JP

3. Minutes of February 8th 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

Development of Roehampton Partnership Website

MN reported that progress had been slower than hoped, however the website and logo should be live by the end of July. JA stated that the website will be attractive and highlight what the Partnership stands for – including promoting local groups in Roehampton. MN continued that once the website is live amendments could be made adding new 'pages'.

Partnership Members approved the website headings and agreed that Roehampton Response Network should be added as one on the headings. MN thanked members for their input relating to the logo; it was agreed that logo with the coloured in tree would be used. MN was thanked for his work in developing the website.

Roehampton Community week

It was reported that the Community Week will happen from 5th to 11th July, posters promoting the event will be circulated amongst the local community. JR would send Email publicity to Zakiya to circulate to RP members.

JR/ZC

5. Improving transport – round table discussion (report 3 attached) – Tom

Questions for James Pickard (JPi) – Community Partnership specialist for Wandsworth, Richmond and Merton for TfL

Tom Rowson (TR) reported that the Roundtable discussion went well and the engagement after uploading the meeting to YouTube had been great.

James Pickard was welcomed to the meeting and briefly introduced himself as a representative of the Local Community and Partnerships team at the Transport for London (TfL). James stated that he had received the draft action plan proposal and noted that TfL would be able to investigate cycling initiatives however there were no plans to extend ULEZ outside of the proposals already in place. James also reported that TfL could possibly allocate funds in the next financial year to provide safe cycle parking spots in Roehampton. JR thought that we should not be limited in our ambition to issues that were easier to achieve or already in TfL's plans.

We agreed to take forward the proposed transport plan as below:

Proposed Action	Note
1. Invite TFL to Roehampton Partnership meeting	Complete and JPi agreed to report back progress at future RP meetings. JPi
2. Set up a fully accessible 'hopper' bus that picks people up from their doors and drops them off exactly where they need to go.	Fleur Anderson is following up with Heidi Alexander. Agreed that the Partnership would consider progressing at a later date.
3. Develop a proposal for being able to catch a bus and take your bike on it	Fleur Anderson is following up with Heidi Alexander. James (JPi) reported that only fold up bikes are permitted on buses. He agreed to take feedback to his colleagues and see if this could be trailed. TR and CG agreed to champion this action with TfL TR,CG and JPi
4. Develop a proposal for smart road charging	Noted that smart road charging was governed by national policy therefore Partnership Members agreed not take any further action.
5. Extend the ultra-low emissions zone to Roehampton	Noted that ULEZ was governed by national policy therefore Partnership Members agreed to not to action this.
6. Develop a proposal for a safe, high quality cycle lane on Roehampton Lane	JA and JR to work on 6 and 7. JA and JR
7. Develop a proposal for a network of cycle routes linking Barnes, Putney, Roehampton and Kingston	Agreed that JR and JA would arrange a meeting with possible interested members from JRs congregation and Deacon Kathy's (KJ) colleague Jeffery to discuss both 6 and 7. Then JA will facilitate a meeting with those involved with the Wandsworth Cabinet member (Cllr Locker) who deals with Transport. JA and JR
8. Start a community car club	James stated that he is unsure of TfL's position on this initiative. CG added that issues with car club is that it puts pressure on limited parking spaces and queried whether TfL be willing to

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	assist with providing additional parking. Agreed that James would take feedback to team. JPi
9. Develop more safe cycle parking spots in Roehampton	Reported that safe cycle storage spaces would be investigated in the in the next financial year. The importance was raised of having cycle storage in the right places where it is needed and not in the wrong place removing valued parking spots. CG/SH
10. Present our Roehampton Partnership on transport to the new developer (when appointed) and the Council's regeneration team	Agreed that proposed action would remain on hold until the new developer had been confirmed.
11. Write letters to Minister / TFL / Mayor re Roehampton Partnership view on Hammersmith Bridge	MN and JA agreed to write a letter supporting the swift reopening of Hammersmith Bridge to the Minister and the Mayor of London. MN and JA

Other Transport Issues raised:

JA asked if there were any additional issues previously raised with TfL.

CG raised issues relating to transport in the area as she received complaints about bus frequency and capacity especially during the rush hour. Often buses were filled to capacity very quickly and were not frequent enough to deal with the demand in the community. James agreed to report back to the Bus Planning Team to investigate the 85 and 430 bus routes from Putney during rush hour and report back.

JPi

Other concerns related to the timing of the lights at pedestrian crossings on Roehampton Lane and removal of barriers at crossings and islands. CG suggested that more protective infrastructure would make crossings safer in addition to speed and red light cameras would address these concerns.

Members also raised concerns that residents no longer find Roehampton High Street accessible and members of the community are choosing to opt out of using the street at certain times.

JPi

CG also raised concerns regarding the roundabout at Asda falling apart she continued that a plan was developed in 2016 to rectify issues however there had been no change or update on progress.

JPi

Pam Harries (PH) raised concerns that the London Cycle Route on the A3 has a narrow walkway making difficult for people coming out cemetery and it was very dangerous for pedestrians. KJ requested that TfL to do a review of that area.

JPi

James reported that whilst there were aspirations to improve Roehampton Lane, he would report back when TfL's plans for the area were more concrete. James agreed to do walk around with CG and JA of the local area and CG to send James Asda Roundabout plans to investigate further.

CG/ JPi

6. Report (report 4 attached) for the Council's Community Engagement and cultural coordinator - Jo Baxter

Jo Baxter (JB) is working in the Regeneration Team. Pam Harris (PH) questioned the progress of the Community Engagement Strategy plan that was agreed to be developed with an Action plan. She queried when the Action Plan / Implementation Plan would be available because local communities were asking to be kept informed.

Roehampton Partnership Members agreed that JB's involvement with the community was helpful. However that community engagement should also help people understand the Regeneration plans.

JA agreed write to Jo Baxter on the above.

JA

7. Roehampton Business Association

MN reported that Lorinda from Wandsworth Council advised that local businesses join together to establish a stronger voice by creating a Business Community Association in Roehampton. MN suggested that he and SH collaborate on getting local businesses together. The Roe Partnership supported this.

MN and NB

8. AOB

Alton Regeneration update - It was reported that negotiations continue between Sadiq Khan and Planning Officers in the Council. There has been no progress on appointing a new development partner. CG reports that the procurement process had not started yet and wanted reassurance that the procurement process is transparent to ensure what has been promised is delivered. Bessborough Road decant site will be open by July. At our next RP meeting on 9th Sept we will discuss the paper on the Alton Regeneration going to the Housing and Regeneration OSC on 14th September as an agenda item.

Next RP meeting - JA asked MN that the next meeting be hosted in person at the Roehampton Golf Club and proposed that members of local community be invited to attend. MN agreed and stressed that it would need to be subject to appropriate safety and government Covid restrictions at the time.

JA thanked everybody for their contributions and a productive meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.13pm

10. Date of the next meeting – 9th September 2021 at 7pm