

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting of the Roehampton Partnership (RP) held on Monday 17th
January 2022 at 7.00 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

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| Councillor Jeremy Ambache (Chair) | Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton and Putney Heath) |
| Deacon Kathy Johnson | Roehampton and Putney Methodist Church |
| Mr Steve Fannon | Western Area Housing Panel |
| Councillor Claire Gilbert | Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton and Putney Heath) |
| Mr Marc Newey | Roehampton Club (CEO) |
| Mr Tom Rowson | University of Roehampton (COO) |
| Fr Alberto Pelucci | St Joseph's Church |
| Matthew Tiller | Western Area Housing Panel |
| Reverend Joshua Rey | Holy Trinity Church |
| Pamela Harris | Roehampton Trust |
| Tessa Shields | Putney Mead Medical Practice |

In attendance:

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| Ms Jenny Yates | Labour Party Activist |
| Mr Graeme Henderson | Labour Councillor for Earlsfield |
| Mr Antony Arthur | Local Resident |
| Ms Nieves Carazo | Local Resident |
| Tony Arthur | Local Resident |
| Ms Zakiya Campbell, Minute Taker | University of Roehampton (Minute take) |

1. Welcomes and apologies

Councillor Jeremy Ambache (JA) welcomed Partnership members to the meeting. All introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Kieron Earney, Farrah Black, Councillor Sue McKinney. Jeremy welcomed Tessa Shields, who agreed to attend the meeting on behalf Dr Earney.

Jeremy commenced the meeting by reporting that Dermot Cremin had died over Christmas period and noted that Dermot would be missed for his work and contribution to the community.

It was reported that Councillor Sue Mckinney and Claire Gilbert would be stepping down from the Partnership following this meeting as they were not standing as councillors following the May elections. Jeremy expressed his gratitude for the hard work and contribution to the Partnership. Sue was a member for 8 years and Claire had been very active in the Roehampton community with many different activities and community groups.

Jeremy noted that work on the transport plan had begun however progress has been slow. He also reported that the Roehampton Partnership website is up and running and emphasised the importance of keeping it up to date over the next year.

2. Election of Roehampton Partnership Chair and the Vice Chair for 2022

The Chair called for nominations to appoint a new Chair for the Partnership. Marc Newey (MN) nominated Reverend Joshua Rey (JR) , seconded by Tom Rowson (TR). Matthew Tiller was also nominated by Steve Fannon, supported by Father Alberto.

Joshua received majority of the votes and was elected as the new Chair of the Roehampton Partnership.

Jeremy proceeded to call for nominations to appoint a new Vice-Chair for the Partnership.

Deacon Kathy Johnson was nominated and re- appointed as the Vice- Chair unopposed.

Jeremy handed over the rest of the meeting to Reverend Rey to chair.

Joshua thanked the Partnership for his new appointment and expressed his gratitude to Jeremy for his contribution to the Partnership. JR noted that he looked forward to working closely with members and looked forward to advancing Roehampton Partnership.

3. Minutes of November 15 2021

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a correct record of the meeting. However, it was noted that page 2, under Community Engagement the first sentence should read “officers” not office”.

ZC

4. Matters arising

Offers to help with of RP website

JR thanked the Roehampton Club team for their work in getting the website up and running. Marc reiterated that it’s up to the Partnership to generate content for the website and to make sure it was up to date.

Tessa Shields (TS)noted that more content from primary care networks could be published on the website. MN agreed to share Lottie’s contact detail to in order to get information published.

MN/TS

It was agreed that TS would lead on managing content for the website and would liaise with local networks to upload regular updates. MN noted that the website should be promoted via local networks and that it was the responsibility of the Partnership to promote events, community works and successes via the website.

TS

Pam noted that the Roehampton Voice could be published on the website, it was also noted that following the Roehampton Response Network meetings a synopsis of the meeting could be published on the website.

Father Alberto Pelucchi added that it would be advantageous having links to other websites/groups within the local area for the purpose of advertising the different organisations in the community.

Agreed that Zakiya would share Tessa’s contact information to the group.

Transport Plan

Jeremy reported that James Pickard (TfL) agreed to attend the next meeting June 2022. However, since the last meeting James reported that we have no further clarity on the TfL spending to make improvements in the local area. Jeremy reported that James thanked Claire providing the research on the roundabout near Asda however it was their understanding that the issues relating to the roundabout would be passed back to Wandsworth Council. Jeremy continued that the crossing at Roehampton Lane had been investigated by the expert who had concluded that the current timings for the pedestrian crossings was sufficient.

Kathy raised concerns that members of the local community had decided to stop using that crossing due to worries about safety and suggested that this may have an impact on the statistics.

Graeme reported that he had contacted the Council regarding the Asda Roundabout and noted that the response was that the accident rate wasn't high enough to prompt investigation and/or additional measures. He expressed that this response was unsatisfactory and would support additional pressure from the Partnership.

Cllr Claire Gilbert reported issues around speeding and dangerous driving around Ponsonby Street that occurred in the morning. She added that the council is investigating speed limits in the in the area and it was requested that the police conduct speed checks.

It was reported from TfL, that commencing from 29th January 2022 the 170 bus would run less frequently based on usage data. Claire asked for feedback from local residents on their experiences. Matthew added that the 85 had also changed its schedule to be less frequent.

Joshua suggested that the Partnership should focus on one issue to present to TfL, asking if improvements could be made for a trial period. It was agreed that Matthew, Joshua and Kathy would meet outside of the meeting to discuss points that the Partnership could get behind.

JR/MT/KJ

Other

There were no other matters arising.

5. RP Membership

JR encouraged members of the partnership to consider the membership structure and whether it was happy to remain as is or invite new members. JR suggested that we could possibly appoint representatives from Queen Mary, Heathmere school, Ahmadiyya group for their work in the communities and welcomed comments to the group.

MN agreed that it was a good time for review, and confirmed that Councillors should continue to be part of the group. He continued that more local businesses in the area should be included such as The Queens Head and local schools. MN agreed to be part of a subgroup to discuss further.

AP suggested a two-tier membership; a full member and an associate membership he stressed that it was important to ensure that the Partnership remain apolitical. He agreed that having local participation would be welcomed but in a structured way. Concerns were raised regarding the continuity with representatives from the hospitals due to staff turnover have made it difficult to maintain relationships.

Jeremy noted that the constitution should be reviewed as it's overdue and added that the May 5th elections would have an impact on membership.

He also noted that the Community Development Project with Jonathan Palma would come to an end in December 2022 and it was possible that the borough would decide to extend his appointment.

Claire suggested that the partnership could utilise the Roehampton Forum structure and the addition of the Somali and Ahmadiyya group to the partnership would be beneficial. She also added that partnership could seek representation from the Voluntary Network, the local food bank and the Women's Network.

Steve added that the Putney Society would also make a good addition to the partnership.

Jenny supported the addition of Ahmadiyya community and suggested that it's important to keep the partnership small.

Marc noted the importance of having a young person's representative.

Claire, Marc and Joshua agreed to create a subgroup to decide who would be invited to join the Partnership. It was agreed that JR would ask Tom Rowson to be part of the subgroup.

JR/TR/CG/MN

6. Alton Regeneration Plan

Jeremy reported that the Alton Regeneration Plan wasn't on the agenda of the 20th January Housing and Regeneration Committee OSC meeting, despite that the Committee reported that there was no further update regarding the regeneration plan. It was reported that the Alton Regeneration Plan would be discussed at the June Council OSC meeting.

It was noted that Wandsworth Council advised that the Stage 2 application was submitted to the GLA, however additional documentation was required.

Jeremy commented that the papers for the next Housing and Regeneration meeting would be ready a week before 22 June 2022 which leaves little time to review. Claire suggested that the newly appointed councillors could ask for an early view of the papers.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be advertised as an open meeting inviting the wider community to feed in comments for the next Housing and Regeneration. The details of the next meeting to be published in the Roehampton Voice and the Roehampton Partnership website.

JR/ZC

7. AOB

There was no other business to discuss.

Meeting concluded at 20:39

8. Date of the next meeting – Monday 20th June 2022, 7pm at University of Roehampton