

## ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting of the Roehampton Partnership (RP) meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at The University of Roehampton & Zoom

### Present:

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| The Revd Joshua Rey (Chair) | Holy Trinity Church   |
| Deacon Kathy Johnson        | Roehampton and Putney Methodist Church                                    |
| Councillor Claire Gilbert   | Wandsworth Borough Council (West Putney)                                  |
| Mr Marc Newey               | Roehampton Club (CEO)   |
| Mr Tom Rowson               | University of Roehampton (COO)  |
| Councillor Matthew Tiller   | Western Area Housing Panel and Wandsworth<br>Borough Council (Roehampton) |
| Councillor Jenny Yates      | Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton)                                   |
| Tessa Shields               | Putney Mead Medical Practice  |
| Councillor Steffi Sutters   | Wandsworth Borough Council (West Putney)                                  |

### In attendance:

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| Ms Zakiya Campbell, Minute Taker | University of Roehampton |
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### 1. Welcomes and apologies

Joshua welcomed Partnership members to the meeting and asked all to introduce themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Kieron Earney, Councillor Graeme Henderson, Steve Fannon, Father Alberto Pelucci, Pamela Harris and Joseph Lagden.

Joshua opened the meeting by expressing congratulations to the newly appointed councillors following the local elections in May. Joshua also congratulated Jeremy Ambache, former chair of the Partnership on his mayoral appointment.

### Minutes of January 20 2022

The Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

### 2. Matters arising

Joshua proceeded to read through the actions of the previous meeting and noted that the actions relating to membership and transportation had been complete and would be discussed further later in the meeting.

The Partnership agreed that the dates for the next meeting would be published in the Roehampton Voice, welcoming attendance from local residents. It was also agreed that Roehampton Voice would be advertised on the Roehampton Partnership website.

**JR/MN**

### **3. Report from the Transport Subgroup**

#### Buses

Matthew went through the report and noted that Richmond Park and surrounding areas are under serviced by the K3 and 969 buses, he continued that residents have requested for the K3 to be extended to Danebury Avenue.

Matthew also reported, further to the subgroup's report, that bus routes 14 and 74 were now at risk of being cut. Claire reported that Transport for London (TfL) are conducting a consultation regarding bus route cuts until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and encouraged participation from the Partnership.

To ensure residents made sound requests to TfL Claire suggested that it would be helpful to use ridership data on local bus usage in conjunction with Council data. The Partnership agreed that Joshua would contact James Pickard (TfL) for guidance on making successful requests to TfL.

**JR**

Matthew added that Fleur Anderson MP would be hosting a local meeting on ULEZ and transportation. Agreed that Matthew would circulate meeting details once confirmed.

**MT**

It was agreed that the Partnership would take the stance to oppose proposed cuts to local bus routes. Kathy agreed to canvas local residents to inform them of the consultation. Information regarding the consultation would be published on the RP website.

The transport subgroup agreed to draft a more detailed proposition for improving local bus routes, along the lines outlined in their report, of the overall direction of which the Partnership was broadly supportive.

**JR/MT/KJ**

#### Traffic calming measures on Roehampton Lane

Joshua drew emphasis to the section of the report that discussed traffic calming measures on Roehampton Lane. Claire suggested looking at data held by the Council on this subject to better inform the Partnership. Agreed that traffic calming measures would be discussed at the next meeting.

Marc raised concerns about proposing traffic calming in a red route zone. He noted that we must first understand the purpose of the introduction of the red route, therefore undertaking this kind of work could be ineffective.

#### Cycle Lanes

It was noted that Joshua and Jeremy Ambache had previously worked on proposals with Councillor Locker (then Cabinet member for transport) to come up with proposals for cycle lanes – these proposals now formalised, forming part of the report.

Matthew noted further to the report that there were appeals to introduce a cycle lane on Priory Lane, though it was acknowledged that due to the width of the road this might not be immediately achievable.

The Partnership expressed its support for the three routes proposed in the report. It was agreed that the Transport Subgroup would take these proposals forward to the LA, advised by Claire as to the most effective way of doing this. To consider the Priory Lane proposal at a later date.

#### 4. Reflections on Objectives and Membership

It was reported that Tom, Marc, and Joshua had met before the meeting to discuss the current membership and constitution given the election results in May. Joshua presented the following ideas:

- The Partnership could benefit from having more local institutions (e.g. Queen Mary's, The Priory and local schools) represented at meetings. However, it was important to keep membership manageable.
- Representation of The Response Network would be beneficial, and in the long term the Partnership might be the right place to house the employment of the RN's community development worker, when appointed.

Joshua mentioned that the constitution stated that a cabinet minister should be appointed as the chair of the Partnership and welcomed comment from members on their position, and expressed willingness to step aside if that was thought good. Marc argued for the value of having a chair without political affiliation, whilst naturally welcoming collaboration with councillors and the LA generally to improve the local community. It was suggested that the Partnership revise the constitution to reflect this. Marc emphasized that the initial purpose of the Partnership was to act as liaison between local residents and the Council, but that in practice its remit had broadened.

Jenny noted that she had been in discussion with the Cabinet Lead for Housing, Councillor Aydin Dikerdem about collaborating with the Partnership. It was noted that Aydin was in favour, however work would need to be done on formalising the relationship. Agreed that Jenny and Matthew would follow up.

**JY/MT**

Joshua informed the group that the constitution stated that the Roehampton Partnership should be reviewed every 3 years and welcomed members to volunteer taking this forward.

Tom suggested having fewer members that met regularly throughout the year with clear, focussed, achievable goals would not only make the Partnership more effective but would build stronger reputation within the community, and that a Partnership that was more firmly based in Roehampton institutions, rather than primarily accountable to the LA, might be better able to serve the community.

Claire highlighted that there are positive initiatives already happening in the community and that the Partnership should concentrate on empowering and supporting those activities in addition to keeping track of the regeneration project. It was noted that recruitment for the Jonathan Palma's, Roehampton Community Capacity Building Project Lead role was currently in progress and asked the Partnership to inform their local networks. The first round of recruiting had not produced a suitable candidate.

**ALL**

Joshua summarised the points raised and concluded that there was an appetite to reform the Constitution and that the Partnership should remain focussed on the Roehampton area, aiming to achieve small pragmatic successes for the local area, which would build credibility and make it a useful source of information and advice to the Council when and if the Regeneration begins to move forward. It was agreed that the Marc, Tom, Fr Alberto, Joshua, Jenny, and Claire would meet to conduct a constitutional review at the end of July. Jenny agreed to discuss further with the other councillors to decide would attend the subgroup.

The subgroup proposed a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July from 12:30pm. Marc agreed to host at the Roehampton Club.

**MN/TR/FP/JR/JY/CG**

It was noted that the Deputy Chair, Kathy wished step down from her Partnership role due to work commitments. More details would be provided in due course to consider at the next meeting.

## **6. Alton Regeneration Plan**

Noted that there had been no time to make further decisions since the change of administration. Jenny explained that the current administration would need more time to investigate current plans have internal discussion before any decisions could be communicated, and the pace of decisions was constrained by the committee cycle. Any key decisions would communication in the latter part of the year or early in the new year.

Matthew agreed to pass on offers of support to the Regeneration project team.

**MT**

## **7. AOB**

There was no other business to discuss.

**Meeting concluded at 20:57**

**8. Date of the next meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7pm at Roehampton Club**