

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting of the Roehampton Partnership

held at Whitelands College (Richmond Room), University of Roehampton

Holybourne Avenue, SW15, on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016

PRESENT

Councillor Ellis (Chairman)	Cabinet Member (Housing) WBC
Rev. J. McKinney (Deputy)	Holy Trinity Church
Ms N. Woods	Roehampton Business (Focal Point Opticians)
Mr. S. Baker	Roehampton Club
(on behalf of Mr. M. Newey)	
Mr. J. Horrocks	Roehampton Forum
Mr. D. Lunt	Roehampton Resident
Miss P. Harris	Roehampton Trust
Fr. T. Michael Negusse	St Joseph's Church
Mr. J. De France	University of Roehampton Student Union
Councillor J. Ambache	Wandsworth Borough Council
Councillor P. Carpenter	Wandsworth Borough Council
Councillor S. McKinney	Wandsworth Borough Council

OBSERVERS

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. A. Algar	Property Services - WBC
Ms A. Bryden	Public Health - SSA Richmond and WBC
Mr. D. Cherry	Transport for London (TfL)
Mr. G. Cox	Property Services - WBC
Mr. D. Edwards	Housing - WBC
Mr. M. Hedges	Transport for London (TfL)
Ms P. Ingram	BASE and Roehampton Youth Club
Ms J. Newton	Property Services - WBC
Ms C. Osborne	Roehampton Outdoor Arts Movement (ROAM)
Mr. J. Willsher	Communications Manager - WBC
Ms O. Okere	Democratic Services Officer - WBC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

On item 1, apologies were received from Mr. C. Einloth (Roehampton Resident); Mr. Ganeshcomar (Roehampton Business (Co-operative)); Mr. M. Newey

(Roehampton Club); Miss S. Price (Roehampton Resident); Ms N. Wood (Roehampton Business (Focal Point Opticians)); and Councillor Mrs. Sutters (Wandsworth Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

On item 2, the Chairman having asked, there were no declarations made of a disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other personal relevant interests.

3. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (PAPER "A")

On item 3, it was:

Agreed – That the notes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to it being noted that under item 7, Alton Area Regeneration, third paragraph, first line, reference to satellite sites only cites one site and should read as "Sherwood Lodge and Petersfield Rise; and Fontley Way"; and reference to 'site' on the last line of the same paragraph should be 'sites'. It was also noted that under item 10, 'Any Other Business', reference to Elm Park Hall should be Elm Grove Hall.

4. MATTERS ARISING

On item 4, the following matters were raised:

Alton Activity Centre: Councillor Ambache confirmed that Mr. Dunkling, Assistant Director of Children's Services, has agreed to have a meeting with the parents affected by the changes. Mr. Dunkling has confirmed that the building will be opened more often than it currently operates.

Roehampton Website: Councillor Carpenter said he had still not received the link to the online page of the Roehampton Partnership on the Council's website. In response, Mr. Cox (Roehampton Project Manager) apologised for the delay and said he would ensure that the link is sent.

The Cornerstone: In response to an update sought, Mr. Cox confirmed that additional funding has been sought for completion of the building. The Council's design section have received the brief as to what work is left to be done. On completion, the Roehampton Regeneration office will operate from the rear of the hall.

Rev. McKinney asked that an inscription with 'Selena the Countess' on it which is located on the front wall on the exterior of the building of The Cornerstone should be retained, and Mr. Cox said he would look into it.

Ibstock Place School: Mr. Horrocks said he had recently attended the school's open evening where the school's planning consultant confirmed that they are trying to resolve the outstanding planning condition, re: community access to the school, with the Council's planning department. Councillor Carpenter, who was also at the open evening, added that the school appeared keen for the community involvement to happen.

Mr. Cox said he would obtain a report from the planning department for the next meeting in March 2017.

Roehampton Citizens Advice Bureau: Councillor Ambache sought an update on whether provision will be made for the CAB on the Lennox Estate or for a Putney Vale Outreach Adviser. In response, Mr. Cox said he would look into the matter.

Elm Grove Hall - Mr. Horrocks sought clarification on why the meeting tonight had not been held at Elm Grove as suggested at the September meeting. The Committee Secretary confirmed that the University had a function taking place at the Hall on the same night.

Litter bins: Councillor Carpenter confirmed that he had received a response from Mr. Adeyoyin (Head of Client Services – WBC) on the matter. So whilst one bin had been put back there were still bus stops on the Commons side with no bins. Mr. Edward said that he would seek a further update from Mr. Adeyoyin and Ms Wright on the matter.

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman having sought agreement of the Partnership, it was agreed that item 6, ROAM, be considered first and then item 5, Local Youth Services – The Base, before reverting back to order of business as set out on the agenda.

6. ROEHAMPTON OUTDOOR ARTS MOVEMENT (ROAM) ('PAPER B')

On item 6, Ms Chloe Osborne spoke on the work of ROAM in Roehampton.

ROAM works to bring new, dynamic and accessible outdoor arts to the community working alongside them. It has in the last three years, worked with different aspects of the local community through organised events such as the Lantern parade, Dino Day and through supporting the Roehampton Festival. ROAM is currently working on the Winterfest celebration which aims to celebrate the history of the Alton Estate and its residents. It is scheduled to take place on 10th December 2016.

Members heard that ROAM works with a very mixed clientele and its work and programming are inclusive and it has found that art facilitates conversation where it is not always possible to engage. Ms Osborne added that ROAM currently operates out of a cupboard and it would be ideal for it to have a base in Roehampton given the amount of transferable assets it has for the community. In response to question, Ms Osborne confirmed that it had proved impossible to access Ibstock School Place as a base as the cost was prohibitive.

Ms Osborne said, in response to a question, that ROAM is considering what strategic role, apart from delivery of services, it can play in respect of the Roehampton regeneration.

ROAM is made up of members who can be individuals or organisations. It is led by independent directors in a volunteering capacity. There is an advisory board which is made up of people with local expertise to help make it more sustainable. ROAM's aspiration is to expand and be able to get to people in the community who would not normally be able to find or access ROAM.

Mr. Edwards said that if Ms Osborne required assistance in looking for space for ROAM, she should contact Mr Brennan, Resident Participation Officer of the Alton Neighbourhood Office.

Chairman thanked Ms Osborne for her presentation and the work of ROAM in the community.

7. LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES – THE BASE

On item 5, Ms Ingram, spoke on the work of Base which she said had contracted out of the Council in September 2016. As such, the Roehampton Youth Club and The Base now operate as one. The Youth Club works with 11-19 year olds and The Base with young adults up to the age of 24 for two days a week.

The Youth Club hosts a number of pop-up events including KICKS, Doorstop etc.; sees between 40-60 young people per night and mentors young people for drug and alcohol misuse. The Base on the other hand sees between 40-70 young adults per day, many of whom have been referred. For example, The Base works with young people who are agoraphobic and have been referred by their school's psychologist. These young people are met at the centre twice a week and armed with practical skills on how to tackle their phobia. Other events organised include, amongst other things, a virtual school where English, Maths and sciences are taught, film nights with debates held on what was watched, Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) group sessions to help young people get into work or education etc.

In response to questions Ms Ingram confirmed that there was a connection between the Youth Service and the Youth Council. The plan is take some young people who are very engaged with the process to the next Youth Council meeting. She also confirmed that the work of the Youth Service was different from that provided by Regenerate although they work closely together. In any event Regenerate is situated in Ashburton and the young people will not crossover into another area of Roehampton.

Ms Ingram went on to outline what the Youth Service would hope to get under the regeneration programme including a multi functional building with rooms for targeted intervention; a sports hall to help engage with the young people, and an outdoor space with flood lights.

Councillor Carpenter sought clarification that the Base and Youth Club will continue under the Regeneration programme. In response, Mr. Cox said it was the plan to keep them going. As such, once the selected development partner comes on board, there will be a consultation exercise to ensure that the partner understands what is required. The Chairman confirmed that there are no proposals to stop the operation of The Base and Youth Club but that the timeline for its consideration is just further down the regeneration process.

The Chairman thanked Ms Ingram for her presentation.

8. TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

On item 7, Mr Cherry and Mr. Hedges, from Transport for London (TfL) distributed maps of the area under discussion.

Mr Cherry and Mr. Hedges informed the Partnership that any proposed changes would entail a joint consultation with TfL who are responsible for Roehampton Lane and Wandsworth Borough Council who are responsible for Roehampton High Street. The consultation began on 28thh October 2016 and would end on 9thh December 2016. They asked members to ensure they responded to the consultation so that their opinions on whether the proposal will work can be obtained. 2000 properties within the consultation area have been written to and Email sent to 100 stakeholders. The consultation area was agreed with Wandsworth Council. If it is the decision to proceed with the scheme, the earliest it will be implemented will be in the summer of 2017.

Mr. Cherry outlined details of proposal and its benefits for both cyclists and pedestrians. He highlighted the areas where the aim is to tighten the junction and reduce the speed when turning left into Danebury Avenue. This would widen the pedestrian crossings and make it safer to cross. The proposal would be traffic neutral.

Councillor McKinney highlighted the fact that residents of Egleton House will be unable to get across two lanes to turn right. Mr. Cherry said that this would be considered at the end of the consultation process. Mrs. Harris asked why TfL could not wait to implement the scheme in tandem with the regeneration plans. In any event, she did not think that the proposed scheme addressed major users of the road as it currently benefits only cyclists.

Councillor Carpenter added that proposed contra flow would be extremely unsafe and asked that the one way system be reversed instead. He agreed with Mrs. Harris that the pelican junction on Danebury Avenue should not be narrowed as it would lead to complete congestion with buses having to backup if the cycle lane is kept. As such, Councillor Carpenter urged TfL not to contract the road which is already a difficult junction as it is but to put in two filter spaces instead of a cycling lane.

Councillor Ambache asked whether the proposed new entrance to Roehampton under the regeneration plans could be changed in anyway to assist with the layout of the roads. In response, Mr. Cox stated that the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the regeneration states clearly that no change will be made to the road locations or layout. The new entrance area will be subject to the procurement process.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Cherry and Mr Hedges for their presentation and urged members to send their comments and observations on the consultation to TfL.

9. ALTON AREA REGENERATION

On item 8 Mr. Cox, Regeneration Project Manager, gave an update on the procurement process to date.

The Council and the preferred bidders are currently having confidential discussions so it is not possible to disclose any information as yet. The process is now at the evaluation stage and there have been a number of meetings. There is an Evaluation Panel made up of three directors namely Mr. Buss (Director and Deputy Chief Executive; Mr. Algar (Assistant Director – Property Services); and Mr. Riley (Director of Housing).

On 23rd January 2017, a paper on the preferred bidder will go to the Executive Committee; the preferred bidder will be told they have been successful the next day; and the name of the preferred bidder will be made public in March.

In response to questions, Mr. Cox confirmed that the preferred bidder will be provided with the concept plan for the whole of the Alton estate based on the Masterplan and SPD. There will be a meeting with members and the community as part of the tender process development partner knows will have to engage rapidly with the community.

Miss Harris raised concerns that Alton East residents were not involved in the initial consultation but they have now found out that they will be affected dramatically re: the decant sites. As such, she said they would welcome an urgent discussion with the developer. Mr. Cox said, in response, that this is because it has only become clearer what will be required as the regeneration programme is moving ahead.

In response to a question from Fr. Michael, Mr. Cox confirmed that the regeneration will probably commence at the end of 2018/19 and it is estimated that it will take 7-10 years for completion.

Councillor Ambache said that the relationship between the Partnership and developer is very important so it might be necessary to have an extra meeting before the March meeting. However, if this is not possible then regeneration should be the only item on the agenda for March.

The Chairman said the developer would be invited to attend the March meeting.

10. REVIEW OF ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION – ‘PAPER C’

On item 9, the Chairman thanked the working group, under the Chair of Councillor Carpenter, for the work they had put in producing a draft constitution of the Partnership. He noted that the working group had been unanimous in its decision.

Councillor Carpenter said that there had been several input by the working group and he gave brief summary of the changes that were made to the constitution. Mr. Lunt then explained the reasoning behind retaining only three members of the Residents' Association as members of the Partnership instead of the four that had been sought.

Mr. De France asked that there be two representatives from the student union for continuity sake and to note that it should be Roehampton University Students Union and not National Union of Students (NUS). In response, the Chairman said that this was not usual practice and that Mr. De France was free to nominate a deputy or alternate.

Councillor Ambache agreed to contact the Patient Group to nominate someone who will represent the user side of health on the Partnership.

So subject to tidying up the draft constitution, it will be submitted for approval at the Finance and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18th January 2017 and the Executive on 23rd January 2017.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

On item 9, the following items were raised for future agenda items:

Standing items

- Roehampton regeneration
- Social Regeneration

Other items

- Potential users of new buildings – The Base

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Under item 10, the following business was dealt with:-

(i) Social Regeneration – Councillor Ambache acknowledged the work that Fanta Bojang has been doing interviewing community leaders and groups. He also noted the recruitment of a worker on social regeneration had now taken place.

Ms Anna Bryden, Consultant in Public Health) said she was new to the post under the Shared Services Arrangement (SSA) with Richmond and Wandsworth. The new member of staff, who comes with a planning background, will commence work in December. Ms Bryden said that there had to be a structured way at looking at social regeneration to be able to move forward with it. As such, the next step is to pick up all the work that has been done so far; consider what role the community will play in the process; consider whether ROAM should come under Public Health; and maybe consider opening up what encompasses social regeneration and looking at what other local authorities are doing about it. As such, Ms Bryden said she would report with an update at the March meeting of the Partnership.

(ii) The Chairman having asked members of the public if they had any other business, there was none put forward.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

On item 11, the date of the next meeting for Wednesday, 15th March 2017 was noted.

The meeting ended at 9.00p.m.