

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting of the Roehampton Partnership held at
Whitelands College, University of Roehampton, Ruskin Room,
Roehampton SW15 on Wednesday, 25th September 2013

PRESENT

Councillor Cousins (Chairman)	Cabinet Member (Economic Development & Business Partnerships) - WBC
Rev. J. McKinney (Deputy)	Holy Trinity Church
Mr. V. Ganosuacomar	Co-operative Food
Mr. A. Woldu	Café Joy
Mr. J. Horrocks	Roehampton Forum
Miss. S. Price	Roehampton Resident
Mr. D. Lunt	Roehampton Resident
Dr. S. Manning	Roehampton Trust
Fr. D. Gummett	St. Joseph's Church
Dr. G. Alwani-Starr	University of Roehampton
Councillor P. Carpenter	Wandsworth Borough Council
Councillor A. Knowles	Wandsworth Borough Council
Councillor J. Nickels	Wandsworth Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. S. Sutters	Wandsworth Borough Council

OBSERVERS

Miss M. Hogan	Roehampton Resident
Ms H. Laws	Roehampton Resident

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. L. Gibson	Public Health - WBC
Mr. D. Edwards	Housing Department - WBC
Mr. J. Moore	Economic Development Office - WBC
Ms J. Newton	Economic Development Office - WBC
Mr. N. Smales	Economic Development Office - WBC
Mr. C. Hall	GVA Ltd
Ms O. Okere	Committee Secretary – WBC

1. **REV. JIM MCKINNEY**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked Rev. McKinney for all his work on the Partnership over the years and awarded him a gift in recognition of this.

Rev. McKinney, in turn, thanked the Partnership for his gift.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

On item 1, apologies for absence were received from Mr. M. Newey (Roehampton Club); Miss M. Aldgate (Roehampton Resident); and Dr. P. Ilves (Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group).

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

On item 2, the Chairman having asked, there were no disclosable pecuniary interests made.

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

On item 3, it was

Agreed – That the notes of the previous meeting held on 17th July 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to an amendment being made to page 6, item 11, 'Initiatives in the Community', line three, reference to Roehampton Festival in May should read as 'in August'; and reference in line four to '... Performance Festival' should read as '... Performance Dance'.

5. MATTERS ARISING

On item 4, the following matter was raised:-

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Residence Meeting: Mr. Horrocks sought confirmation of the date of the next SNT residence meeting and was informed that it will be on 30th September 2013.

Traffic Management - Roehampton High Street: Mr. Horrocks informed the Partnership that despite correspondence with Mr. Adeyoyin (Highways and Traffic Manager – WBC) it had proved difficult to find a convenient date for businesses on Roehampton High Street to meet with him. Mr. Horrocks asked that Mr. Adeyoyin be informed that Chic Hairdressers will be willing to offer its premises as a venue for the meeting.

Benches on Danebury Avenue: Mr. Horrocks sought an update on this matter and the Chairman said, in response, that an informal consultation with businesses on Danebury Avenue showed there were reservations to having the benches reinstated. There followed discussion and consensus reached that the benches should not be reinstated at the present time.

Street Drinking: Mr. Lunt informed the Partnership that despite Designated Public Place Order, the level of street drinking and drug dealing on Danebury Avenue was getting worse, and asked that the police are asked to attend the next meeting of the Partnership. Councillor Carpenter raised concerns that the reduction in the number of Safer Neighbour Teams officers will only exacerbate matters. The Chairman said he would follow up on the matter.

6. ROEHAMPTON HEALTH CHALLENGE

On item 5, Mr. Gibson (Associate Director, Public Health) gave an update on Roehampton Health Challenge and distributed a leaflet detailing the various activities that make up the health challenge.

Mr. Gibson informed members that the Health Challenge was launched in 2012 as part of the Council's aspirations programme. The Partnership heard that most of the schemes were now operational and about 500 people had turned up for the Roehampton Festival

Mr. Gibson went on to highlight some of the activities including gym membership which he said has 800 places available but only 30 places have been taken up. As a result of the slow take up, the rules for obtaining membership have been relaxed and everything is been done to increase uptake. The Change Champions programme, a two day course informing individuals on healthy options, has 120 places available but only 40 places have been taken. Mr. Gibson also reported that there had been a slow take up for the NHS Health Checks, the Peer Support Service, and the Chlamydia Testing and Treatment programme and he informed the Partnership of the various reasons for the slow uptakes.

Mr. Gibson further reported on the Health and Wellbeing Fund which he said had so far received seven bids; five sex workers have been identified for the Outreach Service for Sex Workers programme and the 'Pop-Up' cooking has proved very popular and successful with both children and adults.

In response to concerns raised about the low take up on some of the health programmes and questions on the percentage of people the programmes hopes to reach, Councillor Cousins said that there is a performance management process in place to deal with this. Councillor Sutters added that it was important to know the profile of residents accessing the programmes and asked whether hard-to-reach families were being targeted. Mr. Gibson said that he would report back on this at a future meeting of the Partnership.

Councillor Carpenters wanted to know whether the funding for the health challenges was time limited; and Mr. Gibson confirmed that it is as any carry-over has to be have been committed to one of the health programmes.

Mrs. Price asked whether the Play Rangers programme could be brought to Putney Vale Estate, and Mr. Gibson said he would look into this and inform her accordingly.

7. 2011 CENSUS – (PAPER "B")

On item 6, the Chairman asked the Partnership to note the paper for information. Following discussion, members stated that a comparison of the Census results for Roehampton with Wandsworth as a whole would be more helpful and asked for the information to be circulated outside the meeting.

(It was agreed that item 8 and 9 be dealt with next.)

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On item 8, Ms Newton (Community Engagement Coordinator) gave an update on her work in Roehampton.

The main focus of Ms Newton's work is about raising awareness amongst residents on the various options available for them to engage with the Masterplan programme for Roehampton. This has included the current exhibition at the Roehampton Library on the option phase of the Master plan and a proposed drop in session once a week on the process. The Partnership heard that Ms Newton is also able to tailor consultation/engagement process with specific groups who would not normally engage in the process. She also visits schools and attends age specific meetings such as sheltered residents' association meetings, the over 60s café and Regenerate Rise meetings which she informs on the available options for the Masterplan. The aim is to be able to reach those people who will not attend formal meetings. She has also highlighted non masterplan specific projects in Roehampton such as the Roehampton Radio scheme being run by Spare Tyre (info@sparetyre.org or call Vicky Tweedie on 020 7061 6454) and the university's Growhampton project. Ms. Newton also promoted the Regenerate community film screening that will take place on 1st October 2013 at Charcott House.

Ms Newton added that it was necessary to conduct this various forms of informal meetings as it is not sufficient to rely on only quantitative data. As such, residents are not constrained by how they express their view. Mr. Moore added that this type of outreach work was just as important and in some areas more effective than just having open days.

Mr. Horrocks asked if there will be a report on the information gathered from the first phase of the consultation, and for such information to be sent to all the Partnership members. In response, the Chairman said that once the result of the consultation is collated the information will be disseminated to members. He added that the result will shape the options available but that it will be difficult to achieve universal acceptance on how the masterplan should be delivered. Mr. Smales added that the information gathered from the option/consultation stages would lead to further consultation with the community and statutory consultees. Only after and all these views are collated would it possible to reach an agreed option.

In response to suggestions made by Councillor Sutters, Ms Newton confirmed that she was also working with Base, Regenerat, local schools and the Youth Council to obtain the views of young people.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

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

- Primary school places in Putney Vale
- Secondary school places
- Adult Education for older people
- Standing item – Roehampton regeneration

10. ALTON AREA MASTERPLAN

On item 7, Mr. Hall (GVA) spoke about the case for change and the need for intervention to enable Danebury Avenue function well as a place and focus for leisure, pleasure and retail. The intervention will be more about revitalising the area than about knocking down the whole of the Alton Estate.

Mr. Hall spoke on the emerging Masterplan options for the Town Centre, Portswood Place and Danebury Avenue. He set out in detail the three options for each of these areas with option 1 being the renovation approach, option 2 a more interventionist approach, and option 3 adding even more to the area. For example, for the Town Centre, the first 'renovation' option is about revitalising the centre by renovating the existing housing and cleaning up the service areas behind the shops. The second 'interventionist' option will involve changing the mix of retail, inserting a community arts centre, replacing existing building stock and having a mixed use, ensuring the University campus is integrated with the Town Centre, and Aldbrook House stays in place but add on residential building. The third option, will involve redevelopment of Aldbrook House, changing the housing forms and installing an arts/performance centre.

At the end of the presentation, Mr. Horrocks asked how the options will be phased in as it appears that the potential for change will be significant. In response, Mr. Smales said that there was currently no phasing plan in place because the options process is ongoing and there is no preferred option as yet.

Ms Laws (Roehampton Resident) asked that for that any options for the Estate should ensure that there are different entry and exit points to the estate to make it a safer place.

In response to a question from Dr. Alwani-Star, Mr. Hall said that analysis carried out had shown that there is private interest in financing the project especially in terms of the residential aspect of the regeneration. However, he expects that there will be a mixed finance deal to carry out the regeneration.

Councillor Carpenter sought more information on how the Mosaic Free School fits in to the community under the third option for Portswood Place. Mr. Moore said there will be meetings with the school and Mr. Hall added that an integrated approach will be taken about the three schools in the areas.

Council Sutters asked whether consideration had been given to transport provision given that over 50% of the population in Roehampton do not own a car. In response, the Chairman agreed that

Mr. Moore informed the Partnership that the next step following the end of the consultation process at the end of October will be option appraisal and it is hoped that a preferred option will be known by the end of the year.

11. 2014 MEETING DATES

On item 10, the meeting dates for 2014 were duly noted:

- Monday, 17th March

- Tuesday, 8th July
- Thursday, 2nd October
- Wednesday, 3rd December

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday, 2nd December 2013

The meeting ended at 9.08p.m.