Royal Holloway & Runnymede Consultative Group meeting

MINUTES

Monday 1 July 2019

Principal's Meeting Room

PRESENT:

Royal Holloway: Mike Berry (CHAIR/Director of Estates), Marie Ennis (Director, Marketing and Communications), Helen Groenendaal (Head of Student Advisory & Wellbeing, Academic Services), Sarah Ixer-Pitfield (Head of Public Relations and Media)

Royal Holloway Students’ Union: Dr Tom Flynn (Chief Executive Officer), Clem Jones (President)

Runnymede Borough Councillors: Cllr Nick Prescot (Englefield Green West), Cllr Nigel King (Englefield Green West), Cllr Japneet Sohi (Englefield Green East), Cllr Alan Alderson (Egham Town)

Residents’ Associations: Chris Fisher (ERA), Christine Welsh (EGVRA)

Surrey Police: Inspector Nick Pinkerton, PC Helen Gladstone-Lindsell

Runnymede Borough Council: Daniel Bradding (Environmental Health Officer)

Neighbourhood Watch: Stephen Hodgkinson

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Parshotam Sohi (Mayor of Runnymede)
Cllr Isabel Mullens
Cllr Marisa Heath
Cllr Michael Kusneraitis
Cllr Brian Clarke
Mark Adams, Chamber of Commerce
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1. Welcome & introductions

2. Minutes and actions from previous meeting (26/2/19)

It was AGREED that the minutes of the last meeting on 26 February, 2019 were a true and accurate record.

- CARRY FORWARD Action 1: Cllr Nigel King’s update on the town’s twinning relationship.
- CARRY FORWARD Action 5: Sharing the Egham cinema development planning application.

All other actions had been completed.
3. **Outcome of Spring Rise Gate patrols.** Helen Groenendaal confirmed that the university will be re-establishing closing times for Spring Rise gate. Closure times will commence at the start of the new term in September and Royal Holloway will circulate the closure times shortly. Mike Berry raised an enquiry from Cllr Isabel Mullens for the possibility of a permanent CCTV camera at/near the gate. Mike Berry confirmed that Surrey Policy and RBC had confirmed that the university was not at liberty to do this. Cllr Nick Prescott confirmed he will investigate the potential for RBC to do this and will update at the next meeting.

**Actions:**
- Royal Holloway to confirm gate closure times
- Cllr Nick Prescott to investigate the potential for a CCTV camera at/near the gate

4. **Purpose of the meeting.** Marie Ennis revisited the paper on the purpose of the Royal Holloway & Runnymede Consultative Group.

**Action:** This was approved. Approved version to be circulated with meeting minutes / actions.

5. **Attendance of the meeting.** It was agreed that meeting attendees should represent the purpose of the meeting, and so attendees should represent the Englefield Green and Egham areas and should not extend out to areas such as Egham Hythe or Virginia Water.

6. **Updates on areas of mutual interest:**

   - **RBC:**
     Cllr Nick Prescott and Cllr Japneet Sohi provided an update on Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ). Following a public meeting on 24 May an appetite for CPZ was confirmed. Cllr Marisa Heath will be conducting a walk-around of the local area with Colin Kemp, Deputy Leader of Surrey County Council and Royal Holloway will be invited to take part. EGVRA also indicated they would like to be involved. It was confirmed that consultations would take place in mid-October once students had returned.

     Marie Ennis confirmed that representatives of Royal Holloway will no longer be attending councillor surgeries. The university will instead host drop-in sessions for the local community which will be held on the campus.

     **Actions:**
     - Cllr Nick Prescott to provide a timeline for the CPZ
     - Mike Berry to provide an update to the group on what Royal Holloway’s plans for parking provision on campus.
     - Royal Holloway to promote the campus drop-in sessions in Community Matters
     - ERA and EGVRA to promote the dates to their members

   - **Egham Chamber of Commerce:**
     Mike Berry, on behalf of Mark Adams, provided an update on events organised by the Chamber of Commerce.

   - **EGVRA:**
     Christine Welsh thanked Royal Holloway for its support of the Englefield Green Village Fair.

     EGVRA is continuing to develop the Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Forum and will provide more details at the next meeting so that the university can make students and
staff living in the area aware so that they can chose to get involved as local residents. Royal Holloway remains supportive of the Forum but is not seeking to become a member itself. Mike Berry will confirm this in writing via a letter to Christine Welsh.

Christine Welsh raised concerns over the colour of the proposed Enterprise Centre and Mike Berry confirmed that the university is actively looking at all comments made during the consultation period.

**Action:**
- Mike Berry to send a letter to Christine Welsh to confirm that Royal Holloway will not be joining the Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Forum.
- EGVRA to provide a further update on the Englefield Green Village Forum at the next meeting

**ERA:**
Chris Fisher confirmed that ERA will be objecting to the Heathrow consultation. ERA will not be opposing the Gateway West scheme but has a number of reservations including lack of parking and the proposed higher rise buildings.

Cllr Nick Prescot confirmed that the library will be moving but they won’t be closing it.

Mike Berry confirmed that any student accommodation mentioned as part of Gateway West is not linked to the university and is a commercial venture.

**RBC Environmental Health:** Daniel Bradding outlined the number of complaints received in the area. For 2017/18 50 were received and this year it had increased to 61. For university events, the Summer Ball they received one complaint and over the whole year four complaints in total.

**Surrey Police:**
A report is provided in appendix A.

**Royal Holloway Estates:**
Mike Berry outlined plans for the Royal Holloway estate.
- Enterprise Centre – the university is responding to comments received following a public consultation event.
- Estate Plan – Royal Holloway is hosting a public consultation event on Monday, 22 July in the Event Space in the Emily Wilding Davison Building outlining future development plans.

**Student wellbeing:**
A report is provided in appendix B.

**Volunteering:**
A report is provided in appendix C.

**Students’ Union:** Clem Jones confirmed it is his last meeting. Jack O’Neill is the new Student’s Union President at Royal Holloway.

7. **AOB:**
Chris Fisher raised concerns over falling school numbers in the last five years. The group discussed that the multi-faceted reasons for this.

8. **Proposed date of next meeting:** 4 November 2019, Principal’s Meeting Room, Royal Holloway.

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