



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

Present: Henry Adams, Michael Lilley, Tim Wakeley
(Chairman)

Steve Hull (Police), Claire Steen (Barnardo's)

In Attendance: Saskia Blackmore (RTC Clerk)
Terry Clarkson (Facilities and Allotment Office)
Elizabeth Gough (Administrator and notes)
Lisa Jolliffe (Senior Youth Worker)
Shona Parnell (Facilities and Allotment Officer)
Phil Plant (Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Paul Ferguson (Ryde Rotary Club. A standing apology was received from Christine Hall (Vice Chair).

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MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held on the 19 September 2018 were agreed by all and signed by Councillor Tim Wakeley.

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RYDE SKATE PARK REPORT

Shona Parnell, Facilities and Allotment Officer, updated the Steering Group on the Ryde Skate Park, and provided a written update in advance.

Shona Parnell mentioned a graffiti artist, who has been working at the skate park. Councillor Michael Lilley asked whether the new graffiti work was offensive. Shona Parnell confirmed that it was not offensive; the concern is that the graffiti artist is not notifying Ryde Town Council when work is being carried out. Additionally, the graffiti artist is not covering the previous works before applying a new piece of art, and the area is now looking messy. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that we do sometimes have commissioned work, and there is a risk that the graffiti artist could unintentionally ruin that work. Terry Clarkson advised that, historically, the Skate Park had art work from Tony Trowbridge, and the graffiti artist had covered straight over the work without notifying the council of his attendance, whereby he would have been advised of that work.

Steve Hull questioned where the graffiti artist was getting the paint; Saskia Blackmore advised that Ryde Town Council had purchased some in the past but had not done so for some time now. Concern was also raised as to how the graffiti artist was gaining access to the Skate Park after it is closed to the public.

Lisa Jolliffe commended the actions of Shona and Terry for how quick any reported incidents of unapproved graffiti was flagged and rectified.

Councillor Michael Lilley thanked Shona Parnell for a good first report, and for all the work Terry Clarkson had done over the past years.

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RYDE SKATE PARK – NEXT STEPS

Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that there is now a limited time before the lease on the current land needs to be renewed, or a new location found, for the Skate Park. Currently there is a high maintenance cost on the original construction, and we also need to think about where the Skate Park could move to.

Saskia Blackmore confirmed that there is just under 2 years left on the current lease. Due to the original lease being just 10 years, Ryde Town Council could not apply for any national or grant funding. Saskia Blackmore is seeking approval to go ahead and start conversations with the Isle of Wight Council about the current land, and to also look for viable land around Ryde and start conducting some due diligence. Saskia Blackmore advised that the Simeon Street park was already considered unviable, and the discussions around Apply Park had gotten nowhere. Steve Hull questioned whether the Skate Park needs to be at an outdoor site, or could it be indoors, possibly using the Ice Rink site. This would provide a facility that could be used in all weather. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that it would need to have a secure, long lease tenure, as funding could not be secured without it. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that gaining a 25 year tenure on the current Ice Rink site would be slight, and so would need to look further afield.

Councillor Michael Lilley asked if the land required for a new Skate Park should be explicitly mentioned within the Regeneration proposals. Saskia Blackmore confirmed that she was not aware of any formal notes on this matter are in any of the council meetings. Councillor Tim Wakeley agreed that this was a good point to raise and a formal representation should be made, which should be proposed to the Isle of Wight Planning team in the first instance.

Councillor Henry Adams left the meeting at 10:30am

Shona Parnell left the meeting at 10:35am

Terry Clarkson left the meeting at 10:35am

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NETWORK RYDE – AN UPDATE

Lisa Jolliffe, Senior Youth Worker, asked whether the Steering Group would be happy to receive a full verbal account of the update, or would they be happy to just receive key points during the meeting, as the update is made available prior to the meeting. The Steering Group agreed to continue with just the key points during the meeting.

Lisa Jolliffe highlighted the difference in the stats compared to the last meeting and advised that many activities had taken place. Lisa Jolliffe wanted to thank the Ryde Rotary Club for their donation to the Bake-Off, and that, as agreed, some of the contribution had been put towards the Network Ryde's version of the 'Red Box'.

Lisa advised that there had been a lot of partnership/collaborative work and offered thanks to Claire Steen from Barnardo's for her support.

Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that, for legal reasons, we are unable to offer Sexual Education/Safe Sex discussions to the young people, however she will liaise with school nurses to see if they can offer/deliver more sex education within the school environment.

Opening Hours Over Christmas

Lisa Jolliffe proposed that Network Ryde be closed at 8:15pm on Thursday 20 December 2018 for the festive period, and staff to return to work on Wednesday 2 January 2019 for a day of planning/tidying up. Drop-in sessions would resume on Thursday 3 January 2019, with daytime/evening sessions resuming week commencing Monday 7 January 2019.

The Steering Group accepted this proposal.

Contributions From Young People Towards Special Activities

Lisa Jolliffe proposed that Network Ryde asks the young people to pay a nominal fee of around £1 towards the costs associated with any future special activities Network Ryde may offer. This would be for the young person to secure their place and hopefully encourage them to attend once they had signed up.

The Steering Group accepted this proposal, with the caveat that discretion should be used if a young person would like to attend a session but may not have the capacity to pay the nominal fee requested.

Collaborative Work with The Isle of Wight Council

At the time of the meeting, Lisa Jolliffe had limited information, but wanted to seek the advice of the Steering Group on this matter.

Matthew Bell from the Virtual School has contacted Network Ryde with a proposal for them to use the Café so that young people have access to learning outside of the usual learning environment. They have offered to pay to use the space available and would also contribute to the cost of any staff needed. Lisa Jolliffe advised that she did not have a formal presentation for the group but asked for permission to explore the options.

Councillor Tim Wakeley advised his first thoughts are that he is not sure that we should use our funds to substitute any incurred costs, as the students are fully funded from the Government through the Isle of Wight Council. He advised that there would need to be a youth worker on site to oversee the young person, and that would compromise our own flexibility due to staff capacity. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that he would be content with the option of their being a tutor on site to support the young person, and that full economic rate for using the premises should be paid,

not reduced rates, as this is to support a statutory duty that the Isle of Wight Council have.

Councillor Michael Lilley agreed with Councillor Tim Wakeley and advised that we should have discussions as to how we integrate into the offering. Claire Steen suggested that it would be best for the Virtual School to provide staff to cover any sessions, for the purpose of safeguarding both the young people in attendance and the staff at Network Ryde.

Steve Hull agreed that the Isle of Wight Council get funding for this, so they should pay for any help that we are able to offer.

The Steering Group confirmed their agreement for Lisa Jolliffe to go ahead with the discussions.

Councillor Tim Wakeley asked for the discussion to go back to the CAP project, regarding its numbers. Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that eight young people had signed up to the project; five of whom attended a Saturday session. The young people have chosen to do a range of artwork, including sewing, dance, creative writing, drawing and photography. All the young people who have signed up to this project are currently doing the Duke of Edinburgh's award, and this will contribute to one of their required skillsets. Regrettably, there have not been any other signups from other partners in the project. Both Lisa Jolliffe and Phil Plant praised the enthusiasm of the young people involved and were looking forward to the end results.

Lisa Jolliffe continued to advise that the drop-in sessions were still very diverse in how the young people used the space; in a recent drop in, one young person requested help for a music composition on the pc and some Year 10 students were discussing and considering their options following a recent University presentation!

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SUMMER 2019 SHUTDOWN

Lisa Jolliffe brought to the table options for a possible closure of 147 during July/August 2019, following on from the discussion in the previous Steering Group meeting in September 2018. Attendance records had been reviewed and summarised, and consideration had been taken to allow staff to take valuable annual leave without impacting the sessions offered.

On review of the three options, Lisa Jolliffe advised the group that Option B within the proposal was the preferred choice of herself and the other staff at Network Ryde. Councillor Tim Wakeley agreed that Option B would be acceptable, but to also consider having the first four weeks of the holidays as a combination of timetabled/off-timetabled sessions, instead of the just the fourth week, as it would be good to offer a varied program.

The Steering Group agreed that Option B should go ahead for the Summer in 2019.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD AT 147

Phil Plant presented to the table and summarised the development of the award scheme.

Phil Plant put forward a motion to request a nominal fee from the young people to help contribute towards the cost of the expeditions. Councillor Tim Wakeley asked what the expected costs were; Phil Plant advised that he did not have a full breakdown of potential costs, however advised that the costs indicated on the update were the potential staff costs, and therefore did not include fuel, subsistence, etc. During the 2018 expeditions, the young people were asked to contribute £10 for one of the expeditions for the cost of the campsite (the second expedition the camp site was free). Phil Plant advised that most of the equipment is donated, however minibuses for the Silver Award trips to the mainland would have to be paid for.

Councillor Tim Wakeley proposed that we accept a yearly nominal fee around £10 for the Bronze Award and £20 for the Silver Award, and that we should explore sponsorship to help fund the expeditions.

Councillor Tim Wakeley was enthused with the numbers of signups for the next intake Awards, especially as it is only the second year of running the Award Scheme. Councillor Tim Wakeley complimented the staff/team as this is a testament to them. Councillor Tim Wakeley would also like to take the report to the Full Council, however it should take into account the slight wording change on the agreed nominal contributions.

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EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Steve Hull, Police, commented that the Studio School is closing, and that there is a piece of equipment, that may be beneficial to Network Ryde. The equipment is an Online Radio Station, that can broadcast over the internet only. Steve Hull is in consultation with the School with regards to how they account for selling the equipment, if at all possible.

Lisa Jolliffe advised that this would be a great piece of equipment that could possibly be used to replace the current Thursday evening Chill Out Sessions, and even be used for part of the Duke of Edinburgh skill sets, however there is storage and cost implications that need to be considered. Saskia Blackmore advised that some due diligence would need to take place, however agreed that the options could be explored. Councillor Tim Wakeley questioned where the money would come from, and that we should seek some external funding options.

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Partnership Agreement with Ryde Rotary Club is with Paul Ferguson to sign.

An agreement with Steve Hull and the Police is in discussions

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EXTERNAL FUNDING

Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that Network Ryde had been awarded a small grant from the Isle of Wight Council Short Breaks, to purchase two cupboards for the art materials used in the Short Breaks sessions.

40/18 **DATE OF 2019 MEETINGS**

Dates for the 2019 meetings were tabled as followed:

Wednesday 23 January 2019	10am-12pm	
Wednesday 20 March 2019	10am-12pm	
Wednesday 29 May 2019	7pm-9pm	Meeting held in public
Wednesday 17 July 2019	10am-12pm	
Wednesday 18 September 2019	10am-12pm	
Wednesday 20 November 2019	10am-12pm	

41/18 **BCM POLICY**

Claire Steen offered an amendment to the policy, referencing that Partners, such as Barnardo's, to offer space in their premises in the event of the BCM Policy being enacted.

Policy accepted and agreed to adopt.

42/18 **CCTV POLICY**

Policy accepted and agreed to adopt.

Meeting concluded at 12.10pm, with Councillor Tim Wakeley thanking everyone for their attendance and participation.