



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2019 AT 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

Present: Henry Adams, Tim Wakeley (Chairman)
Paul Ferguson (Ryde Rotary Club), Steve Hull

In Attendance: Elizabeth Gough (Administrator and notes)
Lisa Jolliffe (Youth Work Manager)

01/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Claire Steen (Barnardo's). Christine Hall has resigned from the council and is therefore no longer a member of the Steering Group.

02/19 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 23rd November 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

03/19 **RYDE SKATE PARK REPORT**

The Facilities and Allotments Officer provided a written update in advance, which was received by the Steering Group. All agreed there were no major issues arising from the report. Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that she had not yet contacted the graffiti artist about the graffiti at the skate park but advised that she will do so. Steve Hull asked if there had been any more consideration of adding another exit to the Skate Park, due to reports of people feeling intimidated. The group agreed that it had been discussed previously but due to the short lease of the premises, and the large cost to facilitate, it would not now be feasible.

A discussion took place about the length of the lease and whether a new site might be needed. Councillor Tim Wakeley confirmed that the only site that had been offered for the new location, that may meet the requirements, is by the Canoe Lake, however the size may not be acceptable, and there are health and safety risks of this location. Councillor Tim Wakeley asked the group to have a look at the site if they have time, and to gather opinions. Lisa Jolliffe recalled that Steve Hull had previously asked whether the new location could be indoors. Councillor Tim Wakeley confirmed that it does not have to be a proper building; an agricultural building could be considered. Steve Hull

suggested the space behind the rowing club, however Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that site would be too far away. Paul Ferguson asked how many young people used the skate park, considering the amount of time and energy to relocate the park. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that the best option is to get a short extension to the lease where it currently is, but there is no security of tenure. With the possible developments considered for the area, a permanent site is needed so that more funding can be applied for.

04/19

NETWORK RYDE – AN UPDATE

Lisa Jolliffe presented the update report and highlighted the following:

- The partnership agreement has been finalised with Ryde Rotary Club;
- Maiya Dixon and Lisa Jolliffe met with the Year 8 Manager of Ryde Academy to discuss recent safeguarding issues, and build on the good relationship with the school;
- The district Governor from Ryde Rotary Club visited 147 in December and issued another donation to Network Ryde;
- Lisa Jolliffe attended a recent Short Breaks forum with the opportunity to meet other Short Breaks providers. It was a good meeting for partnership development;
- Lisa Jolliffe requested agreement for an amendment to the Short Breaks offering. Following feedback from the young people who attend the Short Breaks sessions, the change would be to a general session instead of the arts and crafts. This would save costs and hopefully attract more young people. All members agreed to this proposal;
- A meeting with YMCA Fairthorne Group has taken place to discuss that Network Ryde may be able to offer a possible partnership re supporting young carers in Ryde;
- The Wheatsheaf Trust held a 'Festive Forum' at 147 in December, celebrating the achievements of young people who have been supported by Jamie from the Trust. The event was a great success;
- The Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) art project completed in January, with judging of the pieces of art taking place. The project team decided that they would not make this a competition, and recognition would be given to all the young people who took part. The artwork is on display at 147, and the young people attending drop-in sessions were asked for feedback to see what messages they take from the artwork. The launch will take place at 147 on 29 January;
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze and Silver groups have now started. Phil Plant advised that whilst last year's Bronze group were encouraged by their parents to take part, this year the young people had registered to do this for themselves;
- A meeting took place in January with Luke Kerr from Isle of Wight Beach Soccer, regarding possible partnership activities in the Summer;
- Network Ryde celebrated its 1-year anniversary at 147 High Street in January, with some of the young people that attended the very first day of 147 still attending regularly;
- Conversations have been had with Matthew Bell from the Virtual School with regards to using 147 for tutoring their students. It has

been advised that 147 space/PCs may be available but that the Network Ryde staff will not sit with the young people. The Steering Group agreed that work on the proposal should continue and that there should be no financial impact incurred by Network Ryde as it is a statutory service;

- The Thursday evening sessions for Years 10-13 have been cancelled going forwards, due to there being no take up from the young people. Lewis Patterson has researched some 'Ask the Experts' sessions, and plans are still being drawn up with the aim of starting those sessions in the Spring;
- An open day is being planned so that the community can see what Ryde Town Council offers the young people of Ryde;
- Lisa Jolliffe showed the Steering Group some of the responses that the young people have given on their views of 147. All present agreed that they were good, meaningful responses that show the positive impact 147 is having and the appreciation the young people have for it;
- Network Ryde has started asking the young people what activities they may want to do in the summer sessions, and good feedback has been received so far.

Lisa Jolliffe asked Steve Hull to provide the group with the update on the proposed radio station equipment. Steve Hull continued to advise that the Studio School, who currently own the equipment, have confirmed that all current contents and equipment must stay in the school, which has therefore meant that Network Ryde are not able to continue with the proposal to purchase it.

05/19 NEW GRANT FUNDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that when the previous Ryde Youth Centre closed, a lot of equipment was disposed of and Ryde Youth Action was established and inherited the resources. The money raised from the sales has since been held in a bank account and has now been released back to Ryde Town Council for the benefit of the young people of Ryde via Network Ryde. The trustees of the organisation have asked that the moneys are to support young people in taking up life changing opportunities. Lisa Jolliffe suggested the Wheatsheaf Trust would be a good link with this opportunity. Councillor Tim Wakeley asked that the youth workers anonymise the information and bring any requests for moneys to the Steering Group for approval. Councillor Tim Wakeley also asked the Steering Group for permission for he, as Chair, and the Youth Work Manager to agree funding in emergencies ahead of any Steering Group meetings. All attendees agreed these proposals. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that any funding proposals should be up to £500 per person, and all agreed the name for the funding would be 'Network Ryde Opportunities Fund'. The funding pot will not be actively promoted.

06/19 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Steering Group noted that The Ryde Rotary Club Partnership Agreement has now been finalised.

The development of a Partnership Agreement with the Police is ongoing.

07/19 **EXTERNAL FUNDING**

Network Ryde was advised about the Community Funding Bid, however Network Ryde does not meet the criteria, and so is ineligible to apply. Funding for further Short Breaks sessions will be applied for. The funding for the CAP project has been accessed, and Network Ryde is waiting for the funding to arrive into the Town Council's bank account. Research is being done to investigate further available funding. Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that she is gathering information to support the Network Ryde funding portfolio, as well as to feed into the Annual Report.

08/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 10-12pm and will be held at 147 High Street.