



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2019 AT 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

Present: Henry Adams, Michael Lilley, Sue Lyons,
Tim Wakeley (Chair)
Paul Ferguson (Ryde Rotary), Steve Hull (Police)

In Attendance: Maiya Dixon (Session Lead)
Lisa Jolliffe (Youth Work Manager)

09/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Claire Steen (Barnardo's).

10/19 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 23rd January 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

11/19 **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.

It was stated that Ryde Town Council are still looking into a continuation of the lease for the existing skate park or a new location. A long discussion was had about the future of the skate park, and the possibility of a new multi-use facility. PCSO Steve Hull thought it would be good to include a winter sports option such as Snowtrax in any development plans.

Cllr Michael Lilley felt that the long-term future of the skate park should be part of the broader Ryde regeneration discussion.

Cllr Lilley updated the Steering Group on the current situation with the ice rink; conversations are already taking place between local organisations about working together on a new leisure facility. Cllr Lilley also mentioned Ryde Town Council's possible involvement in Ryde Harbour as there might be similar investors involved.

12/19 **NETWORK RYDE – AN UPDATE**

Lisa Jolliffe, Youth Work Manager, presented the Network Ryde update which had previously been sent by email:

- It was proposed that Ryde Town Council invite other town councils to visit 147 to see what is on offer, and to hear about the numbers of young people from outside Ryde who attend Network Ryde sessions. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea.
- Lisa told the Steering Group about a new partnership with Autism Inclusion Matters (AIM) who will be running a monthly autistic girls' group at 147 from April. Lisa had previously run this suggestion past the Chair as a decision was needed prior to the meeting; the Chair had agreed for Lisa to go ahead. The Group agreed with this decision. Cllr Lilley suggested contacting the new Children's Commissioner as autism is one of her main priorities; Cllr Lilley will give the Commissioner's contact details to Lisa. Cllr Lilley also suggested Lisa contact Maria Villa Vine to discuss autism awareness; Lisa agreed and will invite Maria to visit 147.
- Cllr Wakeley congratulated the team on the quality of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award offering at 147; there are more young people doing DofE with Network Ryde than was anticipated by the IW Council. It was proposed that plans for a DofE presentation event at 147 should have Town Council involvement and be held at a bigger venue. Cllr Lilley and Cllr Lyons agreed to take this suggestion to the Honours Working Party Group, and to work with Lisa on ideas for a DofE Awards evening. It was also agreed that young people who worked on the recent CAP Art Project would be honoured by Ryde Town Council.
- A discussion was had about promoting DofE while also making sure the numbers remain manageable.
- PCSO Steve Hull told the Group about recent talks in schools on the issue of knife crime. Cllr Wakeley felt that Steve inviting the DofE Lead to be involved demonstrated that Network Ryde's 'network' is working.
- A discussion was had about the size of 147 and whether it would be big enough in the future. It was agreed that broadening the offering would be a better option than finding a bigger venue.
- Cllr Sue Lyons suggested that the World Book Day organisation might be able to supply free books for 147; Lisa agreed to look into this.
- Cllr Lilley commented that the IW Literary Festival now has a separate Young People's Festival; he will give Lisa their contact details.
- Cllr Wakeley asked about working with the YMCA to help support young carers. Lisa updated the Group about the conversations so far and agreed to continue the discussion.

Maiya Dixon, Session Lead, proposed activities for the Easter and summer holidays to be discussed and agreed by the Steering Group:

- An Easter bowling session for max. 16 young people at Ryde Superbowl. Young people would be asked to pay £2; donations given at the recent 147 Open Day would cover most of the rest of the cost, with Network Ryde paying the remaining £15-20. The Steering Group agreed to this proposal.
- An Easter drop-in session at 147 featuring an Easter egg hunt, arts and crafts, etc. The Steering Group agreed to this proposal.
- A session with a make-up artist in the summer holidays (suggested by young people in a recent consultation). Young people (max. 10) would be asked to contribute £5 for the session, with Network Ryde paying the remaining £30. Cllr Lyons suggested asking Liz Earle or The Body

Shop if they would offer a session for free as part of their community offering. If this wasn't possible, it was agreed that the session could go ahead with the costings above.

- A mini beach sports festival in the summer, working in partnership with Luke Kerr from Wight Wave / IW Beach Soccer. The initial proposal (early stages of development) was for a six-hour session with a BBQ, medals, tournaments and refreshments. The proposed cost was £420 for a maximum of 30 young people attending. The Group agreed that discussions about this event (and the cost) could continue. Paul Ferguson offered for Ryde Rotary to fund the medals/ trophies. Cllr Lilley felt he could get support for the event from other projects working in Appley.
- Tree Climbing in the summer, working in partnership with Paul from Goodleaf Climbing. A two-hour session for 10 young people would cost £100. Cllr Lilley offered a £90 credit note (for a previous session where the young people didn't turn up); the cost to Network Ryde would therefore be just £10 with no cost to the young people. The Steering Group agreed to this proposal.

Lisa Jolliffe, Youth Work Manager, proposed the following changes to the programme, to be discussed / agreed by the Group:

- A later start time for drop-in sessions from September to tie in with Ryde Academy's new finishing time of 3pm. The proposed drop-in start time will move (from 3pm) to 3.15pm, with sessions still finishing at 6pm. Staff will start work later each afternoon as a result. The Steering Group agreed to this proposal.
- With the new autistic girls' group running one Tuesday evening per month, Lisa proposed that new wellbeing sessions take place on the other Tuesday evenings. The Ask the Experts session with guest professionals offering advice / support would take place monthly, and the remaining Tuesdays would feature a new wellbeing / resilience group supporting the young people to build an emotional toolkit to help them during tough times. Lisa said it would be a supportive group focusing on empathy, building resilience and signposting. The wellbeing and Ask the Experts sessions would be shorter than the usual evening sessions, lasting just one hour. Cllr Lilley felt there might be an opportunity for future funding for these sessions through public health and/or the children's commissioner. The Steering Group agreed to this proposal.
- Discussions with the Youth Trust about a possible mental health drop-in at 147. Cllr Lilley had spoken with the Youth Trust who are looking to pilot a safe space ('safe haven') for out of hours mental health support in Newport and Ryde. Lisa had also had an email from the Youth Trust about this. Lisa asked for agreement that conversations could go ahead - the Steering Group agreed.

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

The Group discussed inviting new members to join the Steering Group, including representatives from Ryde Academy and Foyer for the Island

who had previously been active members. It was agreed that Ryde Arts will be invited to become a key stakeholder as outlined on the Terms of Reference (TOR). Lisa will follow up on this.

The Group discussed possible alternative times for future meetings, but it was agreed that Wednesdays from 10am-12pm are still the most convenient time.

14/19 EXTERNAL FUNDING

Cllr Wakeley asked for a first draft of the funding portfolio to be prepared as it was now an urgent priority and likely to be needed for potential funding bids in August/September. Cllr Lilley agreed. Lisa said some of the statistics being prepared for the Network Ryde Annual Report would be used in this document. It was agreed that Lisa would prepare a draft document for the July meeting.

A discussion was had about outreach youth work in Ryde. Cllr Wakeley suggested this was an important development that would require a team of trained youth workers, and would need significant external funding in order for the support offered to young people to have longevity and consistency over several years.

Cllr Lilley suggested Lisa attend a forthcoming meeting of partners coming together to discuss issues affecting young people in Ryde. Cllr Lilley will follow up on inviting Lisa to this meeting.

Cllr Lyons praised the good work that Network Ryde is doing and congratulated the team on the progress being made.

15/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 29th May at 7PM – this meeting is to be held in public.