



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2018 AT 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

Present: Maiya Dixon (Network Ryde), Tim Wakeley (Chair, RTC), Claire Steen (Barnardo's), Christine Hall (Vice Chair, RTC), Paul Ferguson (Ryde Rotary club)

Apologies: Lisa Jolliffe (Network Ryde), Steve Hull (Police)

12/18 **NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

Councillor Tim Wakeley welcomed the attendees of the meeting and introduced the new Network Ryde administrator, Elizabeth Gough to the other attendees.

13/18 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received in advance from Steve Hull and Lisa Jolliffe.

14/18 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting held on 12th June were agreed and signed by Councillor Tim Wakeley. The minutes will be presented to Full Council in September.

15/18 **NETWORK RYDE – AN UPDATE**

Maiya Dixon presented the Network Ryde report to update the Steering Group on recent and upcoming events.

Maiya Dixon confirmed that the Duke of Edinburgh group went on their practice day walk in June. The next expeditions are scheduled for late July and early September, with the expeditions being based on the Island.

On the 27th June, the prize for the Ryde Carnival competition was presented by Liz Allen, Chair of Ryde Carnival, to one of our young persons during the afternoon drop in session at 147. The Mayor of Ryde, Malcolm Ross, and Councillor Tim Wakeley also attended the presentation and the picture was featured in the Isle of Wight County Press.

Councillor Tim Wakeley and Lisa Jolliffe attended the launch of a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) at Ryde Academy on 28th June. Speakers included a representative from the Home Office, a local police officer and Councillor Wakeley. Lisa Jolliffe had a display about Network Ryde / 147 and talked to several organisations about working together to support young people. The launch coincided with the announcement of a successful funding bid of £1500 for an art project at 147 in which young people will be supported by local artists and fellow CAP members to produce artwork reflecting the risks of underage drinking. The art project will run from July through to the display of the artwork in January/February 2019. Maiya Dixon will coordinate the art project with supervision from Lisa and support from the rest of the team. Artwork will be displayed in venues around Ryde and the CAP may want to produce a booklet/promotional material afterwards. Councillor Tim Wakeley requested that Paul Ferguson and Lisa Jolliffe engage in conversations about the project.

Maiya Dixon confirmed that the new Network Ryde Administrator, Elizabeth, had been recruited and was now in the role and helping the team.

The Network Ryde team have been on a number of training courses since 147 opened. Maiya Dixon advised that it is hard to get more than one member of staff on a course at the same time due to staffing levels needed for each session at 147. Maiya Dixon has completed a Safeguarding Level 3 course; due to the number of safeguarding cases the staff are seeing, this training will be invaluable. Lisa Jolliffe has been supportive in all training undertaken, and the staff feel fully equipped to give help and, more importantly, to give the correct help to the young people.

Maiya Dixon has recently attended a course on autism and highlighted some suggestions that may benefit some of the young people at 147. Maiya will be cascading her new knowledge to the team.

Maiya Dixon advised that Lisa Jolliffe has some meetings coming up regarding the beach soccer, which the young people are already excited about signing up for. The dates and times for the soccer session are still to be agreed.

The Short Breaks sessions have been doing a lot of art work recently, including making a window display ready for the Isle of Wight Pride event taking place in Ryde on the 21st July.

There was a lot of interest from the young people who wanted to be a part of the Ryde Slide on Sunday 22nd July. Two young people were picked out of a hat at random to represent Network Ryde along with a member of the Network Ryde staff.

Following discussions with the young people, it was agreed that the first Ask the Experts sessions will be on the topic of sexual health. The dates and times of this discussion are still to be confirmed.

Maiya Dixon confirmed that there are a few young people interested in the skateboarding sessions over the summer holidays at Ryde Skate Park. It has been agreed that the time for the sessions should be Friday mornings 11am-11pm. It was hopeful that this would keep the young people engaged with the the café and continue to attend the 3-6pm drop in sessions.

There had been a proposal from Wight Trash for a graffiti artist to paint Ryde Skate Park, which could possibly be an activity to involve the young people. This topic was agreed to be deferred to a later meeting due to planned repair work due to take place in the Skate Park in September, which would have impacted the paint work.

Promotional flyers were proposed for issuing during the Ryde Town carnivals, as the carnivals can attract a large target audience for Network Ryde.

Macmillan Cancer Support is hosting the next World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 28th, and it was proposed that 147 support the event by inviting councillors to the café for a morning event, and that young people could support the event by giving a donation for the toast and drinks they receive in the afternoon drop in session.

At present, there are currently 12 young people completing their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, and the Network Ryde staff have been considering how the scheme should be continued once the group have completed. Maiya Dixon advised that the Silver award involves trips off the Island. So far, there are 2 young people that have offered a keen interest in continuing to the Silver award. Maiya Dixon advised that it has been brought to her attention that there are a lot of young people currently working towards their Bronze award with another group that are not likely to continue there with the Silver Award, and so it could be possible that they come and join Network Ryde instead. Councillor Tim Wakely advised that, for the Duke of Edinburgh award, continuity is vital in the scheme; those that are working towards a Silver award should also be helping those working towards the Bronze award – its highly interactive of young people helping young people. Both Councillor Tim Wakely and Councillor Christine Hall agreed that Network Ryde should continue with the Silver awards. Maiya Dixon questioned whether the Bronze and Silver awards should have separate evenings, however Councillor Tim Wakeley confirmed that they should be held on the same evening, as each group will require the others help.

Concerns were raised by Maiya Dixon with regards to the session numbers when the current year 7 young people move to year 8. At present, 147 attracts around 20-30 year 7 young people at each drop in session, with a few from other years. If the current year 7 continue to engage with 147 in September, and we see similar attendance from the new year 7, we may not be able to accommodate. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised there is room to expand into evening groups for the older years. Councillor Tim Wakeleys view is that year 7 is a concession, and we are aiming to reach teenagers. Year 7 falls just below the teenage years, and we should try to keep the older young people, as they

fit the remit of the café. Councillor Tim Wakeley suggested to offer a couple of afternoons to pre-teenagers, and work with older ones for transferring to evening sessions. Maiya Dixon advised that the 6th Form young people at Ryde Academy previously spoke about the Academy not offering anything for them after school; we are already talking to them about using 147 one evening per week.

Paul Ferguson asked if any subsequent work had been done around bullying. Maiya Dixon advised that questionnaires had been received and that she will be reviewing them. More information will be displayed showing where further information and help with bullying can be found. Maiya Dixon confirmed that she had frequent conversations with Miss Sweeney from Ryde Academy and will be working with the students to help address and lessen the occasions of bullying.

Claire Steen asked for an overview of the staff structure at 147. Maiya Dixon advised of the staff and the sessions currently offered. Claire Steen confirmed that Lisa Joliffe and Sarah Riddick (Barnado's) have been liaising.

16/18 **RYDE SKATE PARK**

Councillor Tim Wakeley reviewed the update received from Terry Clarkson and advised that the Facilities team have been doing a good job keeping things up together. No questions were raised. Councillor Christine Hall reiterated that mindless vandalism will happen, and that as quick as it does, the team are there to clean it up. A lot of people use the Skate Park, and it is hoped that this would continue. Councillor Tim Wakeley mentioned that there is a possibility for relocation of the Skate Park, and that suggestions for the new location would be welcomed. Councillor Tim Wakeley wished to thank Terry Clarkson for the report.

17/18 **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Councillor Tim Wakeley confirmed that there was currently only one partnership agreement in place, and that was with Claire Steen from Barnado's. Councillor Tim Wakeley acknowledged that Lisa Jolliffe is still to discuss the partnership with Ryde Rotary Club, and that she is continuing discussions with other organisations.

18/18 **EXTERNAL FUNDING**

Councillor Tim Wakeley confirmed that he had nothing to report. Maiya Dixon advised that Network Ryde was just about to reapply for further funding for the Short Breaks sessions.

Councillor Tim Wakeley advised to look into expanding two areas of Network Ryde:

The Duke of Edinburgh award needs support to expand the offering of the Silver award scheme, and the intake of the new year 7 students in September will put our ability to retain the current year 7s when they move into year 8 as they may not want to be involved with the younger year

group. We will therefore need to look for further funding to support the growth. Councillor Tim Wakeley asked the group to consider other funding avenues.

Maiya Dixon questioned whether places like Tesco would be able to help with funding, however Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that their donations help charities, which Network Ryde is not. Councillor Tim Wakeley did advise, however, that if Network Ryde can evidence that it is a viable proposition, then we can begin to explore the option of becoming a Community Interest Company (CIC), and it would be good to embark on this in the coming year.

Councillor Tim Wakeley also advised that we can often find small pockets of money for small activities lasting a few months.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Christine Hall would like us to keep in mind of any individuals that could be nominated for an honours award. Honours will be awarded on merit, each year. Councillor Christine will provide a leaflet for further information to be displayed.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 19th September at 10-12pm and will be held at 147 High Street.