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Invite by Ryde Town Council to discuss 'How they are performing and what improvements could be made'

Written comment by – Mrs Pauline Reeks

Local Resident who visits the Ryde most days shopping/socialising.

Also Treasurer of Ryde Shop Watch.

Despite numerous communications regarding the lack of interest by the RTC to fully discuss the serious need for RADIO's to connect not only Ryde Shop Watch to each other but also to the CCTV operator/police/traffic wardens etc. Ryde Pub Watch have the same concerns and letters were written from both to RTC Councillors and a delegation from each Watch attended that month's Council Meeting in the Methodist Church. Where we were told that it wasn't for discussion as a letter in reply had been sent from the Mayor, and no we couldn't know the contents! The Ryde Shop Watch letter was then sent to the wrong address, a non member!

Subsequent emails were sent to Councillor Lucioni following her article in the October 'Island Magazine' , copies of the emails + the magazine are included.

I'm sure you will receive further communications on the subject of the NEED for RADIO COMMUNICATION to KEEP THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS SAFE while enjoying RYDE.

The initial outlay to purchase and erect a new aerial and its annual costs should be the responsibility of the RTC, the previous aerial was in full use when we arrived in 2004, so its life as an essential asset to the Town is such that it has to be the responsibility of a constant body (ie RTC), as the users of the system change over time.

Ryde Shop Watch monthly meetings are attended by our police representative, have full circulated minutes to member's with Treasurer's Report.

NOW PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY BEFORE THERE'S A SERIOUS INCIDENT THAT HAVING ACTIVE RADIOS COULD HAVE PREVENTED.

Thank you