



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

Present: Henry Adams, Christine Hall (Vice Chair), Michael Lilley, Tim Wakeley (Chairman)

Paul Ferguson (Ryde Rotary Club),

In Attendance: Elizabeth Gough (Administrator and notes)
Lisa Jolliffe (Senior Youth Worker)
Phil Plant (Team Leader)

21/18 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received in advance from Claire Steen (Barnardo's) and Steve Hull (Police).

Lisa Jolliffe apologised on behalf of Network Ryde as the reminder about the meeting had not been sent to external parties until close to the date due to an IT error. Reminders have been put in place to ensure all parties are sent all relevant information for future meetings.

22/18 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 18 July 2018 were agreed by all and signed by Councillor Tim Wakeley.

23/18 **NETWORK RYDE – AN UPDATE**

Lisa Jolliffe an update to advise the Steering Group on recent and upcoming events. Lisa Jolliffe advised that some of the content in the report had listed separately on the agenda, so that those items could be minuted, especially where approval was required.

Lisa Jolliffe advised that, since opening, Network Ryde has 353 young people register at 147, and 323 sessions have now been delivered. The steering group members were advised that the data provided included up to the 25 August 2018, as time was needed to gather the information for the report. September data was not therefore included in the statistics.

The group was advised that the general age for young people attending was increasing, as the previous Year 7 students were now attending as

Year 8 students. The gender split for the young people attending is almost 50/50 and most of the young people are from Ryde.

Lisa Jolliffe mentioned that the young people at 147 had created a window display to mark the Isle of Wight Pride event in July. Also, two young people from the drop-in sessions won the competition to take part in the Ryde Slide along with a member of the Network Ryde team. All three rode the slide wearing Network Ryde t-shirts.

Representatives from Ryde Carnival and Shademakers came to a drop-in session in July to talk to the young people about free creative workshops for taking part in the Ryde Carnival parades. Two of the Network Ryde team gave out flyers promoting sessions at 147 to young people attending the main Ryde Carnival parade in August.

Summer skateboarding sessions with John Cattle's Skate Club ran at Ryde Skate Park during the summer holidays, which Network Ryde co-funded alongside the Isle of Wight Sports Development Unit. Ryde had the majority of the take up across the Island and attracted young people of varied ages, although many were too young for Network Ryde's general remit.

Lisa Jolliffe advised that Phil Plant would give a separate update for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award activity. 10 young people that are working towards their Bronze award went on their practice expedition on the 1 and 2 September, which had been postponed from July due to the extreme weather conditions. The final expedition will take place in October 2018 on the Island.

The Network Ryde team attended mandatory GDPR training with Ryde Town Council Staff in September.

Maiya Dixon and Lisa Jolliffe are working on the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) art project. Young people in school Years 9-11 can create a piece of artwork of any medium to demonstrate the risk of alcohol misuse. Lisa Jolliffe and Paul Ferguson agreed to discuss this project further outside of the Steering Group meeting. Artists still need to be sought to support the young people and will be based on the kind of art the young people are looking to create. The judging of the art will take place in early January 2019 and will be displayed at 147 and other venues in Ryde, such as Ryde Academy. Councillor Tim Wakeley suggested that there is potential to get national recognition for the finished artwork through the CAP network, depending on the quality of the output, and that this is an exciting opportunity.

Since the young people returned to school this month, changes have been made to the afterschool drop in sessions to make room for the new intake of Year 7 students. 147 is generally at capacity with the previous Year 7s (now Year 8), and there is not room for the new Year 7s to attend at the same time. Monday and Wednesday drop in sessions have now been made available to Year 7 only; Years 8-11 are welcome on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. A new Chill Out session for Years 11-13 has also been launched on Thursday evenings. The new 147 session timetable will

be promoted to Ryde Academy students at Year assemblies through September. The first assembly for Year 7 students resulted in 27 new Year 7s registering that same evening.

Phil Plant mentioned that the new Year 7 are at least 4 months younger than the now Year 8's at the beginning, as 147 opened four months into the school year. The staff have had to work collaboratively, as we have gone through so much bread! There is now an arrangement with Aspire to buy bread from them, for a donation.

Discussions ongoing with Luke Kerr from Isle of Wight Beach Soccer, in the hope of a possible partnership. Although this wasn't possible this summer, it is still in the planning for 2019. Councillor Michael Lilley advised that he had helped Luke work on the lease for the area and working with Luke into looking at a beach sports festival around July/August.

Lisa Jolliffe advised that, following the good efforts of the last Bake Off, there will be a second one to coincide with the Macmillan Coffee Morning. As it is term time, the young people will bring in their bakes on the Thursday evening (27 September). After judging, the young people will be able to buy each other's bakes, with the remaining items being donated to the coffee morning on Friday 28 September. Ryde Town Council staff and Councillors have been invited, and Lisa Jolliffe extended the invitation to the Steering Group attendees. Councillor Christine Hall asked if her husband would be welcome? Lisa Jolliffe asked the group and it was agreed that partners could attend. Lisa Jolliffe advised that she had overheard young people discussing that they would like to enter the Bake Off but they did not have the funds to buy the ingredients. Councillor Henry Adams and Paul Ferguson offered to look at funding/donations for the ingredients from the Ryde Rotary Club. It was agreed that 147 staff would disseminate the funds to the young people.

Paul Ferguson had invited Lisa Jolliffe to Ryde Rotary Club for the evening of 18 September to talk about issues facing young people in Ryde. Lisa Jolliffe thanked them for their invitation and hospitality. Both Councillor Henry Adams and Paul Ferguson had really positive feedback and had enjoyed Lisa's presentation.

Lisa Jolliffe talked about a recently set up initiative on the Island - a Red Box group that supplies a red box into schools so that young women can have free access to sanitary products. A lot of young women are missing school as they do not have the funds to purchase sanitary products. There is currently a National campaign on this topic, and donation boxes are now in some local shops to collect sanitary items. Lisa Jolliffe expressed her wish to be able to offer free products in our toilets, and asked Paul Ferguson whether any left over money from Ryde Rotary Club donation for bake off, if it could be used to support this. This was supported by the Steering Group attendees. Paul Ferguson also said he may be able to get some resources from Ryde Benevolent group.

Lisa Jolliffe is still in discussion with the Sexual Health team to set up a question and answer session at the end of one of the drop-in sessions at

147. Lisa Jolliffe advised that there is a possibility of Network Ryde staff issuing condoms to young people who have a 'C Card', but as we work primarily with young people under the age of consent, there is a legal issue to consider. It was agreed that as there is an under 18's sexual health session in Ryde, it was better to signpost young people to that service. It may be a subject that can be revisited at a later date, when the core age of young people at 147 increases. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised to monitor and keep under review.

Opening Hours

Opening hours and attendance levels were monitored this summer holiday. Drop-in sessions were kept at the usual time, so the young people knew the times and staffing remained at the current level.

There were some changes to other sessions:

The Home Education sessions stopped through the holidays. The first session back after the holidays saw 12 young people attend, compared to the last week offered in July which had five.

Short breaks sessions also stopped for the whole of the summer holidays as Jo (sessional artist) was on holiday, and the round of funding had nearly been used up.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions had a 2-week break.

The Wheatsheaf Trust sessions are still on hold until the Wheatsheaf Trust recruit new staff.

The Drop-in sessions carried on, however (as expected) the numbers attending reduced as the summer went on. It was quieter towards the end of the summer, and there was one session the night before school restarted where, for the first time since 147 opened its doors, there was zero attendance.

Lisa Jolliffe proposed that 147 might have a shutdown period for one or two weeks in August, which would more likely be the last two weeks as this was the quietest time this summer. This would enable the whole 147 team to use up some of their holiday without it causing issues for cover and capacity. The Steering Group agreed to the idea of this proposal, however Councillor Tim Wakeley advised we may come under some criticism for being closed in the holidays, but the evidence is there that the service was not used as much. Councillor Tim Wakeley said that there may be a need for some one-off sessions, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and carnivals during that time, therefore he would support the drop-in closure, but suggested keeping the doors open for particular projects, and that perhaps we should be looking at particular projects through the other holidays, not just the summer. Councillor Michael Lilley suggested that in principal, the idea of the closure is supported, but to take on board what Councillor Tim Wakeley had said, and to plan ahead and look at the other activities. Lisa Jolliffe said that opening for particular projects wouldn't help with the issue of staff needing to take holiday and only having limited capacity to cover absences. Elizabeth Gough proposed a 3-week closure and stagger the employee's holidays around

it, so staff get a 2-week break, but other staff are available to cover the particular sessions. Councillor Christine Hall asked for some figures to support some of these suggestions, to be presented at the next meeting. All agreed that closing for the summer is good idea in principal and the matter should be added to the next agenda.

Development of The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at 147

Phil Plant confirmed it had been a reasonably successful first year. 10 young people signed up and hopefully nine of them will complete their Bronze award. The expedition in the summer had to be cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions. This was the first expedition Phil Plant had run on the Island. The next expedition is planned for the weekend of 27/28 October 2018. Phil Plant said that the group have really pulled together and are succeeding.

Phil Plant offered three options for the next year:

1. Move the current group on and start a new Bronze Award, with no option for the Silver Award.
2. No new Bronze Award. Just offer the Silver Award if the current group want to carry on.
3. Have both a new Bronze Award group and a Silver Award group at the same time.

Phil Plant advised that option 1 is straight forward; we just carry on as we have done. Option 2 is limited on how many people uptake after their Bronze award and can have an impact on their school life with exams. Option 3 has a concern of being able to fit it all in. The sessions can't run with more than 20 in the premises, so may not be able to run the Bronze and Silver in the same session each week; it was proposed to run separate sessions every other week, and separate practice and assessed expeditions (Silver Award would be a mainland expedition). Councillor Christine Hall would like to see the young people reach their full potential, and so advised that she felt we should carry on with both awards.

Lisa Jolliffe and Phil Plant advised that currently the only cost to the young people is £23 for the signup through the Isle of Wight Council. The only other cost is for the use of campsites during the expeditions. At the moment, the time cost to Network Ryde hasn't been calculated, such as the staff costs for the weekend expeditions. Running both Bronze and Silver Awards would have a big impact on staff hours and cover needed at 147, and also on the budget with additional hours needing paying for.

Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that he would like to see both the Bronze and Silver awards run. Phil Plant advised he is talking with Ryde Academy to get their support, and if so, we may be able to move some of the Duke of Edinburgh Award sessions to Ryde Academy and also possibly use their staff for support. Councillor Michael Lilley proposed we go with Option 3 also, and we should liaise with Councillor Tim Wakeley and come up with a way of doing it. The end of the discussion ended with the Steering Group agreeing that Option 3 for the Duke of Edinburgh Award should be taken up. Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that she and Phil Plant would look at how to do this and all the costs involved.

Games Sessions at Waterside Pool

Lisa Jolliffe talked about the great success of the previous Games sessions held at the Waterside Pool and would like the Steering Groups approval to offer the sessions again this winter. Lisa Jolliffe also said that, due to the current staff availability, Network Ryde would not have the capacity to run as many sessions as previously offered. Lisa Jolliffe therefore proposed that the Waterside Pool sessions be run for 1-month after the completion of the CAP project in January/February 2019. The Steering Group agreed this proposal.

Extra Activity During October Half-Term

It was agreed by the Steering Group that, following last year's successful Halloween mask workshop held at Ryde Library during the October half term week, another themed half term activity should be held at 147.

Lisa Jolliffe concluded the update for Network Ryde and advised that she has had a visit from Leigh from Sovereign, asking of the possibility of Network Ryde being involved with a skate park project at Oakfield. Lisa Jolliffe will aim to get further information and bring this to another meeting for possible approval. Councillor Michael Lilley mentioned that there could be a future source of income from the new Oakfield developments, and he would speak with Lisa Jolliffe outside the meeting to discuss this further. Councillor Tim Wakeley advised that there could be income from the Public Realm Budget which could be explored at the same time.

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RYDE SKATE PARK

The Steering Group reviewed the update provided by Terry Clarkson, Facilities and Allotments Officer. Councillor Tim Wakeley recommended that the lost property from the Skate Park should be taken to Ryde Town Council offices, and notices should be placed on social media. If the property is not collected, it should be disposed of. All agreed.

Lisa Jolliffe asked if it would be useful for Terry to attend the meetings to provide the update, however the Steering Group confirmed that the sending the report works well and was no need for Terry to attend.

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Currently the only partnership agreement in place is with Barnardo's. Time should be put in the diary for the Paul Ferguson and Lisa Jolliffe to discuss the partnership agreement with Ryde Rotary Club.

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EXTERNAL FUNDING

The Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP), and some Short Breaks funding has been gained. Councillor Tim Wakeley expressed work needed to start on a bigger scale for funding. Councillor Tim Wakeley thought that a portfolio outlining the Network Ryde aims and purposes would be beneficial, evidencing the values added and benefits to young people in and around Ryde. Councillor Michael Lilley confirmed that having a good portfolio is important. Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that she is

looking at capacity within the team. At present, Lisa Jolliffe covers holiday and sickness during the drop-in sessions which impacts on her ability to focus on issues including funding. Lisa Jolliffe will look at creating a portfolio as soon as she has the capacity to do so.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Tim Wakeley asked for the future meeting agendas to include Any Other Business.

Councillor Tim Wakeley asked whether it would be possible for Network Ryde to have a role alongside the young carers living in Ryde. Network Ryde is well placed to work with the Isle of Wight Council and the YMCA, who have the contract, and Councillor Tim Wakeley would like to see if there is something that Network Ryde could offer at 147 for young carers. Lisa Jolliffe said that she had previously spoke to the YMCA about this and would follow up on it.

Councillor Michael Lilley advised that there is an increasing number of children whose parents have long term mental health issues, and he has some books that he can bring in to help with this issue. Councillor Michael Lilley is concerned that it is the young people that suffer, and he is currently looking at data on this subject from other agencies and would like to bring this to a meeting at a later date.

Paul Ferguson raised the issue of online safety for young people and asked if there would be an opportunity/venue in Ryde for young people and their parents to receive a talk on Safeguarding in this area. Lisa Jolliffe confirmed that there were leaflets / posters already on the notice board at 147 and that there is training available locally for professionals and parents, but not young people. Lisa Jolliffe said she would be attending a Safeguarding conference on this topic in October and would come back to Paul Ferguson and the Steering Group after that about ideas around this for young people.

Councillor Tim Wakeley asked for the group to get some ideas of holiday workshops on to the next agenda.

Phil Plant wanted to let the group know that, after 8-months of working for Network Ryde, and with having 13 years of Youth Worker service, the job for him is amazing, and was pleased at how well the team and 147 had developed. Phil Plant said that he is looking forward to seeing what's to come. Councillor Michael Lilley was really happy to hear that and reciprocated that he feels that the Network Ryde team are doing a great job, which was also echoed by Councillor Tim Wakeley.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 10-12pm and will be held at 147 High Street.