



MINUTES OF THE NETWORK RYDE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM MEETING
COMMENCING AT 7PM.

Present: Henry Adams, Malcolm Ross, Sue Lyons

In Attendance: Elizabeth Gough (Administrator and notes), Becky Swan (Youth Services Manager)

Also Present: Steve Hull, Claire Steen (Barnardo's), Lili-Mae Lane and Sarah Wetherington (Young People representatives)

01/21 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Michael Lilley, and Cllr Adrian Axford. We were also advised in advance that Claire Steen (Barnardo's) will arrive late to the meeting.

02/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Network Ryde Steering Group meeting held on 9 December 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

03/21 YOUTH WORK MANAGER REPORT

The Youth Services Manager circulated her report prior to the meeting which included the following key points:

- a) Network Ryde has not been able to reopen fully due to the restrictions of the lockdown. A blended offer of 1-2-1 sessions, both at 147 and the allotment and the virtual youth club has been running instead.
- b) The youth workers have continued to support Aspire with the prescription and food parcel deliveries.
- c) Jo has done an artist's impression drawing of the allotment, and a greenhouse has been constructed. There has been some further funding received that will cover some of the staff costs, as well as additional equipment. A grand opening of the allotment is being

planned and will take into account any government restrictions that may be in place at the time.

- d) We are currently waiting for verification of completion of 5 young peoples Young Health Champions qualification. When confirmation has been received, arrangements for doorstep awards will be made.
- e) Duke of Edinburgh participants who completed their Bronze and Silver Awards have not been able to have a formal ceremony to receive their awards, but we arranged a doorstep award for them. The young people who are currently working towards their awards have mostly finished all sections except the expeditions, which will be conducted once the lockdown allows. We have a small number of young people sign up to do the Gold Award.
- f) The Kickstart scheme is now live, and we have 6 placements on offer at the job centre, with more to follow. There have been some issues with the set up of the scheme – none of which have been the fault of RTC/Network Ryde. There are further amendments to how the scheme can accessed.
- g) The Network Ryde website is now active. Network Ryde policies will be uploaded to the site once agreed.
- h) A couple of projects are still ongoing.

04/21

DATA REPORTING

The Youth Services Manager circulated her data report prior to the meeting. There were no questions arising from this report.

05/21

POLICIES

The Youth Services Manager circulated some policies and documents prior to the meeting for agreement:

- a) Anti-bullying Policy
- b) COVID-19 Policy
- c) Emergency Plan for offsite visits
- d) Safeguarding Policy
- e) Social Media Policy for Staff
- f) Volunteer Commitment Document
- g) Volunteer Policy
- h) Volunteer Role Description

It was RESOLVED that these documents were approved for circulation, subject to applicable policies being amended to reflect they are to be read alongside the relevant Ryde Town Council Policy.

The Youth Services Manager advised that she will add a glossary of terms to the documents.

It was RESOLVED that these policies will be reviewed in 1 year.

06/21

PREMISES

The purchase of St Thomas's has been completed.

The Youth Services Manager has met with some of the young people at the new site, and they have put forward some suggestions on how they envisage the site being used.

The heritage of the site is being looked into, as some aspects may need to remain, whilst other areas may just need covering to protect it.

An architect is being arranged and it has been requested that the young people's views be taken into account.

No timescales have been given for when the renovations are completed.

Some councillors have requested to visit the site. The Youth Services Manager will arrange suitable times.

The Young Peoples Representatives were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 20:05pm.

07/21

FINANCE

It has been confirmed that Network Ryde will receive a refund for the Business Rates incurred at 147 High Street due to the pandemic. It was RESOLVED that this money is to be ringfenced to be carried forward into the next financial year and to be put towards the refurbishment of St Thomas's.

The Youth Services Manager will be putting in a further application for funding from the Violence Reduction Unit to cover a full year of allotment sessions, which will include staff costs and specialist sessions for the young people to learn more skills.

Network Ryde is expected to receive the same budget for the next financial year.

A decision was made to defer an application to the IWC Short Breaks for funding until a consultation has been done with young people and the Short Breaks team on the service they would like us to offer.

08/21

STAFFING

The 12-hour post was recruited and started; however, the role did not align to their other commitments as well as had hoped and has therefore submitted his resignation. This post will be postponed until later in the year.

The Session Lead is currently on maternity leave and is expected to return in September. A review of her contracted hours has been requested, and

the Youth Services Manager will consider this request alongside the service needs.

09/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Claire Steen requested access to the young people for a focus group. The Youth Services Manager will follow up with this request.

Steve Hull requested a 'Meet the Management Committee' section on the Network Ryde website. This will be considered in June following the election process.

10/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 9th June at 7pm, in person unless restrictions are still imposed, whereby the meeting will therefore be held online.