

Minutes from Ryde Regeneration Working Group

Meeting held on Monday 24 October 2022 at 6pm at Ryde Town Council
Offices, Lind Street, Ryde

In attendance:

Zoe Thompson (RBA) (RRWG Chairman)
Jenny Wade – The Ryde Society
Helen Keogan - The Ryde Society
Cllr Malcolm Ross – Ryde Town Council
Cllr John McLagan – Ryde Town Council
Cllr Julie Jones Evans IWC
Chris Ashman - Director of Regeneration, Isle of Wight Council
Liz Dutton – RTC (minutes)

1	Welcome and Introductions The rotation of chairing of meetings had now moved to RBA and Zoe Thompson as the RBA representative agreed to chair the meeting. Zoe confirmed that Michael Salomon was not currently in Ryde Chris thanked everyone for the flexibility in rearranging the meeting.
2	Apologies Apologies were received from Michael Salmon (RBA) and Martin Gibson (IWC) and David Newton (IWC)
3	Declarations of Interest None declared.
4	Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 18 July 2022 The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 July were agreed. Chris apologised for not invite Jenna Sabine (Banners) to the meeting – to follow up.
5	Terms of Reference It was suggested there was a need to consider looking at the purpose and need of the group as a lot of changes had taken since its beginning and much of the information was already communicated through other channels. Chris outlined the current objectives – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision Place Plan and specific areas within it eg the Esplanade-Achieved• Action Plan - Not achieved• Project Board – This group was the governance around the Place Plan and Esplanade – achieved. Clarification was given by Chris that

this group had not been the project board for the Interchange Project as that was an internal council/Highways/Contractor project board. Comment was made that although the HAZ project gave updates by project officers to this group they had not been interactive and the group could not be seen to have been a project board for the HAZ. This group may be seen as a project board for projects yet to be identified.

- **Funding bid development & support** – This group had been instrumental in providing support and engagement for the HAZ application and also for Ryde Interchange.
- **Communication Plan & Resourcing** – Limited – Still to address. Need to reach out to wider community. Noted Ryde Society sent out newsletter and RTC's Celebrating Ryde. Need to encourage awareness. Suggestion to focus future meetings on key objectives and projects including smaller projects which would have an impact. Group could become link to signpost for ideas and support for new projects. Communication would be key for success.
- **Review & Monitoring** – see above. Updates given but not a project board in its own right

Governance –

- Meetings to consider project development - met.
- Updates not consistently received
- Project groups to be sponsored by this group and to receive reports – not received
- Support groups when requested – eg Ice Rink
- Chair to rotate & secretariate alternative – met
- Previous concerns raised by Jenny – minutes not being circulated within 10 working days, committee members replying to queries with 10 working days, sending nominated deputy when member cannot attend – these are not happening

Importance of having an action plan. This would shape priorities and future agendas and this would enable better engagement and participation with groups and projects eg Western Gardens.

Suggestion was made that this group (with the agreement of RTC) be the project board for the update and revision of the Place Plan. Communication was key. It was suggested that the wider community feed into the document so it was not just to be seen as a RTC Place Plan. It was noted that although comparisons could be made with Newport, the Regeneration team at County Hall had capacity to commit staff resources to it and this was not currently the case for Ryde.

Chris confirmed that the vision for an area regeneration team (IWC supplying capacity) and the 3rd sector to support the implementation of place planning would be discussed with RTC's clerk once the capacity exists and how best that capacity could to interact with this group to support the process.

	<p>(Julie Jones Evans left the meeting at this point.)</p> <p>Agreed – these comments will be fed into a revised terms of reference and will be presented at the next meeting for approval by this group.</p>
6	<p>Draft Island Plan Strategy</p> <p>This would go to IWC’s Full Council meeting in November to consider previous concerns and then would be considered by IWC cabinet.</p>
7	<p>Ryde Interchange</p> <p>David emailed round an update and the Chair gave the date for a meeting for the sub-group. The Chair gave update was given regarding toilets.</p> <p>Comment was made that notes from the Interchange subgroup should be circulated to this group and that was not currently happening. Chris would take this up this with the subgroup.</p>
8.	<p>Ryde Esplanade</p> <p>WSP Report – Chris reported that comments regarding accessibility and content had been given and once the final document had been approved the outcome would be shared with those that had engaged with the process.</p> <p>It was agreed members of this group as a collective, feedback comments on the content and then the Report would come back to the group for agreement. Comments to be sent to Chris within 2 weeks for inclusion.</p>
9.	<p>Ryde Junction Report</p> <p>Pennyfeathers – update given</p> <p>Junctions and IR - work done and costs have been apportioned. Regeneration had been requested to sign unilateral undertaking to contribute to the wider junction work.</p> <p>Nicholson Road would be forming a business case for funding phase 1 of the infrastructure for the business park. Explanation was given regarding opening up of the access to the new site and the extra £330,000 to contribute to the other junctions improvements. The clock would not begin ticking until the unilateral agreement was signed.</p> <p>Great Preston Road – Upgrade due to commence in 2023. Chris would find out further details and report back. It was suggested that a public meeting be held.</p>
10	<p>HAZ Update</p> <p>Written update had been circulated by Martin. It was noted that at a recent RTC planning meeting mention had been made of the lack of presence of the HAZ team in Ryde.</p>

	Chris agreed to seek clarification as to whether new expressions of interest could still be considered.
11	<p>Department Project Update IWC had provided a letter of support for project and made the application on behalf of the organisation. This was part of a network of culturally development funded projects which had allowed access to see creative ideas in different parts of the country.</p> <p>Lease was being secured from the owner and the in the final stages of negotiations.</p> <p>Partnership Agreement – Update given - procurement team advised on appointments of consultants and provided admin support. Response for design consultants were being evaluated. Arts organisations on the Island had bid to be portfolio organisations and the results were due imminently.</p>
12.	<p>Menzies Building Chris to action</p>
13.	<p>Updates - Bandstands and Flag Project</p> <p>It was noted that this was a private project. Suggested if the group looks at Western Gardens as part of the action plan, this could fit in at some point. Chris asked whether this should be reflected in the WSP project. It was agreed to not be too specific but areas could be defined as for general community use.</p>
14.	<p>Ryde Place Plan Review An update would be given shortly in terms of instructing the review to happen. Chris would pick this up to ensure this group fed into the process. Reporting process to be clarified with RTC.</p>
15.	<p>Rotation of Secretariat This would move back to IWC as of the next meeting.</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 12th December but could be moved a week earlier.</p> <p><i>(Agreement to cancel this meeting and reschedule for January 2023)</i></p>