



**MINUTES OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FACILITIES AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2021 AT 2.00PM AT RYDE METHODIST CHURCH**

Present: Richard May (Chair), Jo Park (Vice-Chair), Michael Lilley (Mayor), Jenna Sabine (Deputy-Mayor), Les Kirkby.

In Attendance: Shona Parnell, Allan Bridges, Shay Dixon, Liam Pearce, Rebecca Swan.

26/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Karen Lucioni, Ian Stephens, and Georgie Carter.

27/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

28/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none received.

29/21 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Michael Lilley nominated Cllr Jo Park to be Vice-Chair and Cllr Jenna Sabine seconded. The committee then voted for this proposal.

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Jo Park be elected as the Vice Chair of the Facilities and Asset Management Committee.

30/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th April 2021 were reviewed.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2021 were agreed.

31/21 GENERAL UPDATES

i. Ryde in Bloom 2021

Ryde in Bloom is live, seeds have gone to several schools and applications are coming in.

Ryde in Bloom will now be moving the Marketing Sub Committee for future updates.

ii. Western Esplanade Toilets

These toilets are in the new gateway plan and are going to be demolished and be relocated to be within the proposed new train station building. RTC have asked for reassurance that the toilets will still have disabled and night-time access as these are well used by the community of Ryde. Consultation for the gateway is due to commence in July 2021 and run for a six-week period. The final decision on the go ahead of the scheme will be taken by the Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet.

iii. Appley Tower Leak Issue

RTC have been in conversation with IWC Officers regarding the large water bill it received in January 2021 and the IWC have since fixed the leak. However due to the repairs taking more than 30 days, RTC were not entitled to be reimbursed by Southern Water. The case is still open with Business Stream and a resolution is being pursued.

iv. Appley Toilets Draining Issue

RTC were having issues with drainage at Appley Toilets which lead to closing them multiply times. The Town Council had the pipework fully descaled and have trialled a thinner supply of toiler roll. Since then there have been no issues with the toilets open as usual.

v. St Thomas's Church

The outer roof repairs have been completed, and the next steps are to appoint an Architect.

vi. Vectis Hall

RTC have had an assessment of significance completed by Lee Byrne of the Isle of Wight Council and RTC are currently waiting for the results. In house gardening to the front of the building will also commence soon.

vii. Allotments

RTC have brought a strimmer to start completing in house jobs and help save money. There have been several counts of anti-social behaviour at Quarry Road which is an ongoing issue. All allotment rents are now paid due to slow payments over the COVID-19 period. The Town Council are still looking into who owns the land next to Quarry Road to provide disabled access as well as looking into the potential of having Toilets on site for Network Ryde outreach sessions.

Allotment Officers will be providing dates and times for allotment tenants to be able to meet officers onsite to discuss any issues that they wish to.

viii. Beach Management

Brighstone Landscaping have started beach cleaning and have been able to move some of the built-up sand from the harbour end of the beach to Puckpool to help level out the beach for the summer.

RTC extended the lookout at the Lifeguard Station to allow more space for lifeguards to carry out duties.

ix. Network Ryde

Network Ryde are still working within COVID 19 guidance, so they can have ten people in the building at any one time on a booking system. Allotment Sessions are still ongoing and so far, there are two for Ryde Academy students and two for Network Ryde members.

Network Ryde are going to be providing a “Summer of Fun” for students over the summer period with activities which students can choose for themselves.

x. Decorative Lighting Contract

At the last committee meeting councillors decided on using NDLE as contractor for the Decorative Lighting/Motifs and Displays on a four-year agreement. RTC are looking forward to brightening up Ryde for its residents and visitors in the years ahead.

xi. Security Contract

RTC are currently out to tender for a new security contract to cover all facilities. The Town Council have so far received one sealed response with the end date being the 15th of July 2021.

xii. Upcoming contract renewals

Due 1st August 2021

- Office Cleaning at RTC & Network Ryde
- Office Waste Collection for RTC & Network Ryde
- Confidential Waste Collection for RTC & Network Ryde
- Window Cleaning for RTC & Network Ryde
- Sanitary Bins for RTC & Network Ryde

Due September 2021

- IT Maintenance and support

32/21 RYDE SKATEPARK

Ryde Town Council informed councillors that a contractor has been appointed to start works on Ryde Skatepark and the Town Council are just waiting on material and an estimated delivery time which will then be published on its social media platforms.

RESOLVED:

THAT the demographics of the Task and Finish group would commence as soon as possible, and discussions can then start between, Councillors, Officers, Stakeholders and Skatepark users.

33/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

THAT the next meeting of the Facilities and Assets Management Committee will be held on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2pm.