

Summary of the Minutes of The Ridge Board Meeting: Monday 04 July 2016

Please be aware that these summary notes are intended solely for the purpose of indicating the general discussions held by The Board and those who report to it, and should not be inferred to be a full transcript.

Present: Kate Darrah, David Spilsbury, Kenn Amabilino, Mary Darrah, Adrian Girling (1), Clive Chatwin (1-2)

1 Backlands update:

- Unofficial opening on Saturday
- Public event 20 August – aim to promote Dunbar food providers/sellers – linked with Street Art event
- First market in September
- Discussed with Community Wardens and police possibilities of restricting access to the vennel during weekend evenings.
- **Deliveries:** no response to ad in the Courier, but a couple of people are interested and will be interviewed.

2 Finances:

- Risks associated with income streams discussed
- Key is to protect indispensable people, retain training as a priority
- Accounts: CC met accountant following delivery of accounts and invoices, no questions

3 TR Café, Hungry Hatch:

- **TRC** closed for 2 weeks and no report from SM who is on holiday
- Turnover is variable but satisfactory
- **Hungry Hatch** initiative:
 - o Food received from Tesco, Co-op and Peter Whitecross, Crunchy Carrot and Bakery. Zero Waste has provided a chest freezer and a dehydrator. So far >400kg saved from landfill
 - o Holiday Hunger: free breakfast and lunches

4 Training inc. MH Pilot:

- EF: five people – two are out on work placements, three will work in TRC when it reopens
- JC+ may commission at end Aug, possibility for construction training
- Other providers unused places may become available in October
- KD & GL met Dunbar GPs re mental health referrals – very positive reception. Response from social workers also very positive.
- 10 week MH pilot. Training of staff either external or by consultant. Consultant will mentor, evaluate and report.

5 Policies:

- KA to continue creating high level policies with implementation in manuals/codes of practice
- KA will provide training to managers

6 AOB:

- KA to do minute summaries

Next Board Meeting 19.00 01 August 2016, location TBD