

ONLEY PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Held on.....THURSDAY 01ST MAY 2014 at....19:15...pm

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PRESENT: Chairman – Frank Brannigan, Secretary – Dawn Cotton, Daphne Finch, Director David Thompson OBE & Head of Activities Michelle Price from HMP Rye Hill.

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1	DISCUSSION CONCERNING CHANGES WITHIN RYH HILL PRISON	.	
1.1		<p>Michelle Price requested a meeting with a couple of members from OPRA to inform the committee of changes taking place presently within HMP Rye Hill. Ministry of Justice contacted HMP Rye Hill to see if they would be interested in becoming a sex offender's prison due to not enough vulnerable prisoner spaces within the normal main stream prisons. Rye Hill will still hold its category B statuses. Sex offenders are required undertaking the sex offender's treatment program, a lot of prisoners of this type are in denial of their offence whilst there are main stream prisoners around them, and they do not feel safe and do not receive the treatment required. This will mean there will only be one regime at Rye Hill. History for Rye Hill is very light in terms of staffing for category B population, levels of violence over past year has been horrendous and has been difficult and challenging for the past twelve months. Rye Hill has become the crime hot spot because all the offences and the process in which these have had to be reported to the police. Due to violence strategies put in place this has now been greatly reduced. Do not get same levels of violence with sex offenders but is challenging in a different way because of the psychology of the person. Some very terrible crimes and incidents have been caused by some people and the staff at Rye Hill will have to deal with. Director of Rye Hill Mr David Thompson felt it appropriate to contact OPRA to advise of the change taking place due to G4S being a media magnet. No public will be put at risk at any time and Rye Hill will become much better in terms of public safety because any prisoner who is released will be subject to the matter rules where a multi disciplinary approach will be carefully managed through a transition from prison back into the community. Police and probation services will be heavily involved. All main stream prison inmates will be removed and new prisoners will be complete by end of July 2014 this includes the kitchen and red band trusted prisoners who will be last to go. Much more strict security processes will be involved when releasing any offenders. All prisoners will have to be escorted off the premises with police escort to their designated new location under probationers care away from our local area.</p> <p>At no time will any inmate be let out without additional security multi agency security put in place. It was agreed to notify residence directly by Michelle by way of leaflet drop and to advise of development at Rye Hill and will have contact details to call Michelle should any resident wish for further information concerning the new development at Rye Hill.</p>	

Meeting closed at 20:45