

## Leisure and Culture Action Group

### Minutes of a meeting held on 10 January 2006

#### King John's House, Romsey

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#### **Present:**

Madeline Edmonds, (Chair) Test Valley Arts Foundation  
Mike Wickenden, Hampshire County Council, Recreation and Heritage Dept.  
Jane Galloway, Enham  
Christine Cole, Town Centre Manager, TVBC  
Jo Warren, Business Development Manager, Valley Leisure  
Wendy Sheaf, Exercise Referral Co-ordinator, Valley Leisure  
Marion Woods, Test Valley Partnership Manager  
Peter Parfrey, HCC Youth Service  
Janet Blann, Chief Exec Test Valley Community Services & Vice Chair Test Valley Partnership

Jenny Stevens, Curator, Andover Museum  
Mary Franklin, HCC Library Service  
Charlotte Malyon, Business Development Manager, TVBC Leisure Services  
Frank Green, Heritage Officer, TVBC  
Rev Derek Overfield, Industrial Chaplain  
Ian Beacham, Hampshire County Council, Education Dept.  
Michael Widen, Test Valley Arts Foundation  
Dave Tasker, Sport and Recreation Manager, Test Valley Borough Council  
Carolyn Carr, Sport Hampshire & Isle of Wight  
Dave Kane, Sports Development Officer, Testway Housing  
Paul Gardner, Romsey and District Society

#### **1. Apologies**

John Barrell, Andover History and Archeology Society  
Euan Russell, Broadlands  
Ian McKie, Head of Leisure, TVBC  
Brian Page, Age Concern  
Roy Perry, Test Valley Arts Foundation  
Cllr Caroline Nokes, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder, TVBC  
Robert Turner, Hampshire County Council Libraries Service

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed as accurate.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Youth Initiatives – 'Macbeth' was performed by the Pupil Referral Unit along with another youth group from the Phoenix Centre.

Ford Cottage – negotiations with a developer are still underway.

Turnaround Project – the 'Outcomes' seminar at Winchester Guildhall was very interesting. The Speaker, Mark Friedman (not Richardson!) was excellent.

Quality of Life Group – a meeting had been held to progress / revive SNAP discos and Rock Challenge across the Borough. The Police lost funding for this initiative and a multi-agency funding solution is underway to re-launch these events under a new name.

Romsey Library – developments are progressing well.

Youth Initiatives – a Media Group has been established. Anyone wishing to involve this group (to report on anything that affects young people living in the Borough) should contact Peter Parfrey.

Physical Activity / LPSA2 – after submitting templates as requested, Hampshire County Council have proposed to split the pump priming funding evenly across each district. The Test Valley area is likely to receive £10,000 spread across 3 years. Further discussion on how this will be allocated is required.

Priority Actions – an updated template for the Group was circulated at the meeting.

Local Area Agreement – as a result of the consultation, the draft priority list has been amended and no longer reflects leisure and culture as a stand alone priority. The physical activity work and various other leisure themes are mentioned within the Action Plan.

Romsey Health Check – under the Market Towns Initiative, Romsey qualifies for the opportunity to access a significant amount of funding. A ‘health check’ for Romsey has been undertaken which assesses the needs of the town and highlights what funding is required for. Christine is now looking for the business and voluntary community to take this initiative forward and is holding a meeting on 25 January at Crosfield Hall 6pm. All those with an interest and a role to play in developing the town are welcome.

#### **4. Update on Cultural Venues**

Andover Cultural Venue – following the last meeting, a consultation evening was organised to ‘Meet the Architects’. This proved very useful and Ian passed on his thanks to those who took part and helped to feed into the design process. Jane Galloway reported that TVBC and Enham successfully placed a joint bid to the Arts Council for £90,000 to create a public art piece in front of the theatre. Building work is due to begin at end of the month.

St Mary’s Chapel - HCC surveyor team are offering support for this building to be brought into use. There is slow but steady progress on this project. Frank Green advised the group that there is an Anglican Chapel available for use in Botley Road Cemetery, Romsey.

Andover Live was discussed – agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. The next event is on Easter Saturday between 12 – 2/3pm in the Time Ring. For further details, please contact Rev Derek Overfield.

#### **5. Sport and Physical Activity Alliances**

Carolyn Carr gave a presentation to the Group on the national guidance for structuring sport and physical activity at a local level. (Refer to paper circulated with the agenda).

The guidance advocates the establishment of Community Sport Networks – many of which are already in existence. Carolyn has found that in Hampshire many people would prefer these networks to be called ‘Sport and Physical Activity Alliances’.

The Group discussed how this could be implemented in Test Valley and it was agreed that:-

- a) a separate ‘Test Valley Sport and Physical Activity Alliance’ would be established, and
- b) updates on progress would be given at future Leisure and Culture meetings.

## **6. Turnaround Project**

Madeline advised the Group that we have been asked to respond to the Turnaround Project’s recommendations by 30 January. She therefore asked the Group what they could commit their organisation to undertaking at this time.

Responses:-

- TVAF are prepared to accept and assess an application from the TAP project group to help fund an arts project on that estate.
- Test Valley Community Services are organising a pub lunch for practitioners working in the area on 9 Feb – 12-2pm at the Entertainer.
- Blenheim Hall Committee - being strengthened by support from Test Valley Community Services in the hope of it becoming a community association.
- Test Valley Borough Council Leisure Services has received approval for the reinstatement of the play area - just under £250,000.
- The Arts Focus and Community Involvement Officer from the County Council are working on targeting resources on a photographic project.

## **7. Information Exchange**

- Testway Sevens - 2005 saw an 16% increase in participation. The healthy eating element of the programme was well received and the project has also been ‘on tour’ to introduce rugby to young people living in Nairobi. Contact Dave Kane for a full copy of the evaluation report [dave.kane@testway.co.uk](mailto:dave.kane@testway.co.uk)
- Leslie Rattue from Testway Housing has embarked on a programme of ‘Extend’ activities for older people living in sheltered housing.
- The exercise referral scheme has received a further injection of new staff resources at The Rapids and support sessions are being introduced for those taking part in the scheme who wish to use the gym. [wsheaf@the-rapids.co.uk](mailto:wsheaf@the-rapids.co.uk)
- The Rapids, Romsey is now open to the public. Valley Leisure are investigating ways to access funding available for over 65s to encourage activity – tea dances etc.
- Andover is working towards Fair Trade status. Discussions have taken place recently to bring the Hants Water Festival to Romsey. The date of this event will be 11 August. For further details contact [CCole@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:CCole@testvalley.gov.uk)

- Marion raised the issue of 'Action' Groups – it was agreed that Marion should recommend that the term 'Action' be dropped to avoid any further confusion. She has started to publish a 'Partnership Bulletin' to share information across the Partnership, if you would like to feature in this newsletter, please send articles to [mwoods@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:mwoods@testvalley.gov.uk)
- Summer holiday activities programme - Test Valley produced a collective programme last year. Mike Wickenden has offered to help fund the resources necessary to produce this in 2006.
- The new sports hall at Stockbridge (Test Valley School) has been operating for a full term and is being well used by community groups.
- The Mountbatten School in Romsey has recently succeeded in its bid for Specialist Sports College Status – this means that it has combined language and sports specialisms. As a result a new Partnership Development Manager is being appointed in March to work with all schools across Test Valley.
- Jenny reported rising numbers for usage of the Museum facilities – very good summer and half term. Andover Museum is 25 years old this year and Jenny would like to exhibit 25 years of both the Museum and life in Andover itself – please pass any photos/memorabilia (newspapers) to Jenny [jenny.stevens@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.stevens@hants.gov.uk)
- TVBC Leisure Services are making huge efforts to encourage young people to make use of the Depot and has been successful in obtaining external funding for 2 posts, Sports Outreach Worker & Physical Activity Co-ordinator. The latter will have responsibility to work with the sports clubs based at the Depot and increase participation.
- There is conference on the Disability Discrimination Act being held by Enham and there are opportunities to partner / sponsor the conference. Please contact Jane Galloway if interested [jane-galloway@enham.gov.uk](mailto:jane-galloway@enham.gov.uk)
- There are huge changes with children's and adults' services at Hampshire County Council. This is as a result of Every Child Matters and the Green Paper "Youth Matters". Both sets of legislation are designed to bring services from different agencies together to form an integrated youth support service. Hampshire County Council has recently been asked to lead a **Youth Support Pathfinder Project** which will be focused on targeted services for vulnerable young people (tiers 2 and 3) in Test Valley. Further details of the project is available from Peter Parfrey [peter.parfrey@hants.gov.uk](mailto:peter.parfrey@hants.gov.uk)
- Frank reported that there is funding available for groups from a wide variety of sources. For example, Somborne Society has recently been successful in its application for funding to help purchase presentation equipment.
- Frank is also still looking for anyone can help Frank to co-ordinate Heritage Open Days in the north of Test Valley. Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September (Sunday after Romsey Show). If interested, please contact [FGreen@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:FGreen@testvalley.gov.uk)

## 9. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006 (Proposed venue – The Rapids, Romsey)

Tuesday 26 September 2006 (proposed venue - Andover Theatre)