

## Turnaround Implementation Group

### Notes of a meeting held on 8 June 2006 at The Entertainer, King Arthur's Way

**Present:** Steve Benson, Martin Jeffery, Sue Wilkes, Rob Carroll, Janice Buckley, Anthony Fielding, Clive Graham, Marion Woods, Verna Kempthorne, Janet Blann, Brian Cowcher.

**Apologies:** Mike Wickenden

#### 1. Atholl Court shop

The Group viewed the vacant former video-hire shop at Atholl Court and agreed that it was eminently suitable in size and shape for the project. While the shop is in reasonable order, the toilet and store rooms at the back require considerable improvement. There is a need to be clear about the intended use of the shop and as a consequence what facilities it should have. Health promotion might be interested in weight management and anti-smoking classes, may require space for confidential one to one consultations with appropriate space for equipment, hygiene etc.

Janet reported on her visit to a similar set up on the Rowner Estate in Gosport. This project had been funded through SRB, the local college had installed computers and various services were provided including services for children excluded from school. An annual carnival is used as a community building tool. The project is run and managed by the local CVS. CAB run services from the centre each week and the shop opens from 9.30 – 4.30 pm 4 days per week. The 5<sup>th</sup> day is used by staff to do their administrative work.

The Group felt that Atholl Court should be open for some evening sessions.

The Group needs to consider which organisation will take the lead and co-ordinate the project, who will lease the building? How is the project to be funded both in terms of revenue and capital?

**ACTION - It was agreed that that two sub-groups should be established. – one to investigate the shop and the other staffing arrangements. Each group would meet before the next project team meeting and report on recommendations and solutions.**

- a) **Shop Team - Steve Benson (lead), Brian Cowcher, Anthony Fielding, Rob Carroll, Verna Kempthorne, Janet Blann**
- b) **Staffing Team - Janet Blann (lead), Rob Carroll, Mike Wickenden, Anthony Fielding**

Janet agreed to check that any subsequent Lottery bid would not be compromised by the work on the project starting in advance of a bidding application.

Anthony advised that HCC may be able to help with a Project Development Grant of up to £5,000.

#### 2. Local Strategic Partnership

Marion advised that each LSP Action Group had been asked to identify what they could contribute towards the TAP. She reported that the Environment Group had met. As a result a butterfly conservation enthusiast Andy Barker would be contacting schools.

It was noted that the LSP AGM was on the 15 June at the Hillier Gardens. An update of the TAP was on the agenda.

Brian reported that a recent meeting of the Test Valley Arts Foundation, trustees had expressed an interest in extending their activities to Alamein.

#### 3. Date of next meeting

20 July 2006 at 10.00 am at Testway House.