

# Community Development Action Group MINUTES



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Minutes of a meeting of the Community Development Action Group of the Test Valley Partnership held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Dutton's Road, Romsey.

## **Present:**

Sharon Goodridge (HCFF)	David Shields (Grateley PC)
Andrew Ashdown (The Parish of Knights Enham)	David Judkins (Andover Baptist Church)
Dawn Elson (TVCS)	Cllr Sandra Hawke (TVBC)
Sarah Smith (Testway)	Gavin MacMillan (Hampshire Constabulary)
James Moody (Partnerships Officer)	Rahile Ahi (Andover Muslim Association)
Cllr. Sandra Hawke (TVBC)	Alison Angell (HCC)
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)	Janet Blann (TVCS)
Jan Hughes	Verna Brown (TVBC)
Graham Smith (TVBC)	Jane Parker (Revolution Andover)
	Colin Parker (Revolution Andover)
	Marianne Pigginn (TVBC)

## **1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Jane Selby (HCC)	Monica Lanigan (Acorns)
Chris Davies (CDW)	Madina Boyo-Jalloh (TVBC)
Cllr Boulton (TVBC)	

## **2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008)**

- Minutes agreed

## **3. Test Valley Core Strategy**

Graham Smith, Planning Policy Officer, TVBC gave a presentation on the Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy for Test Valley is a key part of the Test Valley Local Development Framework. This will, along with national and regional policy guidance, form the basis for planning decisions in Test Valley over the next 20 years. TVBC have reached the 'Pre Submission Draft' stage of the Core Strategy and are currently out to consultation (ending on 12.12.08). All comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State where an

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independent Inspector will be appointed. The Inspector will scrutinise all comments during the examination process before producing a binding report later next year. On receipt of that the TVBC will adopt the Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy proposes housing at the following locations:-

Whitenap, Romsey - 1600 units  
Abbotswood, Romsey - 800 units  
Hoe Lane, North Baddesley - 400 units  
Redbridge Lane, Nursling - 300 units  
Picket Piece, Andover - 800 units

It is important to get positive comments from the various LSP groups and organisations especially on the delivery and implementation of the development proposals.

## 4. The Revolution Andover CIC Internet Youth Café

Jane and Colin Parker explained about their proposals to open an internet youth café, close to Vigo Park Recreation ground in the New Year. They started a youth club in January 2008, which meets at St Marys Church. The Club is for young people of secondary school age and regularly has 30 attend.

They feel that there is a gap in provision for young people in the centre of town, all the youth clubs are further a field, the Junction is the other side of town hence they are currently in the process of negotiating premises near Vigo Park. They are intending that the Café will be open initially a few times a week and then every week day 3-5.30pm, 8pm – 10pm and Saturday afternoons. It will offer internet, refreshments and also access to other services i.e. Homework Club, pregnancy crisis. The service will be complimentary to other facilities for young people.

More information is attached with these minutes. It was also suggested that a mapping exercise be carried out into activities and facilities for young people as there is a lot going on in Andover and the Churches are being extremely proactive and having a large part to play in this.

## 5. LSP Action Groups Review

James Moody, Test Valley Partnership Manager introduced the Test Valley Partnership's "Joint Areas of Focus" to the group.

The Joint Areas of Focus (JAFs) will be the new way in which the Test Valley Partnership Board and the 8 Action Groups set out the cross cutting issues that will be worked on over

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the coming year. The JAFs are about issues currently affecting Test Valley and are those that require a partnership approach in the short to medium term.

A Joint Area of focus brings together key strategies and priorities and balances them with the needs of Test Valley. Each JAF is built on the basis of data and information which sets out clearly why this is a Test Valley issue. As part of this the JAFs then bring together the priorities of partners and key drivers such as the Local Area Agreement, the Local Development Framework and the National Indicator set. The JAFs are not there to add an additional layer of targets or reporting, their role is to provide the vehicle in which partners can align priorities and work collaboratively on joint issues demonstrating progress across the theme areas.

The Test Valley Partnership Board will formally agree the JAFs at its Board meeting in January. Following this the Action Groups will be invited to work together to develop joint approaches on how they will work to tackle the JAFs.

The proposed list of JAFs are:

- JAF 1** Domestic Abuse
- JAF 2** Alcohol
- JAF 3** Anti Social Behaviour
- JAF 4** Support more cohesive and resilient communities in targeted areas of Test Valley
- JAF 5** Reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system
- JAF 6** Raising the educational attainment of children and young people in targeted areas of Test Valley
- JAF 7** Breaking down the barriers to Adult & Community learning opportunities in Test Valley
- JAF 8** Major Development Areas
- JAF 9** Reducing Obesity in Test Valley
- JAF 10** Reducing the rising trend of Teenage Pregnancy in Test Valley
- JAF 11** Reducing health inequalities in targeted areas of Test Valley and amongst vulnerable groups
- JAF 12** Support Businesses, Organisations and communities in Test Valley to act sustainably and to reduce their carbon emissions.
- JAF 13** Supporting the development of the rural economy
- JAF 14** Empower partners and local communities to identify innovative travel solutions so that vulnerable and isolated groups can access key services.

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## 6. Project updates / information exchange

**Hampshire Children and Families Forum (HCFF)** – Starting a Dads Club in Andover. The first session is 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am-12pm, it is a drop-in for Dads and their children, very informal. Initially to be held at the Upper Guildhall but if successful, plan to extend it to Burghclere, Phoenix Centre and King Arthur's Hall. For more information, please contact Sharon Goodridge on [andover@hcff.org.uk](mailto:andover@hcff.org.uk)

**Multicultural Forum** – First meeting of the Multicultural Forum was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, the meeting was well attended with representatives from the Muslim Association, Cross-Link Central and Eastern European Association, several local residents and many agency representatives. It was agreed there is a need for a forum, initially there will be two separate forums; north and south. The forum will meet every three months and feed into CDAG as and when appropriate. For more information, please contact Madina Boyo-Jalloh on [Mboyo-Jalloh@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:Mboyo-Jalloh@testvalley.gov.uk)

**Askalot** – Running extremely well with Petra Gooden-Husbands in post, successful 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday, two new members signed up, one volunteer and two people for Quit Smoking. Currently running a competition to come up with a design for the shutters, involving all the community. Shop will be shut over Christmas from 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopening on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**Volunteers Event** – The Volunteer Centre held a successful Volunteers Event on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November . 16 voluntary groups exhibited, 30 people attended the event and 15 people signed up to be volunteers. For more information, contact Dawn Elson on [dawn.elson@tvcs.org.uk](mailto:dawn.elson@tvcs.org.uk)

**TVBC** – Sarah Macleod will be starting as Senior Community Development Officer on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**East Anton Major Development Area** – First phase of East Anton has received planning permission for 386 properties. There will be a Community Worker and community facility on site as soon as 50<sup>th</sup> house is built.

**Neighbourhood Activity Co-ordinator** – Reported that half term activities were well attended at King Arthur's Hall, over 200 people. Still desperately need more volunteers to support the activities. For more information please contact Mags Todd on [mags.todd@tvcs.org.uk](mailto:mags.todd@tvcs.org.uk)

**Smannel Church Centre** – In the process of consulting with the community, local groups and agencies to see what the requirements are for a new Church Centre. To date, the

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feedback has been consistent, they are taking into consideration existing local community facilities and those intended for the major development area. For more information please contact Andrew Ashdown on [Andrew@evib.net](mailto:Andrew@evib.net)

## 7. Dates of meetings in 2009

Wednesday 23rd February 2.30pm – 4.30pm, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover

Thursday 21st May 10-12, Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10-12, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2pm – 4pm Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey

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