

# Community Development Action Group MINUTES



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Minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Action Group of the Test Valley Partnership held on Monday 23rd February 2009 at Beech Hurst, Andover.

## **Present:**

Alison Angell (HCC)  
Janet Blann (TVCS)  
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)  
Chris Davies (The Parish of Knights Enham)  
Dawn Elson (TVCS)  
Louise Gordon (Enham)  
David Judkins (Andover Baptist Church)  
Sarah Macleod (TVBC)  
James Moody (Partnerships Officer)  
David Shields (Grateley PC)

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

Apologies were received from:

Jane Selby (HCC)  
Andrew Ashdown ((The Parish of Knights Enham)  
Madina Boyo-Jalloh (TVBC)  
Cllr Brian Page (TVBC)  
Verna Brown (TVBC)  
Sarah Smith (Testway)  
Sal Wright (TVBC)  
Marianne Pigginn (TVBC)  
Cllr Whiteley (TVBC)  
Cllr Hawke (TVBC)  
Frances Chandler (Community Action Hampshire)  
Anne Meader (Romsey and District Carers Forum)

## **2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (24<sup>th</sup> November 2008)**

- Minutes agreed

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## 3. Volunteers Event

In 2008, over 300 volunteers attended the very successful volunteer's event at Hilliers, organised by TVCS and TVBC.

This year, the volunteer's day is again being held at Hillier's, and will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Stannah are the main sponsor, and additional funding has been secured from individual County Councillor's devolved budgets. Amongst other things, a barbershop group will provide musical entertainment and the young volunteers award will be presented.

## 4. JAFs

James Moody, Test Valley Partnership Manager, provided some further information on Test Valley Partnership's Joint Areas of Focus (JAFs). JAFs are the new way in which the Test Valley Partnership Board and the eight Action Groups set out the cross cutting issues that will be worked on over the coming years. The JAFs are issues currently affecting Test Valley and are those that require a partnership approach in the short to medium term.

Fourteen JAFs have been agreed by the Partnership:

- 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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Five workshops are being held that will each address a number of related JAFs. It is hoped CDAG will be represented by several members at each of these. The workshops will explore the relevant work that is already being undertaken, and develop and assign actions to the various action groups. The five workshops are:

**Health & Well-being JAF workshop:** 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm – 4:30pm, CR 1, TVBC Andover

- Reducing Obesity
- Reducing Teenage Pregnancy
- Reducing Health Inequalities
- Innovative solutions so vulnerable & isolated groups can access services

**Community Safety JAF workshop:** 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm – 4:30pm, Guildhall, Andover

- Domestic Abuse
- Alcohol
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Reduce YP in Criminal Justice System

**Education & Community JAF workshop:** 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm – 4:30pm, Council Chamber, Romsey

- Educational Attainment in targeted areas
- Adult and Community learning
- Resilient communities

**Environment & Economy JAF workshop:** TBC – likely to be early April

- Development of the rural economy
- Business and Communities acting sustainably

**Major Development Areas – “Co-ordinating Major Development”** 6<sup>th</sup> March

12:00-15:00, Guildhall, Andover

- Agencies/ services roles to date in MDA delivery
- Issues around service delivery and community development in the MDAs
- Developing a delivery board

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## Actions:

- For hard copies of the Joint Areas of Focus document providing details on each JAF, please contact Sarah Macleod
- To sign up for one of the workshops, please contact Sarah Macleod

## 5. Action Plan

Following on from the workshops, CDAG will be assigned a new set of actions and will also have to include the JAFs in the action plan. As such this is a fitting time for us to revisit the CDAG action plan, to look at its relevance and focus.

It is proposed that at the next CDAG meeting, a workshop is held to look at how the action plan should be taken forward. This could include looking at developing local indicators to measure the JAFs and getting housing back onto the agenda.

## Actions:

- Sarah Macleod and Janet Blann will develop a workshop exercise to revisit the Action Plan.

## 6. Housing / MDA update

Sarah Macleod provided an update on the Major development Areas.

**East Anton** is a development of what will be 2,500 new homes, to the East of Icknield Way within Alamein ward. The building has started on the first phase at East Anton - known as Augusta Park - and houses are being sold. It is hoped that the first residents will start to move into Augusta Park in July. The affordable housing will be advertised later this year.

A community day will be held with existing residents to provide information on progress, and offer activities and site visits to the development for young people.

**Picket Twenty** is a development of what will be 1200 homes, situated in the ward of St Mary's on the South east side of Andover. Construction has not yet started on site, but it is likely that work on the roads will begin in Spring 2009, and the housing not long after.

**Abbotswood** is located in Romsey Extra, just over 2 kilometres to the north east of Romsey Town Centre. Outline approval was granted in February 2009 for 800 dwellings, a district centre, open space and community facilities. If it is approved, development is likely to start in 2010.

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## 7. Parish Plan update

Three Parish Plans have been completed and endorsed, Kings Somborne, Longparish and Houghton & Bossington. Currently Parish Plans for Sherfield English and Barton Stacey are awaiting endorsement. The normal process is that CDAG put forward a recommendation to the LSP Board as to whether they are endorsed.

There are some questions to be had with the Parish Plan working groups at Barton Stacey, particularly regarding which agencies have been consulted, and how the process of public consultation took place?

It would be useful if interested members of CDAG could comment on whether they are satisfied with the processes that have been undertaken in the two Plans. Questions can then be put back to the Parish Plan Working Group prior to Janet's recommendation to the next partnership board. The Parish Plans are available at:

<http://www.bartonstacey.org.uk/> (under Parish Plan in the far bottom right of the webpage)  
<http://www.sherfieldenglish.info/>

### Actions:

- Please provide any comments to Marianne Piggin - [mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk) – by March 15th

## 8. Update from Projects

### Knights Enham Parish ([cmdavies76@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmdavies76@yahoo.co.uk))

- An architect has been employed to undertake a feasibility study for development of the new Smannal Church Centre.
- Chris Davies has become a Trustee at Alamein Community Association. The Association have recently employed another play worker, and the Kids club is going from strength to strength
- The weekly Dads club is attracting up to 50 people week on week
- The weeks activities at King Arthur's Hall as part of Turnaround, were very positive attracting large numbers of families:  
Shadow Puppets - Adults 3, Children 17  
Teddy Bears Picnic - Adults 12, Children 34  
Chinese Dragon Music & Dance - Adults 24, Children 62  
Sports Cage - Adults 4, Children 43  
A busy and enjoyable week, with many positive comments from children, parents & carers.

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## **Test Valley Community Services** (dawn.elson@tvcs.org.uk)

- Due to funding shortages, Dawn Elson (community development manager) will start spending 18.5 hours a week on a project looking at health and wellbeing of older people in the five town centre wards of Andover,. This will mean the amount of time she can spend on TVCS work will reduce significantly.
- Currently there is a very good training programme on offer
- The number of volunteers coming to TVCS has risen significantly at both the Andover and Romsey offices
- HAT are holding a children and young peoples event on the 5<sup>th</sup> March to look at actions around the Children and Young Peoples Plan

## **Hampshire County Council** (Alison.Angell@hants.gov.uk)

- Alamein Community Association will go on an away day facilitated by Alison Angell. This will be an opportunity to revisit their action plan
- Kate is currently working two days a week in the Phoenix Centre where she is providing intensive support
- The Test Valley Community Association Network is still going ahead, but there is a need for more groups to join.

## **Andover Baptist Church** (david.judkins@andoverbaptit.org.uk)

- Refurbishment of the church hall is being explored
- The lunch club is running very successfully and is attended by around 50 people.
- The Friday night youth club is regularly attracting up to 100 people

## **Test Valley Borough Council**

- There is a deficit of £1.9 million at TVBC. Each service is being tasked with making savings, and the Housing and Health and Communities need to find approximately £200,000. (bcowcher@testvalley.gov.uk)
- A workshop on community engagement is being held for the LSP partnership board, to look at coordinating consultation and fulfilling the councils Duty to Involve which comes into force in April 2009. (jmoody@testvalley.gov.uk)
- The possibility of setting up a credit union for Test Valley as part of Hampshire Credit Union is currently being explored (smacleod@testvalley.gov.uk)
- A workshop on raising awareness of mental health among gypsies and travellers is begin held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Crosfield hall, Romsey. Women's international day is being celebrated through a multi-cultural event at Bridge hall, Andover on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 12-4:00 (mboyo-jalloh@testvalley.gov.uk)

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**Enham** (Louise.Gordon@enham.org.uk)

- Enham have recently passed their 'Investors in People'
- A fun day is being held on 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Work is underway to look at improving access at Enham and developing an environmental policy

**Grateley Parish Council** (davidtshields@btinternet.com)

- Six affordable houses are progressing well in Grately
- Grately are soon to produce their first free newsletter for all residents that will go out four times a year. It is hoped the newsletter will raise interest in developing a Parish Plan and get volunteers on board.

## 9. Dates of meetings in 2009

Thursday 21st May 10-12, Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey  
(Workshop on Action Plan)

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

Any agenda items to Sarah (01264 368622/ smacleod@testvalley.gov.uk)