

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 7th September 2009 at Beech Hurst, Andover.

Present:

Alison Angell (HCC)
Janet Blann (TVCS)
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)
Councillor Sandra Hawke (TVBC)
Jane Brooks (Community Innovations Team)
Louise Gordon (Enham)
David Judkins (Andover Baptist Church)
Marianne Piggin (TVBC)
David Shields (Grateley PC)
Louisa Rice (TVBC)
Jim Bird (True Life Church)
Andrew Ashdown (The Parish of Knights Enham)
Tina Robinson-Collins (Ministry of Defence)
Sally Simpson (Romsey & District Carers Forum)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from:

Chris Davies (The Parish of Knights Enham)
Cllr Janet Whitely (TVBC)
Verna Brown (TVBC)
Jane Selby (HCC)
Anne Meader (Romsey & District Carers Forum)
Sarah Macleod (TVBC)

2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (23rd February 2009)

- Minutes agreed
- Inside Out DVD can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?V=BGtLv7NzKvQ
- Alcohol Project DVD can soon be viewed at the Test Valley Partnership website

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- Project updates. Please can organisations send project updates in advance to be circulated with the agenda.

3. Enham Trust

Louise Gordon updated the group on the services and projects run by the Enham Trust. For 90 years, Enham has helped change thousands of disabled people's lives by seeking to improve equality of opportunity and empowering them to realise their full potential. Working mainly in the South of England, their services help disabled people find work, live more independently and have a better quality of life

Enham currently has 280 employees and a turnover of £10 million. Enham is a registered social landlord providing supported living. Additional services provided by Enham include:

*Direct Payment Scheme

*Payroll Service

*Accommodation and Care

*Learning & Employment

*Working with young people Not in Education or Employment (NEET). They currently have successful projects in Southampton, Alton and Farnborough.

*Furniture Factory – 2/3rds of the workforce are disabled.

*Day Services – daily living services and activities, arts, drama etc

*Route in Independence Project

Enham have numerous projects across the South. For more information, please contact Louise Gordon on 01264 345800 or www.enham.org.uk

Louise suggested that a future CDAG meeting be held at Enham

4. Reviewing Action Plan 2009-11

Brian Cowcher talked the group through the action plan, asking for input.

It was felt that Objectives need to be SMARTER and dates achieved should be included, otherwise there is concern actions could just run on.

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A number of comments were raised, and these have been included in an updated version of the action plan.

Action: Sarah Macleod to update action plan

5. Draft job description for community worker at East Anton

The draft job description for the east Anton community worker was suggested. The main comment was that a longer term contract would attract a better quality of worker, rather than a year contract.

Action: Brian Cowcher to explore

It was also suggested that people were given two weeks further to consult on the job description. Overall there were no comments and everyone was happy with it.

5. Project Updates

True Life Church - Community Life Centre

(sixbirds@ntlworld.com)

The demand for the Community Life Centre has been under-estimated; there is a huge need for the Centre and services within it. Jim is currently in the process of submitting funding applications for the year ahead. Erika, the project worker is making progress with the traveller community. Madina Boyo-Jalloh and Erika are working well together, a family picnic held recently attracted approximately 30 parents and children.

Knights Enham Parish

(Andrew@evib.net)

An architect has drawn up plans for the Smannell Centre redevelopment, additional facilities include meeting rooms and offices. Currently in discussions with TVBC planning officers.

Andrew said he would be happy to give a presentation on the vision for the Centre at the next CDAG.

Romsey & District Carers Forum

(rodsal_81@talk21.com)

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Sally Simpson has taken over a Chair for the Forum. They are currently running a course called Care in Confidence, a training course for carers to care with confidence for everyday people caring for family members, friend etc. Further information is attached.

Ministry of defence - Tina Robinson-Collins

Tina Robinson-Collins discussed the Hyperian Project which is the name given to the re-location of the land forces Headquarters starting in May 2010. The project is keen to raise the profile of the forces in the community, increasing cohesion between service personnel and other communities. In the future there will potential for the forces to become involved in community projects. Also they will be looking to give employees who are new to the area, Quick Start Up Guides which provide information on the local area including amenities, activities etc.

Tina will not be the contact in the future for the community aspect of the project, however she wanted to raise the profile of the relocation and emphasise that they will be looking to integrate the forces and local community.

Community Innovations Project

Jane Brooks talked about the new Community Innovations Project. The project works with people aged 55+ in the postcode SP10 area of Andover, to preserve their independence. The team have collated a database of services, groups, activities across Andover and signpost older people to these services, for the first session one of the team will go with the individual. Referrals can come from friends, family, GPs and other professionals.

Churches Together

(david.judkins@andoverbaptit.org.uk)

Hope 09 was extremely successful this year, approximately 2-3000 people attended. They are now in the process of planning next year's event at Vigo Park. David reminded people that they have a team of volunteers who are willing to be involved in community projects i.e. litter picks etc. On 26th September, they are launching Healing on the Street, where they will be able to offer prayers and healing out on the streets.

Grately Parish Council

(davidshields@btinternet.com)

Affordable housing has been completed and will be occupied end of September. Will be holding their first open parish plan meeting on 6th October with presentations from Jo Dixon and Marianne Piggin.

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Test Valley Community Services
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The second Romsey networking lunch had a approximately 16 people attend. The next TAP networking lunch is at the Entertainer Pub on 8th October 12-2pm.

Test Valley Borough Council
(cllrshawke@testvalley.gov.uk)

The group were shown a picture painted by a male resident of Dene Court, Andover. He has since moved on from the project. The picture depicts his perspective of Andover town centre and can be viewed in the reception area of Beech Hurst.

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STOIC The next meeting of STOIC – the voice for older people in Southern Test Valley – takes place on Friday at 2.05pm in the Age Concern Hall, Linden Road, Romsey. STOIC is an independent organisation run by older people for older people. Call Paul Buxton at Age Concern Romsey on 01794 521398 for further details.

The third meeting of the Older People's Forum is taking place in the Guildhall on 29th September. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 50 in Andover or the surrounding parishes and it follows the pattern of similar successful forums in Romsey and Eastleigh.

The forum is intended to give residents an opportunity to give their views on local issues and also be consulted on matters affecting them. Among items on the agenda was a presentation on mental health services in Andover which led to an in depth debate on the future of the Alan Gardiner unit at Andover hospital.

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Brian informed the group that Sarah Macleod will be leaving the Service beginning of November to take up the role of Green Spaces Officer with the Leisure and Well-being Service.

9. Any other business

None

10. Dates of meetings in 2009

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Monday 23rd November 2pm – 4pm Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey

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