

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 Thursday 11th February 2010 at Beech Hurst, Andover.

Present:

Chris Davies (The Parish of Knights Enham)
Andrew Ashdown (Parish of Knights Enham)
Janet Blann (TVCS)
Cllr Sandra Hawke (TVBC)
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)
David Shields (Grateley PC)
Sarah Smith (Testway)
Jenny Stevens (Andover Museum)
James Moody (TVBC)
Marianne Piggin (TVBC)
Jim Bird (True Life Church)
Sally Simpson (Romsey & District Carers Forum)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from:
Alan Evans (Andover Churches Together)
Alison Angell (HCC)
Lucy Buis (TVBC)
Kelly Edmead (Testway)
Tina Robinson-Collins (Ministry of Defence)
Anne Meader (Romsey & District Carers Forum)
Verna Brown (TVBC)
Sal Wright (TVBC)
Jane Selby (HCC)
David Judkins (Baptist Church)

2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (11th November 2010)

- TVCS confirmed they have been successful with the Childrens Fund application for funding for the Neighbourhood Activity Co-ordinator Assistants Role. They have received 40 expressions of interest and will be interviewing 7 candidates.

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Post meeting note: We have now successfully recruited to this post, and the Turnaround Activity Assistant will start with us on 29th March.

- TVCS have received capital funding from HCC for a additional minibus which will enable us to expand out Andover Dial a Ride
- East Anton Community Development Worker has been appointed and will be starting on 15th March. The post holder is Sharon Goodridge.

3. Practitioners Networking Group

Brian Cowcher explained that this stemmed from the Joint Areas of Focus Action Planning, it was one of the suggested actions for the group to create. The thought behind it being that it will be a networking group for just Community Development Workers on the ground, it will be a much more operational group. It will involve Community Workers from the new housing developments i.e. East Anton, Picket Piece, Testway, Madina Boyo-Jalloh, Chris Davies, Mags Todd, Marianne Piggin and possibly someone from HCC. The group will need a Terms of Reference (TOR) to make sure it remains focussed and topics for future meetings. It was agreed that it would be piloted in the North first and then the South.

Action: TVBC to establish initial meeting with Community Development Workers and set TOR

4. Measuring the success of the Action Plan 2009-11 – James Moody

James Moody updated the group on the monitoring of the Action Plan, a new format has been produced which clearly illustrates the key projects and the progress being made.

People were asked to look at the current key projects in line with:

JAF 004 Support more cohesive & resilient communities in targeted areas of Test Valley

JAF 008 Co-ordinating the delivery of the new neighbourhoods.

Identify if there are any additional projects or measures of success that could be included, please feedback to Marianne mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk . Cllr Hawke congratulated James on devising and implementing this new measuring mechanism, which will now be the focus of the meetings.

5. Project Updates

Romsey & District Carers Forum

Generation scrabble launched in December, off to a slow start due to the weather but hoping more will attend the next few sessions.

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Grateley Parish Council
(davidshields@btinternet.com)

Grateley Parish Council are going to proceed with doing a Parish Plan, met with MP and Jo Dixon and are going to holding a two hour community event, they will be taking a village photograph which was last done in the millennium. Plan to do some initial consultation at the event to see if significant interest in doing a Parish Plan.

True Life Church - Community Life Centre
(sixbirds@ntlworld.com)

Erika Hamilton, Community Worker at the Community Life Centre has been working with residents of Gainsborough Court taking them out shopping. Madina has been working closely with Erika, they have been door knocking and asking residents about the Community Life Centre and multicultural issues and whether there is a need for a multicultural group. The Children's Centre staff are leaving the Centre shortly. Jim has been working with the NHS to produce 'Health Ambassadors'.

Rock Solid Bus, still operating two nights a week. Seem to be much younger children accessing the service.

Andover Churches Together
(ae Evans7244@aol.com)
Homelessness and Poverty

*SMART Recovery group meeting on Wednesday Nights at the Bridge has restarted after the Christmas break. I have poster and leaflets available for church to advertise this group.

*Sunday Drop In Centre is running on the last Sunday of the Month. We are looking at the opening on the second Sunday of the month – subject to volunteers being available. Boxing Day – event held at the CRI well supported.

Street Outreach - Opportunity to work with the CRI with street outreach with drug users. Programme being put together by the CRI.

Night Shelter - Trevor and Alan Appleby (National Probation Service) to produce a draft Business Case to present to Hope Andover/Andover Churches Together (for winter 2010/11).

Andover Food Bank

In 2009 over 2600 people fed; 300 in December. 40% increase on 2008

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We forecast over 3300 in 2010; 30% increase on 2009. Already over 200 fed in January 2010.

Food Distribution Centre – now have 5 trained volunteers and 4 awaiting training. Planning training by the Trussell Trust on the operation of a Food Distribution Centre. We will be publishing this facility to all the agencies we work with the next few weeks. Long funding of the project is a major concern for the Food Bank Management Team.

Alamein Community Association

(cmdavies76@aol.com)

Alamein community day is planned for Saturday 17th April, this is being held in conjunction with local partners.

Job Club has recently moved to King Arthurs Hall as there has been an increase in those attending due to the college job club recently closing.

Alamein Youth Matters Forum is going very well, there have been several improvements in youth provision in the Ward since the forum started. There is to be an open night 25th February at the hall for potential youth work volunteers.

TVCS

(Janet@tvcs.org.uk)

TVCS have been asked to be a Diversity Champion for TV within the Hampshire Equalities and Diversity Project. TVCS, together with the Hampshire wide workers be assisting organisations to do diversity audits.

Testway

(sarah.smith@testway.org.uk)

Reported on the 'Tempt all your senses' event. The event was a celebration of different cultures in Andover, there was Indian dancing, henna tattooing, salsa, drumming, and food from all over the world. It was a very successful partnership event, organised by Testway, TVBC, Cross-link, Andover Muslim Association, and Hampshire Indian Society. Over 300 people attended.

Andover Museum

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TVBC

(jmoody@testvalley.gov.uk)

My Test Valley – the first survey has been drafted, still need more residents to sign up for the panel though.

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The Test Valley Partnership has secured £20,000 from IDEA for Community Engagement. Will be looking at running two neighbourhood/community conversations pilots one urban/rural.

9. Any other business

None

10. Dates of meetings in 2010

15 April 2010, 10am-12pm - Council Chamber Large, Duttons Road, Romsey

29 June 2010, 2pm -4pm - Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover

23 September, 10am-12pm -Council Chamber Large, Duttons Road Romsey

30 November, 2pm – 4pm Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover

Any agenda items to Marianne (01264 368623/ mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk)