

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Duttons Road, Romsey.

## **Present:**

Sheelagh Kreft (Community Innovations Team)  
Jenni Moore (Community Innovations Team)  
Janet Blann (TVCS)  
Cllr Sandra Hawke (TVBC)  
Jan Lefley (Romsey Community School)  
David Shields (Grateley PC)  
Lucy Buis (TVBC)  
Marianne Pigginn (TVBC)

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

Apologies were received from:

Chris Davies (The Parish of Knights Enham)  
Andrew Ashdown (Parish of Knights Enham)  
Jim Bird (True Life Church)  
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)  
Sarah Smith (Testway)  
Jenny Stevens (Andover Museum)  
Alan Evans (Andover Churches Together)  
Alison Angell (HCC)  
Sal Simpson (Romsey & District Carers Forum)  
Jane Selby (HCC)  
David Judkins (Baptist Church)  
Madina Kamara-Aspin (BME Community Development Officer)

## **2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (11<sup>th</sup> February 2010)**

- TVCS confirmed the Neighbourhood Activity Assistant was now in post.

## **3. Performance report update**

Marianne and Lucy introduced the new performance reports and fed back on JAF 004 Support more cohesive & resilient communities in targeted areas of Test Valley JAF 008 Co-ordinating the delivery of the new neighbourhoods.

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The key projects for achieving the JAFs were discussed, please refer to updated performance reports. It was also suggested that CDAG should have a Community Cohesion Policy which should feed into the LSP. Jan L to circulate example policy.

The scoring for Engagement of Partners on this occasion was done by the co-ordinator of the JAF but it was felt that the group should decide on this in future. Scoring sheet to be circulated with the performance reports.

If there are any additional projects or measures of success that could be included, please feedback to Marianne [mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk).

## 4. Update on Housing Development

Lucy Buis updated on Housing Development in Test Valley. In 2009/10 122 affordable homes were completed, 97 of which were new build.

East Anton has a total of 64 affordable homes, private sales have picked up and Taylor Wimpey is now starting on the next phase, MOD has started to move in.

Picket Twenty are on site, there will be a community development worker funded by the developers.

Test Valley Borough Council RSL Partnership has generated approximately £25mn from Homes & Community Agency (HCA).

Abbots Wood – hoping to start on site the end of the year, will be approx 800 houses.

## 5. East Anton – Proposal for Schooling

David Shields informed the group about the new school at East Anton. It is envisaged that the school will open in September 2010 and have capacity for 90 children, currently 6 are registered. A federation between Roman Way, Knights Enham and the school in East Anton has been proposed and for one head teacher to be responsible for the three schools. There is potential for 500-800 children across the three schools. Consultation is currently being done with parents and partners on this, the deadline for which is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The consultation document is attached. Chris Davies is the Chair of Governors, if you require any further info, please contact him on [cmdavies76@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmdavies76@yahoo.co.uk)

## 6. Parish Plan - Assessment Criteria

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Marianne Piggin introduced the Assessment Criteria for parish plans (please see attached). It was agreed that additional members be added to the officer working group and they will be representative CDAG. Plans will still be circulated to CDAG members but once the officer working group have commented on them.

Officer working group will now consists of the following:  
Marianne Piggin, Community Support, TVBC  
David Gleave, Economic Development Officer, TVBC  
David Bibby, Senior Planning Officer, TVBC  
Andrew Ferrier, Corporate Director, TVBC  
Janet Blann, Chief Exec, TVCS  
Jan Lefley, Community Cohesion Manager, Romsey School

The draft plans will also be circulated to the Co-ordinators of the Action Groups, so that they can comment on the areas relating to their action group.

## 7. Project Updates – Romsey Community Innovations Project

### Community Innovations Team

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Sheelagh Kreft updated the group on the Community Innovations Team (CIT). The team are established in both Andover and Romsey now and are working with people over 65yrs and over 55years in some areas. They work with those that are isolated, losing their independence; require some help or support or social activities. Each team has a support worker, social worker, nurse, occupational therapist and development worker. People can self refer, or GPs, or health nurses. They all have different responsibilities, the development worker can identify activities for the individual to attend and someone will go with them on their first visit, the social worker can identify and assess what support they might need etc. To date they have identified particular gaps in provision for this age group, for example, cooking classes for widowed men and buddying are currently needed. They are also producing a directory of services for older people, this has been completed to date in Andover and in progress in Romsey.

Extended Services Co-ordinator & Romsey Community School

[Jan.lefley@romsey.sch.hants.uk](mailto:Jan.lefley@romsey.sch.hants.uk)

Jan Lefley fed back on various projects;

\*Romsey Community School (RCS) were successful in securing £50,000 towards an ice rink, this was a partnership project with Park Community School in Havant. It's a social enterprise – the rink can be hired out at £950 plus VAT, and skates. It has been very popular to date.

\*Silver Surfers will be taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> May in Romsey School and 13<sup>th</sup> May at Romsey Library. These sessions are being run by pupils of RCS.

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\*Recently submitted a bid to Digital Divide fund to buy portable IT equipment for Abbey Field Residential Home

\*Another grant available is the Home Access Grant for keystone2/3 pupils, who are economically disadvantaged, they can apply for funding to purchase computers and broadband etc.

\*Extended Services in Romsey have been allocated £62,000, this is across 15 schools. Each school will get £500, plus an additional amount measured by the number of free school meals. The remaining funds are for holiday activities. There will be a small charge for those economically disadvantaged.

\*Recently established the Poppets Group, which will operate weekly.

## **Grateley Parish Council**

([davidshields@btinternet.com](mailto:davidshields@btinternet.com))

Grateley Parish Council have recently carried out a survey on new play equipment for the playing field, this is being funded by Section 106 contributions. They plan to hold an open event for the play area once it has been refurbished and at the same time do some initial consultation at the event to see if significant interest in doing a Parish Plan.

## **TVCS**

([Janet@tvcs.org.uk](mailto:Janet@tvcs.org.uk))

\*The Neighbourhood Activity Assistant is in post now and working 22 hours a week.

\*Turnaround Project has an Away Day planned on 29 April, to review the action plan.

\*Volunteers Event this year is on 16<sup>th</sup> July at Longstock Village Hall. Due to reduction in resources this will be on a much smaller scale this year.

\*Romsey Networking Lunch to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, usually has approx 40 people attend.

## **TVBC**

([mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk))

### **Credit Union**

With the support of several key organisations a Credit Union will be opening in Andover on Monday 7th June. To find out more about Credit Unions and what they can offer we are holding a meeting on Monday 17th May, 10-11am, Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road. The service will be starting on 7th June, available every Monday from:

**Askalot Community Shop 9.15am - 12pm**

**Bridge Community Building 1 - 4pm**

### **Alamein Fun Day**

Alamein Community Association in conjunction with Mags Todd (NAC), and some other local agencies are holding a community fun day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 12-4pm. The event is planned in and around King Arthurs Hall, Askalot Community Shop, Kingsway

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Gardens, the car park. There will be lots of activities and workshops for example, animal farm, climbing wall, junk workshop, Drumrunners, environment centre and much more.

## **9. Any other business**

None

## **10. Dates of meetings in 2010**

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](mailto:mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk))