

Test Valley PARTNERSHIP



Notes of the Turnaround Implementation Group meeting
held on Thursday 24 July 2008
2pm at Testway House, Andover

Present:

Christine Alexander
Janet Blann
Lorna Bradley (Minutes)
Brian Cowcher
Dawn Elson
Kim Francis
David Gleave
Clive Graham
Margaret Inness

Martin Jeffery
James Moody
Debbie Pike
Louisa Rice (Item 1 only)
Sarah Smith
Marie Spanswick
Mags Todd
Tina White
Mike Wickenden

1 **SMOKE FREE HAMPSHIRE**

Debbie welcomed Louisa Rice to the meeting. Louisa advised she had put together a draft funding proposal which focussed on the Alamein Ward as a smoke-free community; working with groups, schools etc. to promote the health consequences of smoking and second hand smoke.

Louisa briefed everyone on the funding bid, as if it was successful, she would be looking for resources to help distribute posters, link in with community activities, and generally raise awareness in the community. Sarah Smith suggested Louisa link in with the work of Testway 7's. Marie was happy to help with the PR for this, but asked that Louisa works within the Turnaround branding guidelines. Brian offered assistance from Test Valley Borough Council in distribution of information. Janet advised Louisa could liaise with Mags re: activities, and also the shop could be used to promote awareness.

It was agreed that all would e-mail Louisa direct (LRice@testvalley.gov.uk) with any comments on the draft proposal, and with confirmation of any resources available. Louisa would let everyone know the outcome of the bid.

All

2 **APOLOGIES**

ACTION

Apologies were received from Dave Ball, Verna Brown, Cllr Sandra Hawke and Cllr Robin Hughes.

3 **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM TURNAROUND IMPLEMENTATION GROUP MEETING – 27 MARCH 2008**

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

6 – Branding for shop and Turnaround

Marianne Pigginn and Dave Kane were weighing up the pros and cons of artwork for the shutters on the shop. Marianne would contact Dave with a costed proposal, to go to the next Steering Group meeting.

**Dave Kane/
Marianne
Pigginn**

4 – Feedback from Neighbourhood Activity Co-Ordinator

Mags hadn't received any comments back about the consent forms on young people's activities.

5 – Volunteer Recruitment Drive

Mags updated that some new volunteers had been recruited and were being processed. All to contact Mags with details of anyone else who may be interested in becoming a volunteer.

All

6 – Update on Shop

Brian noted that there was nothing agreed about the £2,000 funding (as noted by Councillor Sandra Hawke), but the money would be found if needed.

8 – Communication

Activity postcards had been produced for the summer holiday.

All to let Marie and the Steering Group know of any community events that were planned to try and avoid duplication. The Steering Group would discuss at their next meeting (Janet to add to agenda).

All

Janet

9 – Volunteers Event, 13 June 2008

300 people (250 of which were volunteers) went to the event.

9 – Debt Advice

David had contacted Eastleigh Borough Council about debt advice at Askalot. Christine had talked to Chris Lawton re: EOL money management, as the Citizens Advice Bureau had no funding for a debt outreach programme. Linked to the credit

crunch, Brian added that Test Valley Borough Council were investigating options re: residents with mortgage problems. Debbie noted that Testway were seeing an increase in rent arrears, and would be employing a debt advisor for Testway tenants. There was a possibility that this could be extended out to non-Testway tenants, subject to funding.

It was agreed that Dawn would speak to Ange Moon about debt trend changes, with a view to Ange coming along to the next Turnaround Implementation meeting to give an update.

Dawn

9 – Major Development Area (MDA)

Madina Boyo-Jallah, Community Worker was now in post for the MDA.

9 – Community Development Worker

Chris Davis, Community Development Worker is now in post. Janet reported that his role and remit is very different to anything that other organisations are doing in the area. Mike advised that Chris is liaising regarding Kids Church.

4 MINUTES FROM TURNAROUND STEERING GROUP MEETING – 10 JULY 2008

The Minutes from the Steering Group had been attached for information only and were noted.

5 FEEDBACK FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR

Mags' report had already been circulated. She added:

- Activities had been advertised on Andover Sound and in the Andover Advertiser.
- Beyond Horizons – 100 people had turned up, and 30 families had showed an interest at Tile Barn.
- Grapevine had been delivered to every household in Alamein. Mags had copies if anyone wanted one.
- Working closely with EOL.
- Madina and Mags had set up an ethnic minority drop in session for 4 August, 2-4pm at King Arthur's Hall
- September Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEAT) drop in was being arranged by the Learning and Skills Council

It was agreed that Mags would keep Clive informed about the

NEAT drop in, and Mags to link in with Marie re: publicity.

Mags

6 **UPDATE ON EOL**

Christine's report had already been circulated. She added:

- Stay and See IT day hadn't been as successful as hoped. Christine was promoting Facebook and BEBO sessions to try and engage with hard to reach ages.
- EOL day in October was planned at Roman Way School.
- Job Club – Christine was having problems getting the Job Centre on board. David agreed to talk to his contacts at the Job Centre to progress.
- Working on a befriending scheme at the shop for unaccompanied children.

David

7 **UPDATE ON SHOP – BRIAN COWCHER**

There had been a flood at the shop (from the flats above), which had caused some damage when ceiling tiles came down. Work was being done to find and rectify the cause of the leak.

71 people had signed up as members, and had visited 155 times. Most people were from the Alamein Ward, with a wide variety of ages attending.

Brian was investigating a noticeboard outside of the shop.

Brian

Andover Family Learning had held an advice morning and swap shop on 30 June, and were looking to do this every Monday from September onwards.

An advert had gone out for a shop worker. The closing date was 1 August, with interviews scheduled for 15 August.

Volunteers were maintaining the flower bed by the shop.

Summer holiday cover for the shop could be an issue, but Chris Davis had offered to help out. All agencies to put in the support required to keep the shop open on the advertised days.

All

Marianne was looking into holding a careers day re: work opportunities.

8 ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP OUTCOME

Debbie reminded everyone that the aim of the workshop had been to archive information to reduce the Action Plan, refresh it, and to link to the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets. Lorna had reformatted the Action Plan and issued. It was agreed to add a “communication” and “impact” column, with the proviso that if nothing was input to the impact column by end of October 2008, that column would be removed. Lorna to update and reissue.

Lorna

9 ACTION PLAN EXCEPTIONS

Verbal exception updates were given by Action Plan Coordinators:

Learning – Clive

- Alamein Children’s Centre have a temporary base in the West March Business Centre, call in and see them if you get the opportunity.
- Shepherds Spring School is to be renovated by April 2009.

All

Communication - Marie

- Marie has developed an extranet, connected to the Testway website, where a central pool of documents between the Turnaround Implementation Group can be stored and accessed.
- Marie is looking to “spotlight” each theme in the plan in turn over one year.

External Environment – Mike

- Amazing Alamein going well.
- Contact made with Kelly McArthur, Testway re: car parking and issues raised in the survey.

Policing & Crime Reduction – Martin

- The Community Safety Partnership targets have been used in the Action Plan.

Youth

- 15 children took part in a recent sexual health quiz, and Chlamydia tests.

10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Agenda Item - Shop – It was agreed that the shop wouldn't feature on the Implementation Group agenda in future. Brian would provide any updates within the Action Plan exceptions item.

Mobile Vehicle – Janet advised that the Test Valley Partnership had bought a mobile vehicle some time ago, and it would be available for all to use. It was hoped there would be a driver pool, if agencies didn't have a driver. There would be a fuel charge, but no charge for hire. The Test Valley Partnership were looking for funding to make it sustainable. It was noted that it would be particularly useful for rural communities.

Janet would be arranging a meeting to discuss.

Janet

Homework Club – Kim reported she was hoping to restart the homework club.

Kim

NHF Award Nominations – Marie had submitted nominations on behalf of Turnaround to the NHF Awards, which would take place in Birmingham on 18 September 2008. Turnaround had been shortlisted in 2 categories; peaceful and better neighbourhoods, and local engagement. Debbie thanked Marie for her hard work on this. Marie has a copy of the submission if anyone wanted a copy. All to let Debbie know of any suitable nominations to attend the Award Ceremony.

All

11 **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Implementation Group meeting will be 25 September 2008, 2-4pm, Testway House

(Apologies received from Debbie, Martin will be chairing)