

The notes of the Turnaround Project Steering Group meeting that was held on
Thursday 11 September 2008
at 2pm in the Conference Room at Testway Housing Ltd

Present: Janet Blann (Chairman) – TVCS
Rob Carroll - Hampshire PCT
Clive Graham – Andover Family Learning
Debbie Pike – Testway Housing
Lorna Bradley (Minute Taker) – Testway Housing

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

ACTION

Apologies were received from Brian Cowcher, Martin Jeffery and Mike Wickenden.

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM TURNAROUND PROJECT STEERING GROUP HELD ON 10 JULY 2008

Janet requested an amendment to the minutes from 10 July 2008, under item 4, the future funding/staffing of the Turnaround Project. The first sentence should read “the budget for the Neighbourhood Activity Co-ordinator and the budget report were briefly reviewed”.

The minutes from 10 July 2008 were then approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

2 Youth Group

Janet reported that the issues she had raised regarding health and safety and the Youth Group had been resolved. She added that Chris Davis had made a big difference with youth and Kids Church activities.

3 Future Funding

Clive advised that he was waiting for the Hampshire County Council Lead Officer to approve his proposal to use Kim Francis as a resource to explore funding opportunities. Clive would keep Janet updated on this.

Clive

4 Extended Hours for Mags

Clive and Janet are to continue their discussions on funding for Mags extra hours.

Clive/Janet

3 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR PROJECT REPORT

Mags report was tabled. Janet highlighted the successful Summer activities that had been undertaken. Clive commended Mags for the diverse activities on the programme.

Janet flagged that funding/sponsorship for the printing and distribution of future editions of Grapevine must be sought. Debbie requested that on Mags next report, she shows the date when Grapevine will be issued. Mags would need to discuss that with Marie Spanswick and Debbie Greene.

Mags

The October multi-cultural event was discussed. Grapevine could be used to advertise the event, depending on the date of the next issue. Rob asked what the rationale was behind using an African theme, as he may be interested in putting some funding to the event, provided there was participation from Black Africans. Janet to check this, and go back to Rob.

Janet

A general discussion took place on how to tie this in with the BME work the Borough was doing through Madina. Debbie suggested that Madina could write a progress report for the next Steering Group meeting on how and who she was engaging with, and how Turnaround partners could help her. Brian to take this forward with Madina.

Brian

4 FUTURE FUNDING/STAFFING OF TURNAROUND PROJECT

Janet reported a £2,974 shortfall for the Askalot shop that would need to be addressed. Debbie agreed that Testway would put in an additional £1,000 after April 2009 (making a total of £11,000 from Testway). Janet to invoice Debbie for this after April 2009. It was noted that Janet could redistribute some of Mags budget to cover part of the shortfall (re: extended services funding of £5k). Rob agreed to check with his colleagues from sexual health to see if they would provide any funding.

Janet

Rob

Petra Gooden-Husbands had been employed as the Askalot Project Worker, based at the shop. She would be starting work on 15 September, and had a 1 year contract for 18 ½ hours per week. She will be employed by TVCS, and line managed by Marianne Piggin, TVBC.

5 SHOP UPDATE

Janet expressed some concerns over the shop opening times, i.e. was it actually open when advertised. It was hoped that

with Petra in post, more accurate recording of the shop usage would take place. Janet to ensure that Marianne Piggan was aware of what Petra's remit is, and what the expectations were. It was noted that the success of future funding for the shop would be dependant on a comprehensive profile of users of the shop and strong line management. Brian to monitor.

Janet

Brian

6 **EVERYBODY ONLINE (EOL) PROJECT UPDATE**

A detailed report on EOL had already been circulated.

7 **ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

The updated Action Plan would go the next Turnaround Implementation Group.

8 **ALAMEIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Discussion took place on how the Turnaround Steering Group could link in with the Alamein Community Association to progress the Turnaround vision.

It was agreed that Debbie would write to the Chairman of the Community Association (Brenda Thomas) and offer for the Steering Group to meet informally with the Community Association. This would be to ascertain if there was anything the Steering Group could do to assist the Community Association, and to discuss mutual beneficial Turnaround objectives.

Debbie

9 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Community Vehicle

Discussion took place on the community vehicle, following a recent inter-agency meeting to discuss how and what to use it for. The consensus was that the purpose of the bus hadn't been determined. Logistically the bus was still too heavy to be used for events, and it couldn't be used as a "learning" bus, as the IT equipment had been removed.

Debbie added that unless the bus was specifically to develop learning/training skills, that Testway would not be interested in funding it.

Turnaround Implementation Group

Clive noted that attendance at the Implementation Group was falling. Debbie would raise the future of the Turnaround Implementation Group at the next meeting.

Debbie

Post meeting note – 25 September Implementation Group has been cancelled. The next meeting will be 27 November 2008.

National Housing Federation Awards – 18 September 2008

Debbie would e-mail everyone after 18 September 2008 to let them know whether Turnaround had won an award.

Debbie

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13 November 2008, 2pm at Testway House

Meeting closed at 3.55pm