

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at Duttons Road, Romsey.

## **Present:**

Janet Blann (TVCS) - Chair  
Cllr Sandra Hawke (TVBC)  
Shirley Ferguson (Community Innovations Team)  
Sally Simpson (Romsey & District Carers Forum)  
Sharon Goodridge (TVBC)  
Chris Davies (The Parish of Knights Enham)  
David Shields (Grateley PC)  
Jacqui Evans (TVBC)  
Marianne Piggin (TVBC)  
Alison Angell (HCC)  
Steve Lincoln (TVBC)

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

Apologies were received from:

Jane Selby (HCC)  
Jan Lefley (Romsey Community School)  
Ian Cross (HCC Adult Services)  
Madina Kamara-Aspin (BME Community Development Officer)  
David Drew (Andover Town Council)  
Alan Evans (Andover Churches Together)  
Jenny Stevens (Andover Museum)  
Andrew Ashdown (Parish of Knights Enham)  
Cllr Janet Whiteley (TVBC)  
Anne Meader (Romsey & District Carers Forum)  
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)  
Louisa Rice (TVBC)

## **2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (15<sup>th</sup> April 2010)**

- David Shields pointed out the incorrect e-mail address shown in item 7. The correct address is [davidtshields@btinternet.com](mailto:davidtshields@btinternet.com).

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## 3. Performance report update JAF4 – Cohesive and Resilient Communities

Marianne updated on progress with JAF4 since the April meeting. The key projects for achieving the JAF were discussed - please refer to updated performance reports. The following issues were discussed:

- The work of the Credit Union was well received by the group.
- Partner agencies have agreed funding to continue the job club. This will include Christine Alexander one day per week to provide IT sessions.
- The Turnaround Project summer activity programme generated 1400 attendances. The scale of the programme was enabled by additional external funding. There were lots of volunteers and a paid sessional worker who will be retained for autumn half-term and the Christmas holidays. The 'Lions in the Community' activity was especially successful.
- The Further Education and Careers Fair didn't happen because of lack of agency take-up. The project has now finished so the event will not take place.
- Representatives from The Big Lottery visited to review the Turnaround Project. The visit went well with lots of interaction from users and partner agencies. The next step is pre-application, for which a sub-group will be established and which will hopefully take place by Christmas.
- Future meetings of the BME Forum have been put on hold while the focus of the meetings is reviewed.
- Contact has been made with someone of Nepalese origin, who has identified a community of some 100 Nepalese people in the Andover area.
- James Moody has ideas for an online community events calendar. It was suggested that existing websites already fulfil this function and that another might be duplication. The [Andover Sound website](#) was suggested as one that is comprehensive and well-used. Steve to discuss with James.
- It was suggested that Garry Tallett (TVBC Community Safety Manager) could be invited to the next meeting to discuss acquisitive crime issues in more detail. Steve to contact.

Marianne presented an update report on progress with parish plans across the Borough. Key points were:

- Broughton Parish Plan was endorsed by the LSP Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.
- Wellow Parish Plan is being revised following consideration by the officer panel and will shortly go forward for endorsement.
- North Baddesley Parish Plan is well underway. A successful multi-cultural day was held in July, which resurrected a former village event and also provided valuable consultation for the parish plan. The steering group has since renamed as

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'Community Vision for North Baddesley' and they next plan to hold an Information Event in October at the Village Hall with results of the consultation to date.

- Marianne and Jo Dixon (Community Action Hampshire) spoke to Test Valley Association of Local Councils about parish plans in May, which led to an invite to Thruxton Parish Council after they expressed interest in starting a parish plan.
- A Community Planning Officer group for Hampshire local authorities has recently commissioned a media company to produce a DVD to promote Community Planning across Hampshire. All councils involved in the group have made a financial contribution towards this and to date in Test Valley filming has taken place at the North Baddesley Village Day, with filming in Longparish scheduled shortly. It is anticipated the DVD will be ready by the autumn and Steve will arrange to show it at the next CDAG meeting if available.
- HCC are planning to run 3 pilots in Hampshire strengthening links between parish plans and landscape character assessments. One of the pilots is likely to be in Test Valley.
- [TVBC's Parish plan web pages](#) have been improved recently.

If there are any additional projects or measures of success that could be included in JAF4, please feedback to Marianne [mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk).

## 4. Performance report update JAF8 – New Neighbourhoods

Steve and Sharon updated on progress with JAF8 since the April meeting. The key projects for achieving the JAF were discussed - please refer to updated performance reports. The following issues were discussed:

- The next meeting of the East Anton Delivery Group will take place at Beech Hurst on 30<sup>th</sup> September with a focus on health services. All GP practices in the town are expected to attend so it should be a productive meeting. Steve to add Shirley to the mailing list for the Delivery Group.
- Latest occupation figures show 222 dwellings occupied.
- Temporary community facility at East Anton is in situ but has not yet been transferred to TVBC because there are operational issues that need to be resolved. Sharon is hopeful that it will be ready in the very near future.
- Welcome event for residents and other activities have had to be put on hold until the temporary community facility is ready.
- Sharon's role includes green travel and her work in the coming months will include a travel survey to identify travel patterns amongst residents. Developers will be offering a subsidised bus scheme and cycle voucher to help encourage green travel.

Steve circulated proposals to revise JAF8 and make it clearer and more informative, which were welcomed by the group and will be used from now onwards. These include:

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- Combining two key project sheets that both relate to Sharon's community development work on site.
- Creating a new project sheet setting out key elements of infrastructure as set out in the Section 106 Agreement and the likely completion dates. This includes community centre, schools, play areas and sports / recreation facilities.
- Additional project sheets in future to replicate the East Anton information for Picket Twenty and Abbotswood as they emerge.

Members of the group were interested to hear more about the proposals for Abbotswood and asked if Sarah Tose from the Planning Team at TVBC could attend the next CDAG meeting in Romsey. Steve to arrange.

## 5. Grants Review

Steve updated the group on the TVBC grants review. A two tier approach was approved at Cabinet on 1<sup>st</sup> September:

- a) A comprehensive review of funding to twenty one projects and organisations will be undertaken over the next twelve months. The Council will work with the organisations involved to identify ways in which the services can be delivered more efficiently. In light of the current economic position of public services it seems certain that overall budgets will reduce and the aim is to minimise the impact on services and clients. The findings will be implemented from 2012/13 onwards.
- b) A number of small grant budgets will be combined to create a larger, more flexible single funding pot to which a number of applicants will be invited to bid.

The [full report](#) can be viewed on the TVBC website.

## 6. Project Updates

### HCC

Alison Angell - [alison.angell@hants.gov.uk](mailto:alison.angell@hants.gov.uk)

- Test Valley Community Associations Network (TVCAN) is hosting training on the [older people's well being trigger tool](#). The training is at the Phoenix Centre in Andover on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm and is **free**. There are vacancies which can be taken by other organisations. Contact Alison if interested.

### TVBC

Sharon Goodridge - [sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk)

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- To celebrate Parents Week from 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October, there will be activities at Alamein ward in Andover to encourage children and their parents to interact:
  - 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3.00pm until 4.30pm there will be a parents and children games session.
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 11.00am until 12.00pm there will be a quiz at Askalot.

Cllr Sandra Hawke – [cllrshawke@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrshawke@testvalley.gov.uk)

- Andover Child Contact Centre is urgently seeking new committee members and if unsuccessful it may be forced to close. Anybody interested should contact Sandra for more details.

## Romsey and District Carers

Sally Simpson - [rodsal\\_81@talk21.com](mailto:rodsal_81@talk21.com)

- There will be an activity day every Friday, as an extension of the Generation Scrabble project.
- The organisation is seeking funding for a co-ordinator.

## Community Innovations Team

Shirley Ferguson - [innovations@tvcs.org.uk](mailto:innovations@tvcs.org.uk)

- On 1<sup>st</sup> October there will be two events to celebrate [Older People's Day](#). The Full of Life Festival is happening at Andover Leisure Centre and at the same time there will be a similar event at Crosfield Hall in Romsey, called the Autumn Fair.

## TVCS

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

- A new youth club at Valley Park starts on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. It will be run by residents and has been well supported by local councillors in response to local demand.
- The latest edition of [Valley Messenger](#) is now available on the TVCS website, with details of the latest training on offer.

## Andover Churches Together

Alan Evans - [AEvans7244@aol.com](mailto:AEvans7244@aol.com)

- A Drop In centre for Homeless people operates at The Bridge Community Building in Bridge Street, Andover on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm and provides snacks, shower facilities and laundry facilities. It is also now open on the first and last Sundays in the month on a limited basis (no showers or laundry).
- The Food Bank continues to grow and expand. At the end of July they had fed over 1800 people this year - up 30% on last year with no sign of slowing down. The service is expanding into the Southern half of the TVBC area.
- Oak Bank Pregnancy Crisis has expanded its area of operation and now covers Andover, Tidworth, Bulford, Ludgershall and Newbury.

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## 9. Any other business

None

## 10. Future meetings

The dates of future meetings, and some suggested agenda items, are as follows:

Tuesday 30 November 2010, 2pm – 4pm Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover

- New Mencap Centre
- Community safety – neighbourhood management approach
- Street pastors in Andover

January 2011, Large Conference Chamber, Dutton's Road, Romsey

- Abbotswood development
- Big Society

## Summary of actions:

Action	Who?
Contact James Moody re Andover Sound community event calendar.	Steve Lincoln
Invite Garry Tallett to the next meeting to discuss acquisitive crime and neighbourhood management.	Steve Lincoln
Community planning DVD to be shown at the next meeting if available.	Steve Lincoln
Add Shirley Ferguson to the mailing list for the East Anton Delivery Group.	Steve Lincoln
Invite Sarah Tose to the next CDAG meeting in Romsey to discuss Abbotswood.	Steve Lincoln
Contact Andover Mencap to invite some to attend the next meeting and give a presentation on their plans for the new centre.	Steve Lincoln

Any agenda items to Steve (01264 368623 / [slincoln@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:slincoln@testvalley.gov.uk))