

Community Development Action Group MINUTES



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Minutes of a meeting of the Community Development Action Group of the Test Valley Partnership held on Tuesday 20th May 2008 in Conference Room 5, Beech Hurst, Andover.

Present:

Donna Wagers (TVBC)	David Shields (Grateley PC)
Revd Andrew Ashdown (Knights Enham)	Louise Gordon (Enh am)
Dawn Elson (TVCS)	Cllr. Marion Kerley (TVBC)
Verna Brown (TVBC)	Moira Lanaghan (Romsey Carers Forum)
David Judkins (Andover Baptist Church)	Kelly Edmead (Testwa y)
Cllr. Sandra Hawke (TVBC)	Cllr. Janet Whiteley (TVBC)
Alison Murley (TVBC)	Janet Blann (TVCS)
Martin Jeffery (Hampshire Constabulary)	

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from:

Allison Angel (HCC)	Chris Lawton (Family Support Worker)
Cllr Brian Page (Age Concern/TVBC)	Sarah Smith, Testway Housing
Marianne Piggin (TVBC)	Sal Wright (TVBC)
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)	Ann Meader (Romsey Carers)
Cllr. Peter Boulton (TVBC)	

2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (2nd April 2008)

- Minutes agreed
- Calor village of the year – three villages have entered; Sherfield English, East Dean, and Vernham Dean
- Scrapstore – moving forward, group are developing a constitution

3. Major developments in Test Valley – update

Following from last meetings work shops, a 'work plan' needs to be developed which will ensure this group does what it needs to and identify the role of other stakeholders

Volunteers needed for people to help put the work plan together. A work plan that can be tailored to different developments, not just specific to one. Anyone interested in helping to

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Parish of Knights Enham and Smannell with Enham Alame in (Revd Andrew Ashdown)

- A Church and Community Development Worker has been appointed – Chris Davies – this is a five year contract and a unique role within the Diocese of Winchester.
- The Parish has agreed to explore options for developing the Church Centre. As many organisations as possible will be consulted, about the needs and wishes of local people. Hoping to meet with TVBC Planner to discuss how this would fit in with plans for the East Anton MDA (Cllr Mrs Whiteley offered to arrange a meeting).

Turn Around Project/Askalot (Janet Blann, Dawn Elson)

- Lots of people using the shop for the IT facilities and going into to ask general enquiries – and there is now a membership database which helps to record the number of users (approx. 40 people registered as members in the first week of the database being launched).
- Agencies that are using the shop have reported a downturn in members of clients coming to see them with specific queries – usually more general enquiries and to use the computers. Therefore, this may result in some agencies ‘pulling out’ of providing an outreach service at the shop – TVBC Revenues Service have already ceased providing a housing and council tax benefit drop-in.
- Looking to appoint a part time shop administrator, which would help to address the above.
- PCSOs drop-in is proving successful
- Turn Around Project is moving forward – Mags Todd, the new Neighbourhood Coordinator, has been supporting the development of the over 50’s club – now called ‘The Paradise Club’. Andover Darts Academy has been awarded £2,000 from ‘Transform’.

Hope08 (David Judkins)

As part of Hope08 (see www.hope08andover.org.uk), a number of events and activities are planned:

- Following the successful Poverty and Homelessness event in February, a ‘Caring for the Environment’ event is planned.
- Are-vamp of Watermill will hopefully take place, in partnership with TVBC.
- Volunteers will be decorating the toilets in King Arthur’s Hall.
- Family Fun Day on 30th August at Vigo Park, Andover.

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Kids Church (Janet Blann)

- Youth Group has closed (may have implications for other youth groups in the area as large numbers of young people attended)
- The organisation wants to return to its original aim and objectives – using volunteers
- Funding offered to continue running for 6 weeks, but organisation has decided to 'pull back'. An organisational decision rather than a funding issue.
- David J and Andrew A are involved in discussions to explore options regarding some of the work
- Kids Church is not closing down but having a break over the summer to consult and regroup. The trustees are very appreciative of the support from the community

North Baddesley Community Shop

- Shop has opened
- Children Centre Co-ordinator based at the shop
- Further update at next meeting

Volunteer Celebration event (Janet Blann)

- To be held on 13th June (in the evening) at Hilliers Gardens.
- For volunteers – organisations can take up to 20 volunteers
- Contact Janet or Dawn for more information (janet@tvcs.org.uk / dawn.elson@tvcs.org.uk)

5. Test Valley Partnership AGM

- Not an actual AGM as TVP is not a constituted body – it is an annual celebration event!
- All are invited – invites should have been received
- At The Lights in Andover on 11th June, 6pm
- For more information and to confirm attendance, contact Penny Lane (plane@testvalley.gov.uk)

6. Information exchange

Louise Gordon

- Awards Ceremony on the 4th June, following 9 organisations successfully being awarded the 'Seal of Excellence' (tenants assessment of Registered Social Landlords service).
- A Community Lunch at Enham on 22nd May – all welcome
- Enham have won the contract to provide support to people with Learning Disabilities living in the community (Winchester and Test Valley)

Cllr. Marion Kerley

- All activities from the lower Guildhall in Andover have successfully transferred to the new Rendezvous

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- Andover CAB outreach – due to funding shortages, outreach at King Arthur's Hall has been cut from 3 to 2 hours
- Neighbourhood Watch in Andover – 3 new co-ordinators
- There are two buses available for hire at the Scott Centre in Andover

Revd. Andrew Ashdown

- Finalising a job description for a part-time Chaplain for Enham Trust
- Requested a letter of thanks / support to be sent to Shepherd Spring School, acknowledging the exceptional way they have handled the closure of the school (Alison to pass this on to the Chief Executive at TVBC).

Cllr. Janet Whiteley

- 'Thank you' to the Police for the way the two house closures at King Arthur's Way was dealt with – welcomed by the community
- New bus service as of 6th June, funded by Winchester Hospital Health Trust. Andover – Stockbridge – Winchester. Four times a day.

David Shields

- The affordable housing scheme in Grateley is starting on site in June 2008 (a Hyde Housing scheme)

Cllr. Sandra Hawke

- Community consultation has taken place for the needs assessment initiated by St Michael's Church in the Millway Ward. Awaiting update from Chris Rankin

Alison Murley

- Madina Boyo-Jalloh, our new Community Development Worker, is starting on 27th May. Working with Test Valley's black and minority ethnic communities, with a focus on mental health and well-being.
- Update from Sal Wright – this year's Summer Diary is currently being put together. If any organisation wants to be included, please contact Sal (swright@testvalley.gov.uk) ASAP – deadline is 9th June. There is a charge for being included in the diary.

7. Dates of future meetings in 2008

24th July, 10-12, Crosfield Hall, Romsey

22nd September, 10-12, Conf Rm 2, Beech Hurst, Andover

24th November, 10-12, Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey

Any agenda items to Alison (01264368622/ amurley@testvalley.gov.uk)