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Minutes of a meeting of the Community Development Action Group of the Test Valley Partnership held on Thursday 26th July 2007, Crosfield Hall, Romsey.

Present:

Janet Blann (TVCS, Chair)
Cllr David Bidwell (King's Somborne PC)
Cllr Mrs Janet Whiteley (TVBC)
Cllr Mrs Sandra Hawke (TVBC)
David Shields (Grateley PC)

Martin Jeffery (Hants Constabulary)
Alison Murley (TVBC)
Louise Gordon (Enham)
Marianne Piggin (TVBC)
Dawn Elson (TVCS)

1. Apologies

Sal Wright (TVBC)
Brian Cowcher (TVBC)
Giv Thornton (CAH)
Sarah Smith (Testway)
David Judkins (Andover Baptist Church)

Cllr Brian Page (TVBC)
Ann Meader (Carers Together)
Sue Shepherd (Andover Vision)
Judith Cohen (Grateley PC)

2. Matters Arising from previous meeting (15th May 2007)

- St Michael's community planning project – based in Millway and Harroway Wards. Local Network Funding has been secured to fund two events for young people. Fun, activity events to attract young people from the immediate area, who will then be consulted on what they would like provided / available to them in the area. Cllr Sandra Hawke attended a recent planning meeting. Giv Thornton from Community Action Hampshire is supporting the group and assisted with the grant application. Giv to provide a further update at the next meeting. If more information required in the meantime, please contact Giv - giv.thornton@action.hants.org.uk
- North Baddesley – Marianne has been working with Julie Lawrence from the Youth Service to progress the NB Youth Club. Local volunteers want to run a youth club in the community centre. Local Network Fund application has been

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made to fund a Youth Worker for 7hrs a week, and for a community fun day. Also in NB, Rock Solid has been successful in securing £7,000 from the Local Network Fund for a Family Support Worker and to run a car mechanic course.

- Andover Baptist Church – David Judkins has begun to compile a database of the many activities run by, and services provided by, the Churches in Andover. It is hoped that the result will be a brochure or website for people to use to easily see what the Churches provide. The results will also be used to identify any gaps. David Judkins to be invited to give an update at the next meeting.

3. Corporate Asset Management Group (Brian Nicholas, TVBC)

The Corporate Asset Management Group is a group made up of representatives from a number of the Council's services. The group looks at all of the Council's assets, including IT, vehicles and property – looking at both the disposal and acquisition of assets, as well as regeneration opportunities.

The community / voluntary sector link in to the work of the group as TVBC own various halls, community centres and offices – including some occupied by voluntary organisations. One of the options the group will be looking at is the possibility of the community / voluntary groups taking on Council owned assets.

In response to questions, Brian confirmed that sub-lets are not affected.

The group has started to put together a database of TVBC assets. Once completed, the database will be available to the public.

Any one with any queries, including any voluntary / community groups that may be interested in taking on a Council owned asset, can contact Brian bnicholas@testvalley.gov.uk

4. One Compact

A new code has been developed – Commissioning and Procurement. The document is out for consultation at present, and the group were encouraged to feedback.

Document to be circulated with minutes

5. TurnAround Project

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The programme of summer activities in the Alamein Ward has been popular. Various things going on including sports, music and circus skills. PCSO's and Neighbourhood Wardens have been involved. A 'Walk of Inspiration' is taking place on 19th August – meeting at King Arthur's Hall at 10am.

Funding for a new kitchen and furniture for King Arthur's Hall should be secured shortly. The new Alamein Community Association (formerly King Arthur's Hall Management Committee), had an away day on 21st July. The day was very positive, and focused the Community Association on the future.

Work has started on the Atholl Court shop. The layout has been designed following consultation with agencies that have expressed an interest in using the shop. Funding for salaries has been secured from a BT community project ('community development administrator') and some capital funding. The official opening of the shop will be taking place in the third week of September, - a CREW will be happening at the same time.

Entries for 'naming the shop' have been coming in. A schedule of use has been put together (to be circulated with minutes)

Chris Lawton is now in post as a 'Family Support Officer' (employed by the Diocese). Also looking to advertise for a Community Development Worker. Kerry's post has funding until October 2008.

6. CDAG's action plan

Draft action plan has been circulated and a big thank you to all members who responded. A final draft was presented to the group. Some further comments were made by the group. Action plan to be amended accordingly and circulated with minutes. The action plan will be referred to every meeting, with progress / updates noted.

7. Information exchange

Louise Gordon – Enham will be submitting a planning application re development on brownfield sites within Enham. Successful in securing supporting people funding for a 'service users seal of excellence'. Enham will be administering the project, recruiting tenants to be assessors. Launched a 'Day Opportunities Programme', which seeks to ensure everyone has opportunities for work. Looking for work and volunteer placements – if anyone is interested, please contact Louise - louise-gordon@enham.org.uk

Martin Jeffery– a piece of work has been commissioned, looking at what is already going on in Test Valley re engaging with communities – identifying who the Police should be

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working with. Martin reminded the group that there was a mobile police office, and offered to display information / leaflets etc from community groups / advertising events.

David Shields – affordable housing scheme in Grateley progressing, and recent research has highlighted an increase in need for affordable housing than originally thought.

Alison Murley – Ampfield and Houghton have completed draft Plans. TVBC have responded to both parishes and referred to Community Action Hampshire. Wellow, North Baddesley, Charlton, Sherfield English and Longstock have all started Plans, and Broughton and Wherwell have made initial enquiries with CAH. Mottisfont have discussed starting a Plan with TVCS.

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) has £5,000 capital funding available for projects that fit their key priorities – which fit in with CDAG’s action plan. CDAG can nominate projects for funding.

8. Future meetings

21st September, 10am – 12 – Andover (upper Guildhall, Andover)

23rd November, 10am – 12 – Romsey (Crosfield Hall)

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