

Leisure and Culture Action Group

Minutes of a meeting held on 6 February 2007

Weyhill Fairground

Present:

Madeline Edmonds, (Chair) Test Valley Arts Foundation
Mike Wickenden, Hampshire County Council, Recreation and Heritage Dept.
Derek Jeffrey, Chief Executive, Valley Leisure
Jenny Stevens, Curator, Andover Museum
Charlotte Malyon, Business Development Manager, TVBC Leisure Services
Dave Kane, Sports Development Officer, Testway Housing
Ian McKie, Head of Leisure, TVBC
Sal Wright, Healthy Living Coordinator, TVBC
Tony McGovern, Community Manager, Mountbatten School
Emily Meadows – Area Youth Worker for Test Valley
Euan Russell, Broadlands
Liz Parker, Weyhill Fairground/Penton Grafton Parish Council
Paul Gardner, Romsey and District Society

1. Apologies

Robert Turner, HCCL Library Service
Janet Blann, Chief Executive, Test Valley Community Services
Mary Franklin, HCCL Library Service
Dave Tasker, TVBC Leisure Services

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

Healthy Living Centres – Emily advised the group that at all sites (except Youth in Romsey) between April and December 2006, there had been 138 new contacts made with young people, 175 were actively taking part on a regular basis, with 351 attendances overall.

Knightwood Leisure Centre – due to problems with anti-social behaviour, the Community Safety Partnership are looking to relocate the Youth Shelter.

4. Reviewing the Leisure and Culture Chapter of the Community Plan

Outcome 1 – More people will have access to sport, recreational and cultural activities.	
Improve access to information, review what's currently available and fill gaps – both web based and hard copy information.	Tony McGovern
Respond to the 'Youth Matters' Green Paper and develop a Youth Offer for young people aged 13–19 years	Emily Meadows
Continue to produce a collective brochure on activities and information for children and young people during the summer holidays	Sal Wright

Outcome 2 – A healthier and happier community as a result of taking part in sport, recreational and cultural activities.		
Support and increase voluntary sector networks that provide opportunities in towns and villages (e.g. health walks group, sports clubs, arts groups, 'friends of' groups).		Liz Parker
Encourage Parish and Town Councils to help increase participation through incentives and sharing good practice.		Liz Parker
Support the Sport and Physical Activity Alliance to plan.	achieve its action	Dave Tasker
Help to make the case for the ongoing funding of outreach programmes that lead to increased participation.		Chair?
Outcome 3 – A more educated community about lifestyle choices.		
Encourage schools to take part in Rock Challenge.		?
Help to achieve better outcomes for young people by partnership with Locality Teams to implement the Targeted Youth Support initiative.	working in Targeted Youth	Emily Meadows / Sal Wright
Develop/refresh library and heritage services in Andover.		Jenny Stevens / Mary Franklin
Awareness raising / plasma screen information into LC4)	WNS centres (links to	?
Outcome 4 – A more supported leisure and creative economy in the Borough.		
Establish a research project that assesses the impact of investment in the leisure and creative industry on the wider economy in Test Valley. (see article in Romsey Advertiser dated 8 December for interest)		Lisa Mitchard

5. Sport and Physical Activity Alliance

In Dave Tasker's absence, Derek Jeffrey reported that the group is developing well and now has an action plan with individual roles and responsibilities. It is planning to (a) explore the possibility of being a separately constituted group and (b) publicise itself at the Andover Sports Fair on 28 April. This group is the delivery arm of the Leisure and Culture Group focusing on increasing levels of participation in sport and physical activity.

For further details of the Andover Sports Fair, go to www.sportandover.org.uk

6. AOB

Liz Parker – Penton Grafton Parish Council have recruited an arts officer and has kept a studio free at the Fairground which is being used for outreach and targeted arts development work. Please refer to calendar of events 2007 (attached)

Euan Russell – please refer to Broadlands website for 2007 information. www.broadlands.net

Tony McGovern – Mountbatten School are piloting an Easter activity club for young people aged between 11–16 years.

Dave Kane – has been invited to a Hampshire Inter Faith Group to help bring in different cultures into his sports development work.

Paul Gardner – Romsey is celebrating its Quarter Centenary Year of the Romsey Charter and the Society will be celebrating this with talks and site visits, planting of Mulberry Trees in the Town Centre.

Jenny Stevens – Andover Museum's visitor numbers for 2006/7 is up by 2,000 on the previous year! Total attendance has now hit the 30,000 mark and is largely due to a successful education programme and work with local schools.

Charlotte Malyon – the Children's Play Strategy has now been approved and a BLF funding bid for the following portfolio of projects is being worked up for the 12 March submission deadline:-

- ❖ Community Play Co-ordinator (employed by Test Valley Community Services to coordinate voluntary open access playschemes),
- ❖ An improved children's play space at Phoenix Park – as part of the wider development of the open space,
- ❖ Inclusive play features at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens – to improve play experiences for children with a disability.

Emily Meadows – the Youth Opportunity Fund has been allocated for this financial year and the process will be smoother for the second year. Sal Wright is helping and is hoping to recruit more young people for the decision making panels in both Andover and Romsey areas. Young people that would like to be on the panel can credit this work to their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

On May bank holiday weekend there is an event being held by young people to help create a Youth Council.

Ian McKie – The Light has gone from strength to strength with the 2nd programme selling well. The cinema in Andover is on track to open in spring 2008. Both are helping to provide confidence in the local economy.

Madeline Edmonds – reminded everyone that Test Valley Arts Foundation is a source of grant funding for the arts.

7. Dates for 2007-2008 Meetings

Tuesday 8 May	6.15 for 6.30pm	The Grosvenor Hotel,	Stockbridge
Tuesday 2 October	6.15 for 6.30pm	King Johns House	