

Leisure and Culture Action Group

Minutes of a meeting held on 7 November 2006

The Lights

Present:

Madeline Edmonds, (Chair) Test Valley Arts Foundation
Mike Wickenden, Hampshire County Council, Recreation and Heritage Dept.
Marion Woods, Test Valley Partnership Manager
Derek Jeffrey, Chief Executive, Valley Leisure
Peter Redmond, Playwriter
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
Janet Blann, Chief Executive, Test Valley Community Services
Emily Meadows – Senior Youth Worker for Test Valley
Euan Russell, Broadlands

1. Apologies

Tony McGovern, Community Manager, Mountbatten School
Matt Atkinson, Acting Principle, Cricklade College
John Barrell, Andover Archaeology Society
Robert Turner, HCCLibrary Service

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Apologies to Euan Russell who had sent apologies which were not recorded. Otherwise agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- LDF - The Issues and Options Paper is available for consultation (attached with the minutes). Please email feedback using the questionnaire to planning@testvalley.gov.uk or post back to Planning Services, Duttons Road, Romsey SO5 18XG by 18 December 2006
- The Extended Schools initiative is progressing well, Jean Lannie is now the co-ordinator for the Andover area, and Tony McGovern is the co-ordinator for the Romsey and surrounding area.
- Targeted Youth Support – discussed later on the agenda.

4. Revising the Community Plan; Test Valley Sustainable Community Strategy.

- There are plans to revise the Community Plan in line with the outcomes framework by June 2007. All 8 themes/partnership groups currently within the Community Plan will stand. It was felt that this is also the right time to review 'No Limits'; the Strategy for Cultural Development in Test Valley.

- A 2½ hour workshop will be organised for each partnership group to answer the 7 questions within the outcomes framework. Leisure and Culture's workshop will be on **Mon January 15, 12.30–4pm at The Lights**
- TAP project update:-
- ✓ A Neighbourhood Activity Co-ordinator has been employed: Kerry St John, based at TVCS. Details: 01264362600, kerry@tvcs.org.uk
- ✓ A shop unit in King Arthur's Way has been purchased. Brian Cowcher is open to suggestions for potential uses. Please feedback ideas to: BCowcher@testvalley.gov.uk
- ✓ Network lunches are very successful and speakers are regularly taking place with attendance of approx 80.
- ✓ Painting of Blenheim Hall took place – combination of presidents and TAP group.
- ✓ Dream project – start on 23 November, organised (in partnership) by Jenny Stevens (Andover Museum) and Kerry St John (TVCS).

5. Andover Arts & Entertainment

- The draft Andover Vision document has been published and is available from the Chief Execs Dept at Test Valley Borough Council. It can also be found on the Council's website www.testvalley.gov.uk. Comments on this document are welcome. Please send feedback to BCowcher@tvbc.gov.uk
- Andover Discovery Centre – the feasibility of combining the Library and Museum services into one facility has been investigated. Due to the costs involved it has been dismissed as an option. HCC Recreation and Heritage have therefore gone back to the drawing board. Some investment is being planned to upgrade existing facilities in the short/medium-term. The long term goal is still to provide a Discovery Centre for Andover.
- Work is underway on the Asda/cinema development.
- Andover Live – next event is 'Christmas Light Fever' on 24 November 2006. Lineup includes the London Gospel Choir and Car Wash as well as local talent/school setc.
- St Mary's Chapel – there is a meeting coming up on 22 Nov 2006 to resolve way ahead.

6. Children & Young People

- Sal gave an update on the Healthy Living Centre initiative which contributes to a range of 'Youth Matters' issues & agendas. Over the summer, Sal co-ordinated the Test Valley Partnership's Summer Diary and a successful "Go for It" Scheme with 362 attendances. Sal also co-ordinates the SNAP discos and links children and young people to a range of services either based at 4HL C's or in outreach settings.
- The Depot update – there have been increasing levels of participation over the past year and record numbers over half term.
- Testway Sevens – Dave Kane provided an update on the scheme which over the past year has included additional activities such as boxing, skipping and fishing within its programme. He tries not to evaluate by numbers alone. The fishing initiative for example was directly targeted at vulnerable young people – small numbers greater gains.

- Youth Darts Academy – is proving extremely popular at helping to increase numeric skills amongst young people and lower the number of calls to the local police on the night that it is held. The Entainer pub and its 'Unicorn' (equipment and clothing brand) are using the initiative as a national template. For further information go to www.andoverdarts.org and click on 'Youth Academy'.
- Children's Play Strategy – in order to access a ring-fenced allocation of Big Lottery Funding for the Test Valley area (approx £200,000) a Play Strategy has been developed through a multi-agency working group. A draft is available from Charlotte Malyon but is yet to incorporate feedback/views of TVBC Management Team and Executive Members. This will be happening over the coming few weeks.

7. Adult Physical Activity

- A 'Sport and Physical Activity Alliance' for Test Valley has been established and is in the process of developing an action plan to increase adult physical activity levels.
- The Andover area 'sports hub' concept is being brought to fruition – now called 'Sport Andover'. It is charged with delivering the sports work stream linked to the Andover Vision. This includes holding a 'Sports Fair' in the Town Centre in Spring 2007 and installing an LCD screen in the front window of the library (Chantry Centre) to promote local sports clubs and opportunities to get involved.
- Valley Leisure update – Derek Jeffrey informed the Group that Valley Leisure had undergone significant reductions in staffing levels to meet business plan targets. He reported that the use of Andover Leisure Centre is down but that the developments at Romsey Rapids had gone down very well and has much higher levels of usage compared to previous years.

8. Future Chair & Vice Chair Positions

- Charlotte reported that she had not received any nominations for the Chair or Vice Chair positions.
- Despite giving notice of her resignation as Chair, Madeleine as agreed to continue as Chair for 2007 but without attending the LSP Board or Chairs and Co-ordinator meetings. Charlotte/Ian will attend these on her behalf.
- Everyone agreed to actively seek a Vice Chair for 2007 with a view to them taking on the role in 2008.

9. Any Other Business

- Emily Meadows, Senior Youth Worker for the Test Valley area – Emily is new to the role (based at The Wedge) and is new to the area. She is the project co-ordinator for the Targeted Youth Support pilot which will initially focus on the Alamein Ward. This will aim to provide a referral mechanism for young people to receive support from a formal justice system.
- Liz Parker – there are 5 exhibitions between now & Christmas at the Weyhill Fairground. Everyone welcome.
- Euan – Broadlands have revamped the farming area off the estate by moving away from traditional crops to producing popular products such as pumpkins. The events programme is growing from strength to strength. The promotional events programme for 2007 is attached with the minutes.

10. Datesfor2007-2008Meetings

PossibleVenue-alltobeconfirmed

Monday15January	12.30–4pm	TheLights
Tuesday6February	6.15for6.30pm	Stockbridge/F airgroundParishHall
Tuesday8May	6.15for6.30pm	Hillier's
Tuesday2October	6.15for6.30pm	KingJohnsHouse