

## Leisure and Culture Action Group

### Minutes of meeting held on 29 January 2008

#### Andover Museum, Andover

##### Present:

Madeline Edmonds, (Chair) Test Valley Arts Foundation  
Charlotte Malyon, Business Development Manager, TVBC Leisure Services  
Amy Redfern, TVBC Leisure Services  
Michael Johnson, Senior Arts Officer, TVBC  
Michael Widén, Test Valley Arts Foundation  
Jenny Stevens, Curator, Andover Museum  
Dave Kane, Sports Development Officer, Testway Housing  
Richard Watson, HCC Children's Services (Youth)  
Mike Wickenden, Hampshire County Council, Recreation and Heritage Dept.  
Wolfgang Bopp, HCC, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens  
Derek Jeffrey, Chief Executive, Valley Leisure  
Dave Tasker, Acting Head of Leisure, TVBC Leisure Services  
Euan Russell, Broadlands

#### 1. Apologies

Christine Cole, Town Centre Manager  
Sal Wright, Healthy Living Coordinator, TVBC  
Dawn Elson, Test Valley Community Services  
Mary Franklin, HCC Library Service  
Julie Lawrence, Test Valley Youth Team, Children's Services Dept. HCC  
Jane Selby, Hampshire County Council, Library Service  
Derek Overfield, Chair of the LSP Health & Wellbeing Group  
Janet Blann, Chief Executive, Test Valley Community Services  
Paul Gardner, Romsey and District Society

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as accurate.

#### 3. Matters Arising

The Final Experian report, 'The Economic Contribution of the Creative, Cultural and Leisure Sector to Test Valley' has been produced. Charlotte Malyon and Michael Johnson are planning to learn about the support given to Creative Industries in Thanet in order to investigate options for the future. They will report back at the next meeting. Charlotte reiterated the positive findings of the report and that this is a base line exercise. For further case study information, please click on the following link.

[http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/aboutus/project\\_detail.php?rid=0&sid=&browse=recent&id=766](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/aboutus/project_detail.php?rid=0&sid=&browse=recent&id=766)

Action Plan Updates:

<b>OUTCOME1: People of all ages regularly take part in sport, recreational and cultural activities</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Encourage Parish and Town Councils to help increase participation through incentives and sharing good practice		Dave Kane will go ahead and contact Parish Councils. Charlotte Malyon will look into the Parish Awards Scheme and will report back next meeting.
Make the case for the ongoing funding of outreach programmes that lead to increased participation	All	Richard Watson informed the group that the Youth Opportunity Fund of £20,000 aimed at 13-19yr vulnerable young people, will be continuing next year.
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)	All-in partnership with TVCS as the lead agency	Test Valley Arts Foundation St Mary's Chapel Project – agenda item.
Achieve better outcomes for young people by working in partnership with Locality Teams to implement the Targeted Youth Support initiative	All-in partnership with HCC as the lead agency	No Updates
Support the Turnaround Project and other targeted initiatives which encourage greater participation among residents	All-in partnership with lead officer on each focus area of the action plan	The current co-ordinator has left and is in the process of being replaced.
Support the Sport and Physical Activity Alliance to achieve its action plan	David Tasker	On agenda.
<b>OUTCOME2: People are more informed as a result of having better access to information on healthy lifestyle choices</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Review what is currently available and fill gaps (both web-based and hard copy information) as part of wider extended services initiative for families.	All-led by Tony McGovern on behalf of the HCC extended services initiative	No Updates.
Respond to the 'Youth Matters' Green Paper and develop a youth offer for young people aged 13-19	Emily Meadows	No Updates
Continue to produce a collective brochure on activities and information for children and young people during the	Sal Wright – all to feed into	No Updates

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<b>Outcome3: Athrivingleisureandcreative economyintheborough</b>		<b>Comments</b>
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#### 5. ExtendedSchools/Services

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will attend the Leisure and Culture Group meetings and coordinate projects in the South. There has recently been an Andover area Extended School Coordinator appointed 'Kim Francis' who is based at Harrow Way School, working alongside Clive Graham.

Small grants for extended services projects are available for partners. Funds are divided between the north and south of the borough. Anyone interested should contact either Kim or Janon:-

[janlefley@hants.gov.uk](mailto:janlefley@hants.gov.uk) or [kimfrancis@hants.gov.uk](mailto:kimfrancis@hants.gov.uk)

## 6. Children's Play at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Wolfgang Bopp, Curator of Sir Harold Hillier Garden, informed the group of the current plans for a new children's play centre at the gardens.

In the design stages HCC set out to have a play area that is inclusive - accessed by able bodied and disabled children. The funds have been sourced from grants through the Big Lottery Fund as part of Test Valley's Children's Play Portfolio. It will hopefully be finished by the end of September 2008.

There are designs in place for 3 separate play areas throughout the garden.

- ◇ Sensory Garden - comprising of a bamboo tunnel and many different feeling plants.
- ◇ Traditional Park - with swings, seats and a rook nest.
- ◇ Treehouse - hopefully made on two levels made entirely of wood. (more of a house on stilts due to size)

Charlotte Malyon took the opportunity to update the group on the other projects that make up the Children's Play Portfolio:-

- Junior playground scheme next to the Phoenix Centre in Andover. The project is being held up by problems with the legal paperwork at the moment.
- Community Play Coordinator - Kelly White began her employment with Test Valley Community Services in January for a 3 year period.

Dave Tasker also updated the group on the proposed Andover Skate Park. The Urban Sports Terrain Club are proposing that this project will increase positive attitudes towards skating and BMX. This is also part of Test Valley Borough Council's corporate plan to develop skate parks in the borough.

## 7. a. HCC Children's Services Update b. Children's and Young Peoples Plan

a. Richard Watson informed the group of the recent steps being taken to merge the Hampshire County Council Youth Service with Connexions. This will lead to Connexions Centres and some universal Youth Clubs in Hampshire being closed. The new Service will provide careers advice on school sites and focus more on targeted interventions with young people showing signs of disaffection/anti-social behaviour. The schools have asked that there be no change until the new school year in September.

b. The consultation for the Children's and Young People's plan took place over two years ago at Paultons Park. This information has now been used to form a draft plan. There has also been a steering group set up, comprising of 20 people. Bernard Sully is the partnership link at Test Valley Borough Council. Richard will send through the draft plan to the group. Responses so far have been very positive however funding has yet to be secured.

The youth forums are still going very well. Andover's forum is young and still developing but is very pro-active. Romsey's forum is funded by the Town Council and is self sufficient. Both have representatives in Local and National Government.

## 8. Sport and Physical Activity Alliance

Dave Tasker informed the group of the Sport and Physical Activity Alliance and the associated action plan (attached to the minutes). The action plan was originally an aspirational document which detailed what the group collectively wanted to see delivered across the borough. Now, many of the projects are starting to take shape and become a reality. The last Sport and Physical Activity Alliance meeting was well attended by committed partners and very good feedback was received. The plan helps the Alliance to plan ahead for 2009 and achieve funding for bigger projects. It is important that the Plan is ambitious. The group is currently chaired by the Sports and Recreation Manager, but as the SPAA is seeking additional funding for a number of potential initiatives, it is intended to elect an independent chair in 2008/09.

## 9. Test Valley Partnership Board

Madeline Edmonds reported that at the Test Valley Partnership Board Meeting the groups all had the same worries and problems, mainly rural transport and housing developments. The Core Strategy Consultation is taking place between 1 February and 14 March. The Leisure and Culture group can voice their opinions and Charlotte Malyon is willing to set up a meeting or the group can set up a smaller working group.

Website link to the consultation page is <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=6516>

The Test Valley Partnership Manager's post is currently being advertised on the Council's website.

## 10. AOB

Andover Arts Society is showing a new exhibition as of 2 February at the Andover Museum.

Andover College is now offering BTEC Sports courses which will help to increase the quality and quantity of sports coaching and administration within the Borough.

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[aredfern@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:aredfern@testvalley.gov.uk)toorderpacksof19for£3.

**Dateofnextmeetings**

6.30pmTuesday20May'08,venue to be confirmed – either The Grosvenor  
Hotel or Peat and Spade Inn.

6.30pmTuesday7October'08, King John's House, Romsey