

Community Learning MINUTES



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Team:	Test Valley Community Learning Partnership		
Date:	22 nd January 2009	Copies to:	As Listed
Venue:	The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge 12-2pm		

Present		
Paul Connor (TABS Training)	Stephen Cottrell (School Improvement Manager, HCC, Chairman)	Vicky Essex (Deputy Head teacher, Winton School)
David Gleave (TVBC – Co-ordinator)	Clive Graham (Community Education Manager, Harrow Way Community School)	Lesley Johnson (Mountbatten School)
Bev Jones (HCC Recreation & Heritage)	Jan Lefley (Community Education Manager, Romsey School)	Melody Mew (Enham)
Sue Muldowney (Recreation & Heritage, HCC)	Terri Sandison (Director of Lifelong Learning & Staff Development, U of W)	Councillor Mrs Ann Tupper
Tina Turner (Sparsholt College Hampshire)		
Apologies		
Roger Buck (First Partnership EBP)	Debbie Dean (Connexions Consortium Manager Eastleigh)	Tim Deery (Head teacher, Portway Junior School)
Jane Long (Andover and District 14-19 Consortium)	Debra McAndrew (HCC Education and Childcare Unit, Test Valley)	Wendy Morrish (Head teacher, Test Valley School)

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Agenda			
1.	Apologies		See above
2.	Election of Chairman		
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting		
4.	Matters Arising		
5.	Report back from Test Valley Community Learning Group		
6.	Any Other Business		
7.	Dates of Future Meetings		

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
2.	<p>Election of Chairman</p> <p>Melody Mew from Enham and Stephen Cottrell had offered to replace Jan as Chairman of the group. After they had both explained their credentials a vote was taken and Steve was elected Chairman.</p> <p>Everybody roundly thanked Jan for all her efforts in chairing the group over the last few years.</p> <p>Chris McShane, represented by his Deputy Head, Vicky Essex, had offered to be vice chairman and he was duly appointed.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Agreed – subject to noting that the mobile classroom will now be launched at 1:30pm on 4th February 2009 at Stockbridge Primary School.</p>

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4.	Matters Arising Rights, Respects, Responsibilities Conference - Councillor Mrs Tupper reported that the Council strongly endorsed the conference and bid for Andover to become a RRR Community and pledged its support in that process.
5.	Report back from Test Valley Community Learning Group (BJ, CG) BJ rehearsed the background to the new sub-group, which replaces the Adult and Community Learning Group. The group needed re-energising and to pilot the County Council's new delegated approach to delivering community learning. The morning's inaugural meeting of TVCLG was well attended by a wide variety of learning providers. Each had been asked to describe its contribution to community learning in Test Valley. The new draft terms of reference had been tweaked and the next meeting would hopefully be able to devote time to gaps in provision and priorities. This is a wealth of good practice on family learning and family support in Test Valley and the maturity of its partnership helps explain why it was chosen by HCC to pilot the delegated approach. Councillor Mrs Tupper noted that the challenging economic times are causing problems of potential dis-engagement among young people living in villages and the rural area where poor transport, lack of opportunities will easily lead to loss of self esteem and worse. JL said that the mobile project would be promoted to all Test Valley parish councils and that she was working with Youth Teams. TT explained how Andover College is trying very hard to engage with those who are NEET (in a project with Connexions) but that the NEET category is both fluid, notoriously intractable to deal with and expensive to work with because it requires frequent face to face contact. The College is appointing someone to work with the 100 or so people who are NEET in Andover. Work on those who are NEET is led by Connexions. JL added that the new Romsey Radio Station has great potential to attract young people to jointly work with schools. DAG mentioned the potential of project funding from the Salisbury Plain LEADER programme dealing with opportunities for young people living in the wallops area. Given the importance generally of those who are and who are potentially NEET combined with the likely impact of the recession on young

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people's job prospects it would be very useful for Julie Tremlin and Debbie Dean to attend the group, if able.

TT explained that opportunities for young people not in work were beginning to open up eg. Programme-led Young Apprenticeships, where you do not have to be in work at the outset.

Following further discussion it was apparent that this group should offer to take the lead within the TVP and organise a conference as soon as possible - late April 2009 – involving all relevant agencies who can support people being made redundant with training re: “Responding to the Recession”.

Agreed: DAG to raise at TVP Board on 22nd January 2009.

14-19 Developments (VE)

Vicky described the conclusions at a recent conference, Creating a Cohesive Curriculum, which includes the impact of changes at Key Stage 3 on the focus on schools working to ensure pupils are ready for the workforce in the next 5 years. The Rose Review into the curriculum warned that children need to develop a resilience to the inevitable portfolio careers they will be expected to have in contrast to the “same job for life”. Other issues included the practical difficulties involved in implementing the diploma and travel-to-learn in remote rural areas and a strengthening of IAG to emphasise the diploma.

Andover Inclusion Partnership (SC)

Andover Education Centre is a facility for the whole Valley so it is essential that all relevant groups share information in groups like this.

University of Winchester (TS)

The University is taking part in a national pathfinder, Aimhigher Associates, which entails group and e-mentoring about 30 Year 9 and Year 10 pupils in two of Andover's secondary schools.

The Andover Junior Graduation Event (July 2009) involving all of the town's junior schools, is in its planning phase.

The University pro Vice Chancellor Chris Turner has been appointed to the Andover Vision Board.

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6.	Any Other Business JL complained that the existing Children’s Centres providers had not been invited to tender for the third phase of CC, covering the rural area. Therefore, in contrast to all efforts to engender local partnership working, it was now possible for a national or external provider who would not be locally accountable to come in. JL under a programme called Aiming Higher is hoping to set up a one stop shop to support families with disabled children. The conference should be on/after 27 April 2009 at Beech Hurst. Anyone wanting to get involved in a small group to oversee the event should contact David Gleave.
7.	Dates of Future Meetings 12 noon – 2pm at the Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge (lunch provided) on: Tuesday 31 March 2009 Tuesday 19 May 2009 Tuesday 14 July 2009 (restaurant) Tuesday 15 September 2009 Tuesday 8 December 2009