

**Minutes of Meeting of FARNBOROUGH & ALDERSHOT  
BRANCHES held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 at Council Offices,  
Farnborough Road, Farnborough.**

**Present:**

Debbie Wall	Chairperson, Children & Young People Officer, Rushmoor B.C.
Caroline Keith	Co-ordinator
Audrey Greenway	Secretary
Margaret Baldwin	NE Hants Portage
Karen Evans	NE Hants Domestic Violence Forum
Chris Frankland	Farnborough EYC
Sue Hathaway	Rushmoor Voluntary Services
Janet Morton	Hampshire Educational Psychology Service
Stephanie Mount	Frogmore Kids Club
Julie Riley	HCCF Co-ordinator - Hart

**Apologies:**

Niki Densley	Area SENCO
Sue Dyer	PAG Special Play/Afasic Hampshire
Sarah Lees	Insight/PAG/KIDS
Milai Livingstone	EMAS Development Officer
Ann Norton	Area SENCO

1) **Matters arising from Minutes of Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2006** – none.

2) **Co-ordinator's Report** – copy attached. **Caroline** said that at the HCCF AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> October a representative is needed from each Branch who will vote by card. Karen volunteered to attend on behalf of the Branch.

3) **Any other business** – **Audrey** said the playscheme did not run at Beaumont this summer because of low numbers and asked Debbie whether numbers had thus picked up at Princes Hall. Debbie replied that numbers were low there and Connaught also and it was felt that parents were making other arrangements with relatives and friends carrying out the care. Audrey said Beaumont's Parent and Toddler Club was low with numbers and considering a change of meeting day – Julie suggested distributing publicity at the local school.

**Karen** informed there is a support group running for victims of domestic abuse each Tuesday morning, further details from Gerrie Jordan on 01489 577818/07962 915870 e-mail [gerrie.Jordan@btopenworld.com](mailto:gerrie.Jordan@btopenworld.com). A perpetrator programme is also running which addresses long term behaviour change. Men can self refer to this programme by calling the Hampton Trust on 02380 213520. The Forum is delivering healthy/unhealthy relationship and domestic violence sessions in local secondary schools.

**Chris** said their playscheme had been busy with children across the age range from 3-10 year olds and they had to employ an extra member of staff. They were advising that older children transfer to the Oak Farm scheme. Due to demand they will open at half-term and will be open all day on the 20<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas shopping, children can be booked in hourly or daily. A Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 11am-3pm. The Autumn Term brochure listing all their activities and courses is now available, further details from 01252-376879.

**Sue Hathaway** stated the RVS are participating in Hampshire Constabulary's new training programme to provide better understanding of the needs of the community. They will shortly have for 1 week a female officer who will be in the office, attend meetings and also be involved with Dial-a-ride, home help, gardening, Volunteer Bureau, and the Community Centre. They have been involved with others in producing a 'Swift Guide to Mental Health'. 10,000 copies have been produced with funding from Awards for All and there are still funds to produce a website.

The Voluntary Sector Forum that is based around the needs of voluntary organisations will meet again in the morning on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at Princes Hall. The speaker is Peter Amies, Head of Community Services at Rushmoor Borough Council. The Mayfield Community Partnership had a very successful lunch in July and there are plans to repeat this possibly at the Church of the Good Shepherd and to invite mums and dads - hopefully up to 40 people. They are also looking to hold a Carol Service in the Prospect Centre. Sue was sad to announce that their Chief Executive, Sally Saunderson will be leaving and she will be sadly missed.

**Margaret** said they have a gigantic waiting list but a new Home Visitor is starting for 18.5 hours per week which should help to reduce numbers. Early Support Programme (ESP) Meetings are being developed in Aldershot and Farnborough. Through gathering everyone involved together at one meeting the aim is for families to be supported by 1 person so that parents will not have to constantly repeat information about their child to each professional.

**Julie** informed that she started last week and is covering for Kate Philpot. Julie is actively involved in school and pre-schools in the Blackwater area.

**Stephanie** stated their Holiday Play Scheme was successful but numbers are low for the After School Club this term. She is involved with Family Learning at Frogmore Infants School and is setting up a Healthy Eating Workshop in October.

**Janet** said Tracy Band who worked with Portage and Pre-schools is still ill and on sick leave. The County have decided on a pilot Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Pathfinder Scheme at Oak Farm for children in need which will be multi-agency. The structure of Children's Services will change to Locality Teams.

**Debbie** reported that KIDS Rushmoor Playuscheme at Henry Tyndale School had been very successful again. Unfortunately the premises will not be available next summer and there is no funding available either. It costs £16,000 to run for 3 weeks so new funding is being sought as parents wish it to continue and also to be extended. The newly published Arena magazine and Horizons booklet have useful information. The Town Twinning Autumn 2006 Newsletter is now available. The What's On Guide is now available, on Website only, at [www.rushmoor.gov.uk](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk). Debbie said her Department has been re-organised as Community Services and the position of a Healthy Living Officer to work mainly with 16 years plus is being advertised. Rushmoor Play Strategy has been allocated £200,000 from Play England to develop a plan for the Borough. Community Action Hampshire, in partnership with the Hampshire Children & Young People's Voluntary Sector Alliance, are holding a Hampshire Rural Pathfinder Project Conference – entitled 'Get going! Learning the lessons to improve access to transport and services for children and young people in Hampshire' – on the 27<sup>th</sup> October, from 9.15am – 1.00pm at Colden Common Community Centre in Winchester. For further details e-mail [Shirley.whitfield@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:Shirley.whitfield@action.hants.org.uk) by the 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Debbie said **Sue Dyer** had sent her apologies and provided information that a joint sports day held with Mallards and Football in the Community had been well received. MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) workshops will be held on a weekly basis at the West End Centre on Thursdays – further information from Karen Flackett on 651167. PAG have secured a Pantomime booking again for the whole of the Princes Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and are now looking for funding to cover costs.

**Caroline** stated that the Green and Global Fun Day will be held in Aldershot at the Princes Hall on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 11am-4.30pm. HCFE need Trustees with a financial background. There is a Playwork Recruitment Fair at Winchester Guildhall on the 23rd October from 1.00pm – 7.00pm, where providers will be available to talk to and will be advertising any jobs they have. There will also be information available on training courses.

## **NEXT MEETING OF THE HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN & FAMILIES FORUM – FARNBOROUGH & ALDERSHOT BRANCHES:**

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2007, 12.30-1.30pm, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.**



