

**Minutes of Meeting of ALDERSHOT & FARNBOROUGH
BRANCHES held on Friday, 11th May, 2007 at Council
Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.**

Present:

Debbie Wall	Chairperson, Children & Young People's Officer, Rushmoor - (debbie.wall@rushmoor.gov.uk)
Caroline Keith	Co-ordinator – farnborough@hcff.org.uk
Audrey Greenway	Secretary- ray@greenwayr.freeserve.co.uk
Jane Armstrong	Headteacher – jane.armstrong@farnboroughgrange.hants.sch.uk
Margaret Baldwin	NE Hants Portage – margaret.baldwin@hants.gov.uk
Betty Barrett	Job Centre Plus
Alison Cooper	Services Manager – alison@parityfordisability.org.uk
Sue Dyer	PAG Special Play/Insight – pag.specialplay@googlemail.com
Chris Frankland	Centre Manager – Chris.frankland@farnborough-eyc-hants.gov.uk

Apologies:

Niki Densley	Area Inclusion Co-ordinator – niki.densley@hants.gov.uk
Catherine Gobart	KIDS – catherine.gobart@kids.org.uk
Sue Hathaway	Development Officer – sue@rvs.org.uk
Irene Pollard	Senior Organiser – homestart@nehants.fslife.co.uk

1) Matters arising from Minutes of Friday, 26th January, 2007 – Sue said she had verbal confirmation that KIDS Rushmoor Playscheme can be held at Cove Manor Infants School from the 30th July to the 17th August from 10am to 3pm but awaits written confirmation. The cost will be £12.50 per session, an increase on previous years cost of £10. As it is the end of The Children's Fund money, they are looking for other funding. Jane said the Extended Schools project has been allocated £80,000 for the whole of Rushmoor and there is a requirement to nominate a lead body for Childrens Services (similar to The Children's Fund Board) which she and Dave Harvey at Oak Farm are currently leading. There are 5 main projects that hopefully will be funded and can become self-sustaining. Alison said she and PAG had met with Holly McAuley (Play and Childcare Development Officer) to identify the strengths of their organisations as they have the expertise but no resources for youth activities. Four years ago Heather Chalkley had prepared a report on provision for disabled youth but has not the ability/time to raise fund for KIDS Rushmoor. A meeting is being held on the 21st May from 10am to 12 noon to bring interested parties together to discuss the difficulties and to look into the possibility of funding a worker to obtain funds for these projects. Alison has also been working with Crossroads on a similar project.

2) Co-ordinator's Report – copy attached.

3) Training – Chris said their Level 111 Playworker training that starts in September will be held in the evenings from 7.30-9.30pm. A Level 11 course Certificate in Childcare, Learning and Development that covers 0-16 years will also start in September with a whole-day crèche for which there will be a charge. There will be Level 1 'taster' course running for 12 weeks aimed at those with no experience. **Debbie** said the NE Hants Training Group meets next week, there is always a demand for more First Aid training, and to pass on any requests to her. Sue said she has been waiting to hear from Sharon Goodchild about a Special Children, Special Parents course to cover behaviour for teenagers. Chris stated that it would be helpful if all those providing Family Learning courses could publicise them in one group leaflet for which funding might be required.

4) Hampshire Play Network – Debbie said Play Strategy for Rushmoor are hosting a lunch on the 23rd May to thank those who have helped to shape the Strategy. It highlights the gaps in provision and the small resources available.

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5) **Any other business** – **Caroline** said the North Camp Summer Fair will be held on the 30th June from 12 noon to 4pm with the usual procession starting at Boots. **Audrey** said Beaumont Pre-school are investigating the possibility of opening an under-tuos unit in their community area. **Alison** stated that Parity for Disability now have planning approval for building their premises in Cherrywood Road, Farnborough. **Margaret** informed that Portage are fully staffed and they are able to give outreach work for 7 hours per week to pre-schools. **Chris** said their Holiday Club for 3-11 year olds will be open for the 6 weeks of the school summer holidays from 9am to 4pm and will consider extending session times if there is a demand – the charge will be £4 for morning or afternoon sessions, £10 for the whole day. They will be holding a Summer Fair on the 30th June from 11am to 3 pm. The Officebobs Directory for Rushmoor written by parents for parents will require extra funding in order to sustain it. On the 8th June from 2.30 to 4.00pm in the Mayfield Community Centre there will be an opportunity for parents and agencies to ask questions about the Children’s Centre which is due to open in the Community Wing of Cherrywood Primary School plus on the 12th June during SureStart week a 1-day presentation in Princes Mead. In July there will be activities aimed at families to decide upon a name and a logo for the Centre. **Jane** stated that Liz Jones who worked in the Early Years Centre has been appointed to the Pre-school Outreach Team to provide early support for children with disabilities. She will cover Rushmoor and Hart ensuring families are aware of all the agencies available to them.

Sue said Parkside are holding a Fun Day in Aldershot Park on the 10th June between 12 noon and 4pm. Sarah Lees from Insight had asked her to publicise their meetings which are held on the last Monday of the month from 7.30pm at Willems Park Brewers Fayre (behind Tesco), Aldershot – to contact Sarah on 01252-332684 or Julia Dyer on 01252-650528. On the 15th May the Hart/Rushmoor Autistic Group will be visiting Aldershot Military Museum between 10 and 11.30am. PAG have booked the Princes Hall for the Pantomime on the 9th December for which they need a minimum of £5,000 to cover costs - further details from 01252-519142. The Southwood Golf Club hope to raise this amount for them. MADD’s activities for 9-16 year olds will continue at the Princes Hall between 6-6.45pm until the end of June – further details from Heather Chalkley on 01252-519142. They have applied to the Local Network Fund to cover the costs of the activities they provide. Jane informed Sue that 12 places are reserved for special needs children in their nursery unit.

Debbie said the Hants & Isle of Wight Youth Games will be held at the end of June. Details of Summer activities including free and cheap events will be distributed to every household in the Borough. Aldershot Town Football Club are holding a Junior Soccer School Disability Football One-day Coaching Special on Wednesday 15th August, from 10am to 2pm at Aldershot Park. The course is free but an application form must be sent to the football club. Further details from 01252 339384.

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

Friday, 28th September, 2007, 12.30-1.30pm, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.



