



**HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES FORUM**  
**Minutes of Andover Branch Meeting**  
**Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2007**  
**TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers**

**PRESENT**

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**APOLOGIES**

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Sharon Goodchild, Parent Development, HCC  
Debra McAndrew, EECU, Senior Officer  
Hannah Plom, Childrens Library Service  
Janice Buckley, Kidschurch  
Mandy Pike, First Partnership

(JW) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone (position of chairperson for Andover HCFF branch remains vacant). Introductions.

(SG) gave the very sad news to anyone who hadn't heard that Jean Lannie lost her battle with cancer and passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning. She will be a great loss to her family, many friends and work colleagues and to the community of Andover.

Minutes of last meeting agreed

#### Children Centre Update

(LH) updated meeting – Twin Core Centres @ Shepherds Spring and Acorns Early Years Centre. Tina Monaghan Centre manager and will recruit a deputy. Coordination of services to support each other. Slow to progress at Shepherds Spring until closure July 2008. Possibility of beginning to offer services in Shepherds Spring School early next year as numbers of pupils decline. Childcare providers will be contacted out to local providers to tender contracts for childcare provision either singularly or collaborated.

#### Sue Sheppard – Andover Vision

Andover Vision launched October 2006 -. A 20-year plan to raise aspirations, improve education/ arts/ sport and facilities in Andover. Various agencies came up with a blueprint for development of the town. Explanation brochures sent to every home in Andover.

Two Vision ambassador children from local schools to attend meetings to contribute ideas and feedback to their school on developments (1<sup>st</sup> meeting scheduled Nov 07)

Four live events each year including Sport/ Music and Food Fayre. Meeting to discuss the future of the carnival and the idea of a walking procession.

Christmas Light Switch on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> with fireworks at 7.30pm – date to be featured in HCFF Autumn newsletter (SG)

#### Amanda Maxwell – Social worker for disabled children – New Forest and Test Valley

In children's services for disabled children there have been changes to the structure of services on offer. Any concerns to be discussed with families first then referred or self-referral to R and A team in Andover. All children entitled to support – Children's Act. Initial core assessment with a holistic approach within

35 days of referral to identify various ways to help and support children and their families eg play therapy, parenting support. Work with local support providers and voluntary organisations.

### Chris Lawton – Andover Covenant Churches Family Support

Initiated by St Mary's, St Michaels West Andover and Smannel Road Anglican churches to support families mainly in North Andover. A 5-year post for Chris. Initially finding out and listening to people's needs, time for small groups to meet and chat offering support to families. 2 sessions for parents of any age children at Atholl Court Shop on Tuesday 1 – 3pm and Thursday 9 – 12.30pm. Will be signposting to local services eg Health Visitors and Andover Family Learning

### Play Strategy Update (SG)

Charlotte Maylon informed of projects success in being awarded £200,000 to pay for play worker for Test Valley, a play park at Phoenix center and an inclusive play area at Hillier Gardens. Update meeting Monday 24 September at Beechurst council Offices @ 11am

### HCCFF website and Newsletters

Any events to go on the website information board please forward to S.G.  
Any articles for forthcoming newsletter please email to S.G, by October 5th if possible, for inclusion. Delivering newsletter the week of 5<sup>th</sup> November to families via schools and pre schools, GP Surgeries, Health visitors, Community groups and local venues – now funding for 5000 copies for the Andover area

### HCCFF AGM

Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm at Littleton Memorial Hall (CL) agreed to attend and vote on behalf of Andover Branch HCCFF – many thanks.

### Information Exchange

MF The Aradarzi report from the Department of Health suggests engaging professionals in a clinical pathway to improve routine antenatal and post natal checks, staying healthy, pediatric care, children's services, palliative and mental health services.

JO Portage, based at Acorns taking referrals and offering preventative courses such as baby / child massage.

CO Recruiting CIS outreach workers to deliver brokerage, handholding and supporting families with information and childcare provision. Developing Parents information on Hants Fish. JC asked for information for parents on starting school – look to admissions department

Be aware of any infant school / primary school open days for new entrance children and inform (SG)

KSJ Walk for Inspiration held in August was very successful @ 50 people took part. Termly newsletter 'Grapevine' for Alamein residents can be used to promote services and events. Fun Day community event at Knights Enham junior school planned for Saturday 22 Sep for families 10am – 4pm – all welcome. Atholl Court Shop providing information now including IT support.

Kids church Looking for volunteers to help run after school clubs, @ 3.15pm – 5 ish

VA Homestart on their way to Andover. Full trustee board now established. Hoping to be up and running spring 2008. Some funding has been offered – more required. SS suggested HAS have funding for community projects, equipment and events contact Chris Harrison

JC Information on school intake for 2008 needed for parents

LW Pointed out CAF training needs in Andover and Romsey – check Hants Fish

SG Jane Gagel at Andover museum has moved on as Dreams Project completed

Dawn Elson now Community Development Officer at TVCS, no longer attending HCFF meetings except for specific information. Thank you to Dawn for all her advice, information and support to HCFF.

Jon Chapman to replace Marie Brewer as Childcare Development Worker for Winchester and Test Valley.

Hannah Plom and Val O'Sullivan new children's librarians for area including Andover

Kay Hendy EECU Area Inclusion coordinator (INCO) supporting preschools and nurseries in Winchester, Andover and Stockbridge

Voluntary sector Forum Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10 – 12 in Longstock

Family Links Parenting Programmes beginning week of Sep 24<sup>th</sup> – contact Siobhan Down at AFL for details or to refer .

#### Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 9.30 am – 11.00am. To be held at TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers, South Street, Andover. (Thank you to TVCS)

#### Close of Meeting

Thank you to speakers for their time and to everyone for attending today.



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