



**HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES FORUM**  
**Minutes of Andover Branch Meeting**  
**Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers**

PRESENT

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APOLOGIES

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(SG) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Introductions.

Minutes of last meeting agreed - noted spelling of Ara- Darzi / Welcome to (KW) appointed Play Strategy co-ordinator and (KF) appointed to Extended Services / thanks and appreciation to (CL) for attending HCFF AGM and voting on Andover Branch's behalf – a successful event / update on Athol Court shop (CL) – possible credit union steering group to be established to offer debt training and clothes exchange to include school uniform.

Kim Francis – Extended Schools

In post for 8 days, based at Harrowway – Has established that a lot is going on already with extended services for schools who seem happy to engage with the project.

Thinking about which areas need to be improved and exactly what is happening where and when - need a list of after school and breakfast clubs ER to help.

Possible future newsletter for extended services to be distributed through schools to keep families informed.

Launch of Parentaid was successful – directories have been distributed to schools / services and professionals - more are available from KF.

KF and Clive Graham to meet with John Withers at Romsey to discuss Parentaid Directory becoming available on the web.

#### Kelly white – Play Strategy co-coordinator

In post for a fortnight, based at TVCS Offices.

£200,000 Big Lottery funding for a three year project, open access play in Test Valley (not child care).

Working with Rae Adams from TVBC play and leisure safety.

Planning for Easter holidays at Phoenix Park in Andover.

Need to recruit volunteers to become 'Play rangers', similar project in Bath and Bristol. Training and CRB checks to be carried out.

Anyone who might be interested in becoming Play rangers to contact KW for details / information.

Suggested approaching Andover College students + Duke of Edinburgh Award teenagers.

#### HCFF Andover Directory

Kate Philpot sends apologies for today. SG gave information on HCFF intention to produce up to date copy of Information Directory for families in and around Andover (last edition 2004). To include information on local groups, clubs, schools and services.

Would be distributed through schools, Health Visitors and services. Suggested to be included in Parent Information Packs via Children's Centres and Estate Agents for families moving into area.

Some funding already available from HCFF ring fenced money. Establish number required and printing cost of directories for all families in area (SG)

#### Maggie Fisher

Following the reorganization within the PCT (7 into 1) there have been some financial difficulties. The equity of provision is in question which may lead to streamlining of groups and services in our area.

May need help/ support from colleagues if services do become under threat; reduced or cut.

#### Karen Anthony – Children's Centre update

Interviews planned for recruitment of co-coordinator to support Tina Monaghan at Shepherds Spring CC + Family Support Workers for both centre's ( Shepherd Spring and Acorns).

Acorns is to become designated CC from end of March.

Shepherds Spring Junior school will be refurbished from Easter to become the Andover education Centre (pupil referrals).

The refurbishment of the Infant site to begin soon after the school closes in July ready to open as a CC early in 2009.

Series of Information events about Children's Centre's TBC.

Tina Monaghan working on the Establishment of a Partnership Board for the Andover CC

Practitioners Forum planned for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January @ noon at acorns – for details contact Tina Monaghan.

#### HCFF 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 February 1<sup>st</sup> if possible please, for inclusion. Delivering newsletters the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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

#### Information Exchange

EG - Andover Family learning offering a NCFE accredited level 1 Learning Through Play course – ideal for people interested in working in childcare. Monday mornings at harrowway for 2 hours. Contact Karen Birks for details.

Sandy Craig has changed her role slightly to 3 days a week Tues/ Weds/ Thurs as Learning Development co-coordinator for AFL, organizing courses and curriculums with Clive Graham taking on the managerial role of AFL.

JS - The museum will be holding school holiday activities, trails and quizzes (Tues – Sat) with a workshop normally held on Thursday's in the holidays 10-12 / 2-4 pm. Shadow puppets planned for February half term and in March, Tooth and Claw British Wildlife and Predators. All events are featured on the HCC Andover Museum website.

The Education officer role funded by government is to continue with Owain in post working closely with schools. Looking at possible Pre School interest for the museum.

MF - Family links Nurturing Programme Parent Group Leader training planned for Jan 30<sup>th</sup> / 1 / 7 and 8 February costing £275 (have been subsidized through Extended Services and Children's Fund) contact MF for information.

Top up Training for schools to train new staff &/ or compliment existing training  
Is scheduled for 13 and 14 March.

13 schools in Andover now using the Nurturing Schools Programme

Facilitator and Parent comments about the programme are now available – [www.familylinks.org.uk/about/accounts.htm](http://www.familylinks.org.uk/about/accounts.htm)

JC - The Welfare standards are changing which means all staff in settings and childminders working at home will be working to one set of standards in order to be registered, training will be required.

HP – Sharing role of Children's librarian with Val O'Sullivan providing flexible outreach covering 13 libraries in Winchester / Eastleigh and Andover.

Andover library will be re opening on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January following refurbishment – Library manager – Martin Knowles.

Activities will be advertised once arranged.

LW – Plan to provide services for childminders at Children's Centres and so parents can access information about Childminders.

Already held 2 childminder drop in sessions at Acoms and on 6 Feb at Kidschurch for the Alamein ward.

ER – continue to work more in the Andover area with Jon Chapman working in Winchester.

Liase with KF about out of schools clubs and groups that exist.

CL – The Atholl Court Information Shop opening times are:

Monday 9am – 2pm with AFL / Tuesday afternoon with Youth Team / Weds afternoon with TestWay Housing, Thursday mornings and then every other Thursday afternoon with Test Valley.

SG – Information following the HCFF Consultation Pamper Days for parents of Vulnerable Children now available on the web site.

TVCS are recruiting for a Community Involvement Officer

Interviews have been held to replace Kerry St John as Activities co-coordinator for the Turnaround project, who leaves end of January – best of luck to her.

Extended Services Conference March 28<sup>th</sup> at Botley Park Hotel

Market Place Event in conjunction with above aimed at strengthening partnerships between the voluntary and community Sector organizations and schools. A few tables available to showcase services will be available at this event - contact Sally Brook at HCFF 01962 843677 [development@hcff.org.uk](mailto:development@hcff.org.uk)

for information.

Youth Inclusion Support Programme has been re-launched to support 8 – 13 year olds who are at risk of offending. Support from caseworkers and activities for those referred.

Hampshire Children's Trust has been using questionnaires to consult families on their views on the help available for children with emotional, social or behavioral difficulties. They would appreciate anyone who could complete further questionnaires by end of January. Findings of the consultation will be presented Feb/ March 2008

#### Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 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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