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MINUTES FOR HCFF BORDON AND LIPHOOK BRANCH MEETING  
HELD AT THE CHASE CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
ON Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007

**Present:**

Kim Francis-HCFF, Christine Lehegarat – Homestart, Sharon Gooch – Youth Service, Doreen Steel- Chase Children's Centre, Karen Cunningham- Portage, Lynda Heelis –Health Visitor, Eileen Torbet- Family Link Worker St. Marks Church, Stephanie Souidon- Hollywater School /Home school link worker, Shena West- Bordon Pyramis Home/ school link worker, Kate Fryatt HAT Co-ordinator EHDC

**Apologies:**

Alison Joy-Bordon HIVE, Ann Wright – Deputy Head- Grayshott Primary, Caroline Trimmer- Early Advisory Teacher, Jan Scard- Youth Service, Sharon Goodchild- Parent Development Team, Evelyn Askew- Relate.

Kim opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and wished them all a belated Happy New Year and informed members of apologies received. Everyone gave a brief introduction in order to familiarise themselves with other members.

**Co-ordinators Report:**

Kim stated that she was no longer the Alton Co-ordinator for HCFF and that a new co-ordinator was in post and her name is Jo Bishop. Kim then informed members that her 'spare' ten hours were now being worked at Chase Children's Centre as Community Link Worker. Kim felt that the knowledge she has gained through HCFF will help bridge gaps in partnership working that the community link worker will need.

Kim highlighted the meetings that she has attended since the last branch meeting and went into these in more detail:

East Hampshire Play Strategy meeting and reported they are in the process of applying for the £200,000 lottery funding. Kim will attend another meeting in February and report back to members the progress on the funding application..

Working with Young People Surgeries – the next meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Forest Community Centre in Bordon from 7.30 – 9.30.pm Anyone who works with children and young people are invited to attend to ask questions about any problems that they be having sustaining the group. These may include premises issues, funding problems, keeping young people focused, transport etc. Kim will sen out information on the event nearer the time.

Extended Service – Kim attended the Extended services workshop in Alton in December. As yet, workshop 2 is to be arranged. Kim reported that although the Extended Services workshops were a good idea, it was felt that information given was a little confusing at times and how to get the scheme off the ground was proving more problematic as Bordon has seven schools in its pyramid and trying to spread services within this pyramid was difficult. Kim is hoping to contact some of the heads of the pyramid schools to enquire how to carry this forward in a positive way.

East Hants Community Partnership - Kim attended the Autumn Conference. Lottery funding is available and Kim chose to identify what was available for children and young people. Kim attended one workshop in relation to children and Young people and also one relating to services already available in East Hampshire and what information was available to inform others of these services and how the services were evalutated.

East Hants Strategy Group is in the process of changing to become more locally based. What this means is that instead of all the stakeholders involved in the EHCYSG meeting together, smaller groups based in areas i.e Bordon will meet to discuss the needs of children and young people on a more local scale and then in turn report back to the main group as a whole.

#### Childrens Fund

Kim informed the members that from 2008 the fund will no longer be in existence. Funds have been allocated for this year but more funding has become available, so the Steering Group need will be meeting again to discuss how to allocate the extra funds. Projects that already have funding from the Children's Fund have been invited to apply for extra funding.

#### Consultation

The consultation topic for this term is a Pamper Day for parents who have children with special needs. It is taking place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Farnborough Early Years Centre, from 10.00am to 3.00 pm. The sessions available are free and these include beauty therapies, hand massages, make up and other massages. Parents are able to take children but there are no crèche facilities. Kim has put forward that maybe Homestart in Farnborough could provide volunteers to help with the crèche. Kim will be receiving more information on the event in due course and will send out the information to members as soon as it is available. Kim has asked that members let any parents know about the upcoming event and to email or phone Kim for further information.

#### Newsletter

2,500 copies of the newsletter will be available this term for distribution and the deadline for this terms newsletter is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Distribution will take place during the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

#### Directories

Thanks to Doreen at the Chase who has agreed to fund half of the printing costs of the new directory. Kim will seek funding for the HCFF 50% through advertising and other avenues. Kim has also been busy with the data input so information is now available online via the HCFF website. There is still a lot of data to be entered so if you don't see your information please bear with Kim as she endeavours to complete it as soon as possible. If you feel that Kim hasn't asked for details please email her and she will send you a consent form to fill in and SIGN in order for the information to be entered in.

#### Any Other Business

Kate Fryatt from HATS (Hampshire Action Team) came along and informed members of her role within HATs. "HATs are the County Councillors of a given area meeting together on a regular basis to ensure that the County is listening to and taking account of local needs and issues in its local services and working with their partners to make improvements wherever they are needed and possible." Kate informed the branch that there will be various listening events in the district that agencies will be invited to. Kate will send Kim an invite in due course. Kim thanked Kate for coming and wished her well in her role in the District.

#### Information Exchange

Eileen Torbet – Family Worker based at St Marks Church- Eileen informed members that there had been an increase in members to 'Little Fishes' toddler group that is held at St. Marks Shared Church. Also, once a month, a group called TiddlyWinks was also run on a Wednesday afternoon. Eileen also pointed out that families could self refer. [torbetfamily@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:torbetfamily@yahoo.co.uk)

Sharon Gooch- Youth Service- Sharon updated members on various areas that included Teenage Bumps and Babes that is now on a Monday at 12.00 pm at the Bordon Youth Centre. One member of the UK Youth Parliament

is a member of the East Hampshire Youth Council. Liphook is starting up a youth Forum . Sharon also informed members that there is a Fund available for 13 – 19 year olds called the Youth Opportunity Fund. The Application has to be written by the Young People to ensure that the application is deemed a success.  
[sharon.r.gooch@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.r.gooch@hants.gov.uk)

**Doreen Steel- Chase Children's Centre-** Doreen informed members that Chase Children's Centre is now a designated Surestart Centre. Doreen then added that the centre was busy with working towards the extension of the centre and that there are exciting and challenging times ahead. At present the centre is working towards opening a monthly Saturday Dad's Club and funding was being sort from various organisations. Doreen also informed members that Kim now works 10 hours a week in the centre as Community Liaison Worker.  
[DoreenSteel@chasecc.org.uk](mailto:DoreenSteel@chasecc.org.uk)

**Karen Cunningham- Portage-** Karen informed members that Portage Pals meets once a month at Chase Children's Centre from 09.30 – 11.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. At present Portage are fund raising for a trip to Legoland for the families being supported by Portage. Staff are entering the LIBDA Bike ride to help raise the £2- 2.5 thousand needed to fund the trip. Karen has asked that if anyone wishes to sponsor the team to let her know. A Home Visitor is hopefully going to be in post by March and it has also been decided to have a permanent Administrator in post as well. [Karen.Cunningham@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.Cunningham@hants.gov.uk)

**Lynda Heelis- Health Visitor-** There is now one Health Visitor in Alton and Bordon Health Visitors are helping in Liphook. Child Health Assesments are carried out when the child is one, and then follow up phone call is carried out at two years of age. Sarah Northcott who is a Nursery Nurse is now linked to the Health Visitors.

**Stephanie Souidon- Hollywater School-** Stephannie informed members of her role within Holywater School and informed members that she was a Home / School Link worker. Stephanie is also involved in a Parent Involvement Group that ensures that Parents have a chance to talk about what they want and need.

**Sheena West- Home School Link Worker, Bordon Pyramid-** Sheena works with up to two families per school in the pyramid which includes The Holme Primary School, St. Matthews, Weyford Infants, Weyford Juniors, Bordon Infants, Bordon Juniors and Woodlea. The work Sheena carries ensures that there is continuity between the School and home and she helps with strategies for behaviour or emotional issues.

Kim Thanked everyone for coming and set a date for the next meeting.

Date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007  
Time: 1.30 pm  
Place: Chase Children's Centre

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