



Hampshire Children and Families Forum

EASTLEIGH BRANCH
(covering Chandlers Ford,
Eastleigh, Bishopstoke,
Fair Oak, Horton Heath)

SRN PARISHES BRANCH
(covering West End, Hedge
End, Botley, Bursledon, Netley
and Hamble.)

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Minutes of Branch Meeting held 10a.m-12 noon, Wednesday 17th January 2007, Fair Oak Squash Club, Campbell Way, Fair Oak.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Linda Knowles (Co-ordinator), Sarah White (Solent Youth Action), Chris Exton (Wildern Opportunity Group), Terry Marchant-White (Romsey Disability Team), Sue Shearman (Health Visitor, Eastleigh and Test Valley PCT), Chris Bird (PDW Eastleigh PLA), Sylvia Randall-Cobb (Health Visiting), Sue Foster (Parent Link, Wyvern Extended Schools), Kate Fryatt (Hampshire County Council), Caroline Salvin (Homestart), Chris Bird (Pre-school Learning Alliance), Sue Shearman (Health Visitor).

Apologies: Debra McAndrew, Fran Whittington, Helen Harris, Anne Stevens, Lucie Howkins, Judi Strange, Wendy Walsh, Pat Statham

2. Speaker: Kate Fryatt, Co-ordinator, Hampshire Action Team: Kate Introduced herself as the Co-ordinator of the Eastleigh Hampshire Action Team. HATs are regionally based, and Eastleigh is exceptional in being restricted to the borough boundaries. Each HAT has one co-ordinator and one chairman; there are four co-ordinators serving four areas, so Kate also co-ordinates the East Hampshire and Test Valley HATs. Eastleigh's Chair is Cllr Colin Davidovitz. Cllr Keith House, leader of Eastleigh Borough Council, is also a County Councillor and so sits on the HAT.

HATs were introduced last September as a means of enabling County Councillors to become more locally responsive. As the HCC is organised on a cabinet basis, the various committees do not have any power to make decisions. The role of the HAT is to look at local delivery of HCC services in their area, to link with key statutory partners, such as the Eastleigh Strategic Partnership, and to look at forthcoming council decisions before they come into effect to consider the local impact or implications of decisions and influence them where feasible.

Each HAT is doing a listening activity, differing from HAT to HAT, which represents the first opportunity councillors have had to sit down together in their own area. Eastleigh's event takes place on Tuesday 23 January, when representatives of local community groups are invited to come and talk to the HAT, explaining what they do for the community and how they would like Council services to be improved. Kate will then go away and check the feasibility; whether it has been done elsewhere. A second event will involve Town and Parish Councillors, and everyone will be given feedback. In addition to these listening activities, there will be twice yearly meetings to look at Highways and public transport. Timetables of HAT meetings will be available on the HCC website, www.hants.gov.uk under HATs. Some meetings will be workshops, some will be open to the public to observe, and at others the public will be invited to speak. The nature of the meeting will be indicated on the website, and notes and agendas will be available on the website.

Anyone wishing to feed information to the HAT should contact the co-ordinator, and Linda Knowles will circulate contact details. These, and copies of the supporting material Kate provided with her presentation are attached to the minutes.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the last Branch meetings (both Eastleigh and Southern Parishes) were accepted, with one correction: the children's centre is proposed for Bishopstoke, not Chandler's Ford.

4. Summary of Work Done and Current Work plan was distributed as follows:

Work Done October-December:

Answering queries from parents and professionals including:

- Parent and toddler groups (4)
- Parenting Classes (2)
- Funding for youth worker (1)
- Childcare(1)

Attend various meetings:

Year 7 Parents Information Evening at Wyvern Technology College 28.11.07

Brought display boards and information on HCFF Consultations, Solent Youth Action and SYA Buddies project. CIS also attending so did not bring CIS materials. Limited opportunity to speak with parents, but interest was shown in consultation reports, and parents were directed to the website. Approximately 45-50 parents attended.

Big Draw/Pumpkin Festival - engaging families in the pleasure of drawing. A good opportunity to speak with parents and build relationships. Approximately 40 children took part (two parents, one a father, also did drawings). Children's Information Service and other Information leaflets distributed.

Wildern Cluster Extended Schools Workshop 2, 4.12.06: Purpose of Meeting: to select areas for work for the cluster and identify quick wins, form action groups and network with colleagues. Outcome: Communication and information sharing was a strong priority. The position of HCFF as information conduit through web, paper directory, newsletter and telephone/ personal contact was highlighted and HCFF took a strong lead in developing a scheme to make access routes to information clear.

CYPP Standing Conference, 13.11.06, at the Rose Bowl, West End: Partner organisations heard presentations on the progress of the CYPP and attended workshops led by young people. I attended the workshop led by Young Carers from Basingstoke who gave a lively and informative account of their daily life and the demands that caring made on them. It is hoped that the Young Carers will submit an article for the next HCFF Eastleigh newsletter.

Locality Partnership
Children's Fund

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Local Implementation Group (LIG: attended meetings to act as a conduit of information re CAMHS from and to the LIG meetings for local agencies in the statutory, voluntary and community sector. To provide a variety of consultation and participatory activities suited to the needs of the LIG and the locality.

CAMHS training in Interview techniques 22.11.06: Hilary Hickmore delivered a workshop in Handling Surfacing Emotions During Interviews which will be useful in future consultations.

Work plan January-March:

- Planning Under Fives Fundays 2007
- Working with Jacqueline Rolls to plan play activities throughout the Borough
- Produce a revised HCFF Directory for Eastleigh and Southern Parishes
- Newsletter (deadline Friday 27th January) for distribution in March
- Continue to update HCFF database
- Continue to attend local meetings as last quarter: emphasis this quarter on Extended Schools and CYPP/Children's Centre meetings
- Attendance at CAMHS LIG meetings is being revised so I will only be attending those where HCFF can contribute and will be focussing on participation and consultation (further details to be confirmed at a meeting in early February).

5. **Information Events/Consultation Events:** The main information event will be the Under Fives Fundays in June, one in Eastleigh, at the Leigh Road Recreation Ground, one in Southern Parishes, possibly at Pilands Wood; dates to be arranged. This will be the fifth year that these events have been staged, and providing fun for families and useful publicity for service providers. The meeting was asked for help on the committee with a view to expanding the number of fun days.

Consultation with families of children with special needs is to take the form of a 'pamper day' for parents in Fareham.

Linda has discussed the possibility of an information event to enable local groups to showcase their activities/services to schools as part of the Extended Schools Remodelling Programme. If this goes ahead it will probably be in November.

The two branches hold general funds (Eastleigh £78.86 and Southern Parishes £259.36) which have not been allocated for any particular task. The meeting approved Linda's suggestion that the funds be used to buy a folding trolley for newsletter distribution, and newsletter display cases for locations such as Bursledon Post Office.

Linda outlined the changes to her participation in the Children and Adolescents Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Local Implementation Group (LIG) which will consist less in attending meetings and more in supporting participation events. There was a brief discussion of the numbers of children likely to need CAMHS in the Eastleigh area, with the conclusion that the numbers were hard to judge as GPs had stopped referring children when no services were available, and that mental health services are not necessarily in the right place or accessible.

6. **Information Exchange and Any Other Business:** Sue Foster is new in post as Parent Link for Wyvern and its extended schools area. She explained that the Wyvern Pyramid consists of Fair Oak Infant and Junior Schools, Stoke Park Infants and Juniors, Durley, and Upham schools. A Supporting Parents of Teenagers (SPOT) group will be starting up after the February Half Term Holiday. A SHARE programme, where parents and children engage in learning activities together is planned and Sue expects to be engaged in further community outreach when the Children's Centre is opened in Bishopstoke.

Sarah White reported that the Solent Youth Action Buddies programme is working successfully to support children aged 5-11 with young volunteers to help them take part in activities in a group setting. The biggest problem the project has at the moment is finding out where the clubs are for the children to join, and she welcomes the HCFF Directory. Sarah says the Young Volunteers will be helping with the Fun Days again this year.

Chris Exton reported that the Wildern Opportunity Group Pre-school is going from strength to strength and will be full in September. The Special Needs Group still has places, and new families are welcome.

Jacqueline Rolls has been working with Steve Spacagna at Eastleigh Community Services to help Community Associations work together. She distributed copies of a new booklet ECS has produced to provide basic contact details and information about each Association. Jacqueline also passed on news from Pat Statham who co-ordinates the Eastleigh Mobile Crèche and who, with Jacqueline will be running small-scale play-based activities for families throughout the borough. A consultation on play will be conducted on the back of these activities.

Caroline Salvin is new in post at Homestart. She reported that they are very busy, with all volunteers matched with families and a new set of volunteers beginning training this Friday.

Sylvia Randall-Cobb reported that the Young Mums group (formerly Bumps and Babes) has been re-launched, along with a new Post-natal Depression group. Both groups meet at the Aviary Children's Centre.

Date of next meeting: To be announced