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**MINUTES FOR HCFF HART BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT FROGMORE COMMUNITY HALL, FROGMORE
ON 27th September 2007**

Present: Julie Riley - HCFF Hart Co-ordinator, Brigid Bell- HCFF Basingstoke Co-ordinator, Pam Iles - Out of School Childcare Officer, Cay Byford - Contact A Family, Kate Philpot - HCFF, Clare Cheung - EMTAS, Pat Jarrett - Pre-school Learning Alliance, Mary Baldwin - SOS ASD Group, Nikki Smith - SOS ASD Group, Rebecca Bennett - SOS ASD Group.

Apologies, Ann Norton - Area Inclusion Officer, Nicci Davies - Asst Community Officer, Recreation and Heritage. Jenny Radley - Hart Councillor, Sue Peters - Educational Psychologist, Julie Walker - Family Learning, Yateley Centre, Audrey Wood - Health Visitor, Sharon Weaver - Health Visitor, Kandy Redwood, Niki Densley - Area Inclusion Co-ordinator, Jules Roome, Jen Wilson - Community Warden, Sue Fisher - Hart District Council, Marina Stafford - EECU, Margaret Baldwin - Portage,

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted and approved as correct.

Hart Co-ordinators Report

Julie apologised for their not being a separate co-ordinators report but explained that she would be carrying out the role of co-ordinator again for a period of approximately six months. The Hart co-ordinator will now be working from St Barnabas Church and is still contactable on hart@hcff.org.uk.

Julie went on to explain that most of her allocated hours were to be spent on the current consultation and therefore current project work would be kept to a minimum.

Consultation - childcare sufficiency of under threes.

It was explained that the current consultation was on the subject of childcare sufficiency for the under threes. We are particularly looking at childcare for people who live in rural areas or who are from minority groups. The consultation is in the form of a questionnaire that is being completed by parents at various places, all questionnaires are then being forwarded to Hampshire County Council who will then collate the data and produce a report of the findings in January 2008.

Speaker - Save Our Sanity

Nikki Smith from Save Our Sanity explained how the group was set up to support parents and families who have children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. They met during the holidays and were overwhelmed by the amount of people who joined them for a coffee and a chat. Nikki explained the difficulties of taking children with ASD to places such as a Soft Play Centre or to swimming lessons and are looking to organise activities that are safe and that their children will enjoy. They will be meeting on Tuesday and Thursday of Half Term and there is also a Fun day to be held at the Harlington Centre, Fleet on the 28th October 2007.

SOS have also approached Fizzy Kids in North Camp, who are looking to open for a special session each week when they will welcome all children with special or individuals needs. It is hoped that this will be on a Tuesday between 5.00pm -7.00pm and the normal entrance fees will apply.

Suggestions were made to SOS about possible funding and places where they may find useful information to continue their good work.

HCCF AGM

The meeting was informed that the HCCF AGM would take place on Tuesday 27th November 2007 at Littleton Memorial Hall, Littleton, Winchester, SO22 6QL. There will be coffee from 09.30 for a 10.00am start and the meeting will close at 1.00pm.

Cay Byford from Contact A Family advised that she would be attending the meeting and it was agreed that Cay would vote on behalf of the HCCF Hart Branch.

CAMHS - User Survey

Kate Philpot addressed the meeting and explained that she was currently involved in a project for Child and Adult Mental Health Services. The aim of 'Are we getting it right?' is to collate data from users and potential users of CAMHS to discover the opinions of the services that they have encountered. Results will be available on the HCCF website or from Kate.

Brigid Bell spoke about a related project called 'messing with my head'. The aim of this project was for HCCF to get involved in finding out how to communicate with the children and users of the services. The results and report on the consultation is available on the HCCF website.

Website Issues

Kate advised that she was currently updating everything on-line and also trying to publish new directories for each area. The Rushmoor directory has now been printed and is available.

Items for the Newsletter

It was explained that the deadline for articles was Wednesday 17th October. The newsletter will be available from 7th October 2007. Please note that we will now have an extra 2500 copies of the newsletter for distribution. If anyone knows of any schools, pre-schools or organisations who would benefit from the newsletter and do not usually receive them please contact the Hart Co-ordinator so that they may be added to the distribution lists.

Local Issues/Information Exchange

Pam Iles

Pam explained that the report produced for Hart from the recent childcare sufficiency questionnaire is now available. The questionnaire went to all pupils between Year R to Year 8 inclusive and covered the subject of out of school care and holiday care.

Pat Jarrett

Pat informed us that Oakwood Community Pre-school in Hartley Wintney and Yateley Community Pre-school, Yateley have both had new builds that are now completed.

Cay Byford

Cay informed the meeting that all of their fact sheets had been re-vamped. There are many different fact sheets covering a huge selection of titles. These are all available on www.cafamily.org.uk.

Cay also advised that the Executive Summary and Report on 'Caring for Sick and Disabled Children' is now available from Contact A Family.

The free helpline for Contact A Family is now open Monday - Friday 10.00 - 4.00 and Monday evening 5.30 - 7.30.

It was agreed that HCFF would place an article in the next newsletter advertising the helpline number and times.

Clare Cheung

Clare introduced herself to the meeting and explained that she had replaced Sam Wilson in the Hart Area, She will be working for EMTAS (Traveller Service) and can be contacted on clare.cheung@hants.gov.uk

Details of next meeting

It was good to see you all at the meeting and we hope to see you all again next term. The details for the next meeting are as follows:

Date: Thursday 24th January 2008

Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Place: We are hoping to be back at Yateley Medical Centre, I will confirm this shortly.

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