



**Minutes of Meeting of Worthing Together held on
16 May 2006 in the Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall**

CHAIR	√	Farhang Tahzib
THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS		REPRESENTATIVE
Voluntary Sector Forum	√	Julia Carrette
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership	A	Roy Barraclough
Worthing First	√	Roy Stannard
Local Planning Group for Community Health and Social Care (& Housing)	A	Tony Chasteauneuf
Worthing Learning Network	√	Trish Tame
Culture and Leisure	√	Jo Hutchinson
Transport	√	Roger Foregard
INVESTORS IN WORTHING		
Worthing Community Partnership	A	Jane Claxton
Area Investment Framework	A	Paula Welland
YOUTH ORGANISATION		
WSCC Youth Service	√	Shirley Robinson-Viney
FAITH GROUPS		
Churches Together in Worthing	√	Mike Tyler
NEIGHBOURHOOD CHAMPION		
Worthing Council of Community Assns	√	Ian Richardson
LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Worthing Borough Council	A √ √	Cllr Ann Barlow Cllr Bob Smytherman Cllr Clive Roberts (for item 7) Tim Everett (non-voting) John Thorpe (for item 7)
West Sussex County Council	√	Cllr. Colin O'Neill Phil Edwards (non-voting)
OTHER MAJOR ORGANISATIONS		
Adur, Arun & Worthing PCT	√	Catherine Scott
Sussex Police	√	Insp Steve Eldridge (from 10.35 am)
OBSERVER		
GOSE	√	John Crow
SUPPORTING OFFICERS		
WSCC	√	Clare Gardiner
WBC	A	Tina Favier
WBC	√	Julian Carrington
WBC	√	Mark Lowe (for item 7)
WBC	√	Anne Jones

Welcome and Introductions

Farhang welcomed Roy Stannard to his first *Worthing Together* meeting in his capacity as Chair of Worthing 1st (see below). Farhang also thanked Martin Pearson in his absence for his contributions and wished him success in his new post. It has been agreed that in future Worthing and Southlands Hospital Trust would be represented via the Community Health & Social Care Local Planning Group representative.

Tim explained that following the recent Borough Council Cabinet reshuffle Cllr Ann Barlow will be Deputy Leader and Cllr John Rogers will be taking up the Housing & Community Services portfolio and will be attending future steering group meetings.

1. The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2006** were agreed as an accurate record.

2. **Matters arising not on the Agenda:**

(i) **Programme Delivery Officer post**

Closing date is Friday, 19 May, interviews Thursday, 1 June. Julian and Catherine (Scott) to be on the interview panel.

(ii) **Evening Economy Issues**

In the absence of Roy Barraclough and Tina Favier at the 'Worthing Spring Clean', Anne gave a brief update from information provided by Tina. A proposed venue for the 'Safe Haven' project, where young people can wait until someone can come and collect them, is currently being investigated re security issues (eg CCTV).

The Alcohol Reduction Group of the CDRP, attended by the PCT, Police etc is involved in a number of initiatives including education of young people and adults and tackling underage sales of alcohol.

Interviews are being held on 12 May for the Durrington Schools Project worker who will work for 2 years within Durrington first, middle and secondary schools joining together health and community safety agendas.

The CDRP is considering a community-based project within the Durrington area to provide diversionary activities for those at risk of offending.

3. **Delivering the Local Area Agreement – Outcome 22**

Partners had received a paper entitled 'Delivering the LAA – Outcome 22' with the Agenda. Farhang reiterated the importance of engaging with the LAA. *Worthing Together* is leading on Outcomes 21 and 22 and has responsibility for monitoring all the targets in Worthing. A multi-agency partnership approach to all the outcomes will be necessary. £200,000 over the next 3 financial years (06/07, 07/08 and 08/09) has been allocated to deliver Outcome 22 in Worthing. The LAA has been informed by *The Town We Want* and *Worthing Together* has the opportunity to influence the final selection of the 'non-reward target' parts of Outcome 22 which are intended to address pockets of deprivation in the midst of affluence. Key actions are likely to be focused on particular 'Super Output Areas' ie sub-divisions of wards rather than whole wards.

Tim emphasised that the LAA only has 3 years to make a difference and that it is important to liaise closely with the other local authorities with Local Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (LNIAs) to share good practice. It is important not to try and do too much across too wide an area. Farhang said that a county-wide Outcome 22 working group has already met comprising local authority and PCT officers from Adur, Arun, Crawley and West Sussex as well as Worthing. Jacqueline Clay, the Shared Intelligence Manager, is also working on collating statistics for each LNIA and bringing together a scientific evidence base to identify which interventions work.

Cllr O'Neill informed the meeting that, from 1 April, WSCC 'Social and Caring Services' is called 'Adult Services' and 'Education' is called 'Children and Young People's Services'. Trish Tame said that C & YPS is split into curriculum areas rather than geographical areas.

Action: CP Team to arrange a working group to take forward the LAA in Worthing, especially Outcomes 21 and 22. Tasks will include drawing up an evidence base for intervention and drawing up action plans to submit to the Public Service Board. Names to Julian (julian.carrington@worthing.gov.uk) please.

4. **Thematic Partnerships Reports:**

(i) **Transport**

Roger explained that he is now sitting on the Steering Group as Chair of the Transport Group. Richard Wells has been nominated Vice Chair by the Transport Group and will be Roger's substitute on the steering group. (See worthingtogether.org for minutes and action plan for Transport group, communications sub group etc.)

Roger reported that he had been co-opted to the A27 task group at County Hall. Cllr O'Neill is also a member of this group. Cllr O'Neill also emphasised that the West Sussex Cabinet Member for Transport had devolved power to the County Local Committees and that their quarterly meetings are a good forum to feed in suggestions for improvements.

Roger asked partners to publicise the Active Worthing initiative and to look out for the 'bus back' advertisements.

(ii) **Worthing First**

Roy Stannard outlined the growth of Worthing 1st starting from the Business in Growth conference at Worthing Pavilion in November 2004. The partnership uses a wide definition of business ie 'those who employ people' so that schools and voluntary organisations are also involved alongside private enterprise. Roy encouraged partners to visit www.worthingfirst.org.uk. The initial final draft of the Masterplan will be published on this web site in due course. He also distributed copies of a recently produced leaflet entitled 'Worthing Working Winning'. Worthing 1st has set up working groups under the following titles:

- Medium & Large Enterprise
- Small & Home Based Business
- Worthing Creative
- VisitWorthing (Tourism)
- Marketing, Communications & Inward Investment
- Transport & Infrastructure

Workforce Development & Recruitment.

Farhang emphasised that it is important to maintain good links between Worthing 1st working groups and *Worthing Together* thematic partnerships, especially where the two overlap as in Transport & Infrastructure. Roger confirmed that the Chair of the Worthing 1st Transport & Infrastructure working group had attended the last meeting of the *Worthing Together* Transport Group. *Worthing Together*, as 'the partnership of partnerships' has the overarching vision and accountability for the work plans of the thematic partnerships.

Roy also spoke about the need to consider non-traditional approaches to communication (including the immediate real-time advantage of local radio!). He commended Splash FM to partners as a radio station which encourages listeners to feel good about where they live and which seeks to actively promote good news.

5. **Communications Group**

(i) **Documentation**

The documentation distributed with the Agenda to the last meeting had been updated with comments made at that meeting and was agreed by the steering group (see www.worthingtogether.org for updated documents)

(ii) **Proposals for Better Communication**

Since the last steering group meeting Julia Carrette has accepted the position of Chair of the Communications sub group.

Julia reported that the LSP has two pages in the Worthing Borough Council Residents' Magazine which will be delivered to every residence plus businesses in June. In this first issue articles will concentrate on introducing *Worthing Together* as 'the partnership of partnerships' and getting the kite logo known.

Feedback on the LSP Bulletin had been generally positive. Partners were encouraged to put the link to the electronic version at www.worthingtogether.org/together/LatestNews/PDFFile_33384.en.pdf on their own web sites. This might also encourage interest in the other areas of the *Worthing Together* web site.

It is also proposed to develop a simple general folded A4 leaflet on the lines of the articles in the Residents' Magazine with the aim of it being a silent witness to *Worthing Together* in leaflet racks across the town.

Julia also reported that the communications sub group has been working on a calendar of community events at which *Worthing Together* can be publicised. These include Durrington Festival on Saturday, 10 June at which it is proposed to release balloons printed with the *Worthing Together* kite logo.

6. **Culture, Leisure and Youth**

(i) **WBC Cultural Strategy**

John Thorpe (WBC Assistant Director (Culture & Leisure Services)) reported that the WBC Cultural Strategy is available to download from www.worthing.gov.uk/Leisure/LeisureOpportunities/ACulturalStrategyforWorthing/

It was adopted by Worthing Borough Council for cultural planning purposes only in September 2003. Its aims are to create an awareness of cultural identity for Worthing, to set local cultural provision in the wider Sussex context and to give a framework for WBC to set priorities. Key issues from the Cultural Strategy, which was underpinned by public consultation, were taken forward in *The Town We Want* eg the replacement of Aquarena and encouraging the provision of a multiplex cinema.

It was agreed that 'Culture and Leisure' is a difficult area to take forward as it covers such a vast agenda that getting a coherent view is impossible. Previous attempts to bring together an umbrella group have had a limited life. Tim commented that the provision of cultural and leisure services accounts for over half of Worthing Borough Council's net revenue budget and it is therefore important to use resources as effectively as possible and in line with council tax payers' wishes.

(ii) **Local Play Strategy**

John reported that Big Lottery guidelines have now been received and a workshop, to which partners will be invited, will be organised in due course. It will be necessary to determine what is currently provided, and by whom, and what it would be good to have in terms of play provision in the future. It is also recognised that the involvement of young people themselves is crucial.

(iii) **Young People – WBC Survey**

Electronic copies of the 'Young People – Are We Providing the Right Type and Level of Services' survey carried out by Worthing Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Other Issues had been distributed with the Agenda. (Please contact mark.lowe@worthing.gov.uk if you would like a copy of the Appendices to the report.) The Chair of the Panel, Cllr Clive Roberts, spoke about the document as a good foundation for possible future interventions.

Mike Tyler would like to see a survey of young people themselves carried out to provide statistical evidence for grant applications.

Action: CP Team to organise further meeting of interested parties to address gaps in current provision.

7. **West Sussex Stronger Communities Fund (Performance Reward Grant PSA 1)**

Due to time constraints, it was decided to defer the discussion on the proposed framework for allocating the Worthing Together Stronger Communities Fund (paper distributed with the Agenda) to the next Steering Group meeting.

Standing items

(i) Masterplan

Please see www.worthingevolution.com for the latest re the Masterplan.

(ii) Worthing County Local Committee (CLC)

Cllr O'Neill reported that the Worthing CLC had been dealing with middle school choices and transport issues such as 'joy riding' at Splashpoint. Worthing CLC also has £20,000 to spend from the PSA Performance Reward Grant and Cllr O'Neill felt it was worth exploring the possibility of pooling this money with *Worthing Together's* £20,000.

For Agendas, Minutes and Action Plans for Worthing CLC see

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/content/your-council/meetings-and-decisions/other-committees-agendas-and-minutes/county-local-committees/worthing-county-local-committee>.

9. Dates of future meetings:

All meetings will commence at 10 am and will be held in the Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall.

Tuesday, 11 July 2006

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

Tuesday, 14 November 2006 (Proposed date for annual Partnership Event)