

**Notes of Youth Forum
14 December 2006
Worthing Town Hall**



Attendance		
John Thorpe (Chair)	√	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Anne Jones	√	WBC Community Planning
Ben Cox	√	Durrington Schools' Early Intervention Support Worker
Corinne Nagle	√	WSCC Extended Schools
Hazel Thorpe	A	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Hilda Sherwood	A	Homestart
Sgt Andy Fleming	√	Sussex Police
Jeff Fullard	A	WSCC Community Safety
Jenni Lewis	A	WSCC Children's Fund
Jenny McDonald	√	Southern Housing
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Karen Dennison	A	PCT
Kevin Martin	√	WSCC Youth Service
Maggie Nairn	A	WSCC Learning Partnership
Mike Tyler	A	Churches Together in Worthing
Nick Rodgers	A	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Roy Barraclough	A	Fire & Rescue Service
Sarah Atkins	A	WSCC Youth Arts
Simon Hilliard	A	Connexions
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety

1. Attendance

Those present introduced themselves. John Thorpe was concerned that numbers attending were falling and asked if invitees were finding that the Youth Forum was lacking relevance to their work. Copies of the *Worthing Together* 2006 Annual Report were distributed to

attendees. John drew particular attention to pages 3 and 14-15 which refer to the ongoing work of the LSP with Children and Young People.

Action: Comments on relevance of LSP Youth Forum and suggestions to make it more useful to Anne Jones please

Further copies of *Worthing Together's* 2006 Annual Report available from Anne Jones

2. **The Notes of the Meeting** held on 1 November 2006 were agreed.

3. **Draft Work Programme**

i. **Outcome of Working Group**

Tina had convened a meeting of the working group (Tina, Julia Carrette, Ben Cox, Jenni Lewis, Kevin Martin) as a sub group of the Youth Forum. This group had looked at a possible youth development project which had been originally triggered by the Beat project proposal. However, no one was available to lead on such a wide-ranging programme of activities. The issue seems to be a lack of time, not money. The group therefore took the decision to focus work at this stage on diversionary activities for individuals already 'at risk of offending' with the aim of reducing crime and antisocial behaviour rather than expanding the work to include development and prevention.

Deleted: Tina, I think it would be useful here to have a note of those who attended the working group meeting – can you provide please? Anne!

Arrangements for a football coaching programme are already underway. Julian indicated that he has a street dance/break dance instructor contact. It was also acknowledged that a lot of work is driven by opportunism – if there is someone willing and available they should be used.

Tina explained that each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership has £35,000 to spend on LAA Outcome 5 (To build respect in communities, reduce antisocial behaviour and reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime). Initiatives will include reassurance regarding the perception of antisocial behaviour by local communities including intergenerational work and will be led by and accountable to the CDRP. (Later in the meeting Kevin commented on teachers' fear of groups of teenagers hanging around schools and the need to seek to present teenagers in a positive light.) Tina also spoke about encouraging reports of voluntary opportunities for young people who do not normally volunteer being facilitated through Connexions.

Kevin shared his vision of a multi-agency team (3 people in a van) to provide an immediate response on Friday and Saturday nights to include police, detached youth workers, PCT, DAAT. His concern is that youth workers are not trained to deal with drunken youngsters and a multi-agency team would have greater impact. Kevin also commented that in his experience the youngsters who need to be targeted are difficult to engage, equipment gets smashed and the police often need to be called. Flexible and robust resources are therefore necessary.

Corinne commented that the extended schools consultation in Durrington had highlighted that there were lots of sports opportunities available but more arts activities were needed.

Those present felt that the working group would benefit from the input of representatives from the following organisations: Youth Service, Worthing CVS, Police and should include Ben Cox and Adele Grover. Jenny McDonald also expressed an interest in being involved. Tina

emphasised that additional members were welcome as long as they are prepared to lead on an activity and to provide funding.

Jenny reported that Southern Housing is currently considering a Beat Project proposal for 3 months consultation / taster sessions including 'urban sounds' and the development of a web site. This is mainly for the Durrington area but will target 'hard to reach' young people. It will cost £8,000. They are also opening a 'community house' in Shelby Road, Durrington to provide 'services to the community'.

Agreed: That this programme of work will be delivered through a working group, which will report to the youth Forum and the CDRP

Action: Tina will re-visit the draft work programme template and circulate to Forum members.

ii. **Public Health Initiatives Update**

In her absence, Karen Dennison had provided a written update. Kevin endorsed the value of the PCT cookery club training.

Action: Written update to be circulated with Minutes

iii. **Update on Stronger Communities Fund Proposals**

Copies of proposals to the *Worthing Together* Stronger Communities Fund for funding for a youth survey and alcohol reduction initiatives had been circulated to Forum members for comment. The funding panel has now met and unfortunately neither proposal scored high enough against the criteria to receive funding from this source.

4. **Worthing Play Strategy Update**

Julian explained that Play England has offered the services of a 'Strategic Enabler' for 5 days free of charge. John and Julian have an initial meeting with her on 22 December. WBC is still aiming at submitting the bid in March 2007. It was suggested that the following people would be useful attendees at a group round table brain storming session after the initial Play England meeting:

Voluntary & Community Sector representative (Julia Carrette?)
Corinne Nagle re extended schools
Natasha Allen, ASBO Co-ordinator
Jenni Lewis re Youth Advisory Group
Representative from Youth Council

Action: Julian and John to co-ordinate attendees for facilitated Workshops. All to forward any other contacts that would be useful to invite.

6. **Information Exchange**

i. **Joint Access Team Training**

Tina briefly outlined the role of this multi-agency team which provides early intervention for troubled individuals (pre-birth to 19). The team, which includes social services, integrated services manager, schools and police meets fortnightly. It has a small budget and appoints a lead person to co-ordinate a whole family approach for a particular individual to include siblings and parents. The JAT team is working towards a common assessment framework. Information can be shared across agencies with the parents' permission. Tina and John had attended JAT training for Police Community Support Officers and housing association representatives which they had found helpful.

For further information contact: Chris Kemish, Integrated Services Manager, email chris.kemish@westsussex.gov.uk; 01903 839335

ii. **Potential Community History Project**

There was unfortunately no one available to attend the meeting and speak about this project, however the following paragraph has now been provided.

Adur Community Wellbeing Team and Worthing Museum and Art Galley are looking to create a Community History Project. Possibly based around local urban myths and legends of the built environment/social history, the project would potentially be funded by the HLF Young Roots and Your Heritage Grant Funds. Scoping the project and application for funding is envisaged to take place from Spring 2007 with the project itself, subject to funding, to take place in Autumn 2007 and Spring 2008. The intention is to specifically target a number of local improvement areas in Adur and Worthing. It is intended to achieve an intergenerational project with local groups of young people working with members of older residents groups to carry out research and then to create a community performance - be it of film, music, or drama and an exhibition about the project to be displayed both in the museum and at community locations.

Action: If you can help Steve or Diana, particularly in terms of identifying young people in deprived neighbourhoods who might benefit, please contact the Project Co-ordinators:

Diana Peek, Manager, Worthing Museum & Art Gallery Tel 01903 221446
diana.peek@worthing.gov.uk or

Steve Hill, Community Development Co-ordinator (Job-share) and Cultural Development Co-ordinator (Job-share) Tel (01273) 263396 steve.hill@adur.gov.uk

7. **Any Other Business**

Kevin is seeking to improve links with other agencies for the WSCC Youth Service school summer holiday project. There are opportunities to influence and contribute to the programme. Preparation for summer 2007 is starting now. Referrals to the programme are also welcomed.

The Interact detached youth work project steering group is also looking for more steering group members. This also provides a chance to support and influence this work.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

2 pm on Monday, 22 January 2006 in the Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall.

