

**Notes of Youth Forum
22 January 2007
Worthing Town Hall**



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

1. **The Notes of the Meeting** held on 14 December 2006 were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

Hazel Thorpe suggested that for arts activities contact could be made with the Community Arts Council and Northbrook College and for cricket coaching Keith Chamberlain at Worthing Borough Council. Worthing Information Shop could also be contacted.

Action: Hazel Thorpe has contact details for all the above (hazel.thorpe@worthing.gov.uk)

Karen Dennison suggested inviting someone from the PCT to the next meeting to present the preliminary findings from the Year 10 West Sussex Lifestyle Survey.

Action: Anne to liaise with Karen to arrange above.

3. Draft Work Programme

The CDRP has £35,000 for diversionary activities. Tina distributed the draft work programme drawn together by the working group (Tina, Julia Carrette, Ben Cox, Jenni Lewis, Kevin Martin). There is a dual reporting process – to the Youth Forum for their professional expertise and to the CDRP for their agreement for the money to be spent in this way. The focus is on action and activity.

All **football coaching** is taking place inside at present. The Goring venue will be Chatsmore school. The age range catered for depends on the issues in the local area. There is a potential link with the work that Southern Housing is doing.

Action: Names of individuals who could benefit from the above to Tina (tina.favier@worthing.gov.uk) please

Investigations are being made into the **mini moto scheme** but there do seem to be some issues regarding the paperwork to ensure this scheme complies with legislation and policy.

The **multi-agency community safety bus** would provide a visible presence and reassurance for local residents (like street briefings) plus engagement with young people.

Tina emphasised that other activities can be added to the action plan in due course. Proper targeting will be needed to ensure individuals 'at risk of offending' benefit. The Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator will be providing a link with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Adele Grover will also be involved. The West Sussex Gravity Project was also mentioned. Hazel reported that Maybridge Keystone Club is being fitted out with a room for recording and DJing.

Mike Tyler is investigating the possible opening of Worthing Leisure Centre, staffed by volunteers, from 9.30 pm till 12.30 am for a late night football league. Insp Hodges confirmed that most antisocial behaviour occurs between 5 and 10 pm.

4. Worthing Play Strategy Update

Two workshops have been organised with 15 places available at each:
6.30 pm - 9.30 pm on Thursday, 15 February and
10.00 am – 3.00 pm on Friday, 16 February

The object of the workshops is to come to a united perception of what play is. This will inform the development of the Play Strategy, which will then be subject to consultation, and the development of a portfolio of projects.

Action: Contact details of useful people to invite to the workshops to John please (john.thorpe@worthing.gov.uk)

5. Information Exchange

i. Potential Community History Project

Steve Hill explained that the focus will be on deprived areas. Funding will be via a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund Young Roots project and the target age range will be 13-20 year olds. The activity will be a story developing exercise using the history of the local neighbourhood as a starting point and leading to a performance and/or music and/or a touring exhibition. The content will be led by the young people themselves. If funding is secured, the project would take place from December 2007 till December 2008. Mick's Garage and Stray Cats in East Worthing were suggested to Steve as possible sources of young people.

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

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

6. Any Other Business

Mike Tyler mentioned the £500,000 '**Cash for our Communities**' referred to in the lead article on the front page of the January issue of West Sussex Connections.

Action: Anne is endeavouring to find out whether this is 'new' money and how it will be distributed.

Mike also mentioned a meeting which he is setting up late February with local church leaders, the police and the CDRP to plan a pilot for a late night **safe haven** and street help for clubbers. This will be based on the 'Street Pastors' scheme already operating in areas of London. Tina commented that the safe haven project is still on the CDRP's agenda for late 2007.

Jenni Lewis reported on her visit to **West Durrington Phoenix Youth Group** which meets at Northbrook Barn on Thursdays from 6-8 pm and caters for 7-12 year olds. It is part funded by the Children's Fund and Southern Housing and supported by Police Community Support Officers. 50 children attend and they have 13 CRB checked volunteers. They have enough volunteers to operate more than one evening a week but cannot find a venue.

Action: Suggestions for another venue to Jenni please (jenni.lewis@westsussex.gov.uk)

Karen highlighted the **Cook and Eat Groups** run by the PCT, a 5 week course covering budgeting, how to shop, planning meals, nutrition and basic cookery skills. They can cater for

8-10 people per course and are currently running courses at the family centre for young mums (15/16 years old). Karen is open to suggestions for alternative groups of people and venues. Younger people moving into temporary accommodation, those at the Women's Refuge and those contacted by the Mile Project were suggested.

Action: Contact details for the above to Karen please (karen.dennison@aaw.nhs.uk)

Jenny McDonald mentioned the opening of 'The Flat' at 50a Shelby Road, Durrington on 1 February (2-7pm). This will provide a local venue for residents to access advice and support services including those offered by Connexions, Age Concern and West Sussex Mediation Service.

Action: Jenny would like to hear from other agencies who are interested in holding surgeries at The Flat (jenny.mcdonald@shgroup.org.uk).

Jenny also announced that she has funding for the 3-month **Beat Project** consultation with 11-18 year olds. This will lead to the production of a DVD and a web site. She is also hoping for continuation funding.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

2 pm on Monday, 19 March 2007 in Committee Room 1, Worthing Town Hall.