

**Notes of LSP Youth Forum  
19 March 2007  
Worthing Town Hall**



<b>Attendance</b>		
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	√	Homestart
Ch Insp Sharon Rowe	√	Sussex Police
Insp Howard Hodges	√	
Jenni Lewis	A	WSCC Children's Fund
Jenny McDonald	A	Southern Housing
Julian Stevens	A	WBC Leisure Development
Karen Dennison	A	West Sussex Primary Care Trust
Anna Kirk	√	
Kevin Martin		WSCC Youth Service
Maggie Nairn		WSCC Learning Partnership
Mike Tyler	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Tanya Mackay	√	
Roy Barraclough	√	Fire & Rescue Service
Sarah Atkins		WSCC Youth Arts
Simon Hilliard		Connexions
Tina Favier	A	WBC Community Safety

1. **The Notes of the Meeting** held on 22 January 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

## 2. **Matters Arising**

Sharon asked if links had been established with local schools. John reported that Ben Cox is working with the Durrington family of schools and Corinne Nagel is working with schools across Worthing but there is no direct school representation on the forum.

Mike Tyler asked about 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. Anne confirmed that unfortunately there is no 'new' money; it is all money we already know about.

Mike reported that he is continuing to work 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. He is asking local churches to put forward the names of volunteers for training (20 needed at £250 per person).

Anne reported that the lease of the Little Oaks premises in Romany Road has been assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Goring Scout Group with the proviso that they allow the West Durrington Phoenix Youth Group to use the premises when they are not using them. The group said that they would like to keep a watching brief on this situation to ensure that this happened.

## 3. **West Sussex Year 10 Lifestyle Survey**

Anna Kirk from West Sussex Public Health Observatory gave a comprehensive powerpoint summary of the above research project. There were 5292 voluntary responses, 58% of 14-15 year olds in the Borough. The survey took place in July 2006 and will be repeated in July 2009. A further survey of 17-24 year olds is planned. The data will be drilled down in due course to provide Worthing-specific data and Anna indicated her willingness to share this with the group at that time.

**Action:** Further details, if required, available from [anna.kirk@aaw.nhs.uk](mailto:anna.kirk@aaw.nhs.uk)

## 4. **LSP Youth Forum Input to Development of Worthing's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)**

Prior to the meeting Anne had circulated electronically a report written by Julian Carrington entitled 'The Development of Worthing's Sustainable Community Strategy'. This explains the need to reshape the Community Strategy. The LSP Youth Forum is requested to contribute 2/3 achievable actions with demonstrable results within a year (ie by 31 March 2008) to the Children and Young People' section in line with the guidance in this report. Contributions are needed by mid May. Anne also drew attention to those Outcomes in the LAA (1, 2, 8, 10, 13 and 22) which are particularly relevant to this group (see also paragraph 3.2 of the above-mentioned report) which may inform the actions. The LSP Youth Forum will have the opportunity to review its contribution during the consultation on the SCS during June and July. The SCS will be finalised in September and launched on 14 November at the LSP's Partnership Event.

## **5. Updates**

### **a. Worthing Play Strategy**

The workshops have now taken place and all present agreed that there needs to be an element of risk in order for play to have value. A draft play policy will be drawn up shortly. A project that is likely to be submitted is the employment of 'Play Enablers' to work in pairs in local parks during the school holidays to encourage children to 'play better' and feel safer. Corinne suggested that teaching assistants and lunchtime supervisors might be interested in these positions.

### **b. WBC Leisure Development**

See attached update from Adele Grover. WBC is also currently advertising for MEND (**M**ind, **E**xercise, **N**utrition and **D**iet) Exercise and Nutrition Trainers funded by the Primary Care Trust and the National Lottery. These posts will target overweight 7-12 year olds and their families and will be based at Durrington High School.

### **c. LAA Outcome 5 Action Plan**

See attached update from Natasha Allen.

### **d. Potential Community History Project**

No more information received.

### **e. Worthing County Local Committee (CLC) Grants**

Anne drew attention to the Worthing CLC Grants totalling £20,000 which had apparently been awarded to Youth Projects in Worthing by Worthing County Councillors. No one had any further details.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Corinne mentioned the Children's Centres being planned in Durrington, Maybridge, Broadwater and Selden to complement the one already up and running in Crescent Road. These cater for 0-5 year olds.

Hazel mentioned that Tarring Boys' Club has been awarded some money to extend slightly to provide more storage and a quiet room for computers. Girls will be admitted from September.

Sharon mentioned that crime by young people in Worthing is currently increasing. The police are currently analysing the figures and working with other agencies to improve the situation.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

**2 pm on Monday, 14 May 2007 in Committee Room 1, Worthing Town Hall.**