



**1. Introductions and Apologies**

John Thorpe (Chair)	√	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Julian Carrington	√	WBC Community Planning Team
Natasha Allen	√	WBC Community Safety Unit
Corinne Nagle	√	WSCC Extended Schools
Hazel Thorpe	√	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
John Mitchell	√	WBC Health & Housing
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing CVS
Ch Insp Sharon Rowe PC Daniel Cobden	√ √	Sussex Police
Rob Brown	√	WSCC Youth Arts
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Stacey Marley	√	WSCC Joint Assessment Team
Kevin Martin	√	WSCC Youth Service
Mike Tyler	A	Churches Together in Worthing
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Jenny McDonald	A	Southern Housing
Emily King	A	WSCC Community Safety
Hilda Sherwood	A	HomeStart
Chris Kemish	A	WSCC Joint Assessment Team

2. **The Notes of the Meeting** held on 19 March 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

- (i) 'Little Oaks'  
2<sup>nd</sup> Goring Scouts had decided not to occupy the Council's premises formerly occupied by the Little Oaks nursery; premises offered instead to Phoenix Club for

CYP living in Durrington. Links developing between Phoenix and Youth Service re 13+ provision. Computers are being provided so a Homework group can be started.

- (ii) West Sussex Year 10 Lifestyle Survey  
Following the powerpoint presentation by Anna Kirk from West Sussex Public Health Observatory at the last meeting, Anna had offered to make a further presentation about Worthing-specific data after July 2007.

**Action: Julian to follow up.**

#### 4. Youth Forum Questionnaire Findings

See report attached.

Some actions could be implemented immediately –

- 6 daytime meetings a year
- Dates published well in advance

Others would need further discussion.

Julia reported that the Children's Fund Network 4 (Worthing) group would continue to operate despite cessation of Children's Fund. The group engaged with 'hard-to-reach' groups and providers in the VCS. It felt the Youth Forum was too target-driven to be comfortable for its members.

There was a discussion about the purpose of the Youth Forum and whether it can meet all needs. Some felt that two fora should merge: it should be possible for one group to encompass problem solving and target-setting as well as providing a supportive environment.

Adele suggested that members of the Forum could alert other members to issues/events/concerns ahead of meetings (so they could be thinking about them) by completing a simple form. These forms could be collated by the CP Team and circulated with the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action: Julian to devise a pro-forma.**

Julia invited LSP Youth Forum members to VCS Forum meeting on 20 September which will focus on VCS involvement in services for CYP, to ascertain whether two fora are necessary. It was important to inform the meeting on 20 September what the Youth Forum is for.

**Action: Julian to channel information to Julia.**

#### 5. Partners' Updates

- (i) Kevin Martin – WSCC Youth Service
- Summer activities information now available on WSCC Grid for Learning and WBC websites. Kevin tabled leaflets. Details sent to all schools in Worthing, 1<sup>st</sup>, middle and high. Ethos of summer scheme: to be as accessible as

possible. Not necessary to be a member of the Youth Service to join in. First come, first served.

- Worthing Sailing Club developing a youth section with support from WBC.
- Meeting coming up between Youth Service and WBC Community Safety Team to address noisy unruly behaviour outside the Place Youth Café following neighbour complaints. Facility well used: 40-50 weekdays and 80-odd on Saturdays.
- Sadly Fred Edwards, organiser of Worthing Boys Club for many years, had died. Funeral Friday 29 June. Donations to Worthing Boys Club through Kevin.
- Youth Service improving links with Police though not easy finding opportunities to meet. (Do it through the Youth Forum!)

(ii) Adele Grover – WBC Leisure Development

- Junior Bowls Club Friday 29 June at Field Place (9-18 years).
- Recent 'skate jam' at Homefield Park great success despite noise complaint. Sharon offered help from Police if repeated to forewarn neighbours and liaise between them and organisers.

(iii) Julian Stevens

- 5-year Play Strategy recently adopted by WBC. Includes commitment to explore seafront 'offer' for kids as part of Masterplan development.
- Play Day event – experiment with 'Open Access Play' during summer holidays.
- MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition – Do It!) project targeting childhood obesity. Programme 9 weeks duration – 2 sessions per week. All children must be accompanied by parent or carer. Venue needed in Durrington on Tue and Thu, 5.30-7.30. Contact Julian on W 221442.

(iv) Corinne Nagle

- Extended schools core offer will include information point. Core offer has 5 strands:
  - (i) A varied menu of activities for CYP out of school and in hols
  - (ii) Childcare before and after school and in hols
  - (iii) Family and parenting support inc Family Learning
  - (iv) Referral to a range of specialist health and social care services
  - (v) Using schools to improve access to IT, Sports and Arts and to provide opportunities for Adult and Vocational learning.

The core offer is out for consultation with 14 Durrington schools (results September); slower progress in other areas.

- Partnership Event 5 October at the Charmandean Centre 'Making Every Child Matter in Worthing through Extended Schools' – how the schools are meeting the challenge and plans for further development of the core offer.

(v) John Mitchell

- WBC / YMCA youth homelessness project based on good practice in Brighton & Hove. Worker starting in July with 2-year funding.
- Goring Action Group and Police working to tackle some local youth disorder eg Boy Racers which has led to unreasonable fear of young people.
- Junior Safety in Action Week 2-8 July addressing issues such as pedal cycle theft and criminal damage.
- WBC has approved the setting up of a Youth Task Group to advise and assist the Cabinet on matters relating to CYP.
- WBC Street Scene Officer working on a graffiti art project.

(vi) Sharon Rowe

See report attached.

(vii) Stacey Marley

Joint Access Teams will evolve into a new way of working from October. Lots of development days lined up.

**Action: WBC CP Team to circulate information when it is received.**

(viii) Hazel Thorpe

Selby Road playground has been finished by local housing association. Residents very pleased.

## 6. **Worthing's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)**

See report circulated previously.

Support within the Forum to major on Outcome 5 of the LAA ("To build respect in communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime").

Agreement: to set up a small working group from the membership of the Youth Forum to develop the Forum's contribution to the SCS. The Youth Forum will have the opportunity to review its contribution during the consultation on the SCS in September and October. The SCS will be launched on 14 November at the LSP's Partnership Event.

**Action: John Mitchell, Natasha Allen and Julian Carrington.**

## 7. **Any other business**

None.

## 8. **Dates of meetings for the next 12 months**

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