



## 1. Introductions and Apologies

James Appleton	√	WBC (Chair)
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Amanda Chace	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Amina Kambashi	√	BME Community Services
Clare Deacon	√	WSCC Activities Access Voucher Scheme
Colette Denton	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Debra Balfour	√	West Sussex PCT Locality Health Improvement
Debra Beardall	A	WSCC Children's Fund
Edi Mandala	√	Spurgeons: D-Side Project
Cllr Hazel Thorpe	√	Worthing Borough Council
Insp Howard Hodges	A	Sussex Police
Janet Horsburgh	A	WSCC Children & Young People's Service - Learning
Janet St Pierre	√	Worthing Women's Aid
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Keeley White	√	Worthing Women's Aid
Leighanna Barber Corbett	√	Spurgeons: Mick's Garage Community House
Lucy Ashton	A	Worthing Family Centre
Maralyn Smith	√	WSCC Children & Young People Service
Mike Tyler	A	Churches Together in Worthing
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Paul Rigglesford	√	WSCC Community Safety
Paul Sanderson	√	Spurgeons / Salvation Army
Renira Currid	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Rhys Price	A	Worthing High School
Ruth Cottington	A	NSF Children, Young People & Maternity Services
Ch Insp Sharon Rowe	√	Sussex Police

Sue Brown	A	Worthing Homes
Sue Bull	√	Family Welfare Association
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety

## 2. Notes of the Meeting held on 29 May 2008

were agreed as an accurate record after addition of the name of Cllr Hazel Thorpe to those who sent apologies.

## 3. Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting

### (a) Worthing Outdoor Activity Centre

Maralyn Smith has met Hilary Mason, Senior Manager for Youth Services Worthing Area, on this issue. Another meeting is planned for September. James Appleton said that planning permission is about to be granted to the Yacht Club and it is hoped their co-operation will be gained in the matter of outdoor activities for young people.

### (b) Children at risk

Tina Favier briefed the meeting on activities to be held in the last 2 weeks of the school holidays for 8—13 year olds in the target group who are not involved in the Youth Offending Service scheme. It is planned to conduct a review, comparing July and August outcomes for this year with those of the same period last year.

### (c) Multi-use all weather games area at Davisons

Julian said that there were no objections in principle to this from the school but WSCC, who have the final say, are bound to ensure various regulations are respected. He and Adele Grover are willing to drive the matter forward. A planned meeting on this has been re-scheduled for September.

### (d) Community Sports Network

The creation of a Community Sports Network has met with acceptance but it will be necessary to define more tightly what it will do. The last meeting on this revealed a wish not to restrict this to young people and not to restrict it to sport. A date for a further meeting is to be decided.

### (e) West Sussex Youth Service Summer Activities

Maralyn Smith reminded members that details of these activities had been emailed to them. She had hard copies of the leaflet available with her.

### (f) Choosing Health Funding

Debra Balfour reported that £50,000 'Choosing Health' money had been awarded to three projects in Worthing to increase life expectancy and reduce premature mortality in Local Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (Central, Durrington, Heene, Northbrook and Selden wards). Norma Ndoping referred members to the Worthing Together website for further detail:

<http://www.worthingtogether.org/together/LatestNews/>

Julia Carrette made the point that it was necessary to ensure that different sources of funding were not allocated for the same purpose. Cllr Hazel Thorpe wished to be informed also about the bids that were not successful.

**(g) Directory of activities for children & young people**

Paul Rigglesford undertook to provide a website link to the West Sussex Council directory. (See <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/social-care-and-health/children--young-people-and-families/every-child-matters---in-west-sussex/service-directory/> )

**(h) Strategy for addressing the problem of sexual violence**

Working groups are looking into sexual violence in Worthing. Young girls are often involved and there are links with alcohol use. Tina Favier is willing to share information with those interested. A Sexual Assault Centre is to open in Crawley in August.

**(i) Disparity between the social care needs of Worthing children and young people and the allocation of resources**

Sue Palmer is conducting a mapping exercise, with Chris Hassel providing data. Tina Favier has met Janet Horsburgh on the issue. Tina is hoping that a 'Breaking Down the Barriers' event will provide information on the needs of new communities.

**(j) Summer Activities**

Adele Grover referred members to the Worthing Borough Council Youth web pages for details of Summer Fun Activities

<http://www.worthing.gov.uk/worthings-services/leisureandculture/leisuredevelopment/youthleisure/youthsummerfun/>

A booking form is also available there. Hazel Thorpe, referring to the activities to be held at Tarring Rec. on 04 August, spoke of the event as an excellent example of what can be achieved through partnership working, and expressed her thanks to Julian Stevens and Adele Grover for their input.

Maralyn Smith provided information on a Roadshow to be held on 17 and 18 September for the benefit of young people without plans to continue education. The Roadshow, taking place in various youth centres, will provide information about educational and volunteering opportunities.

With reference to need for activities for young people during summer holidays, Tina Favier spoke on the emphasis given in Sue Palmer's Reference Group to the importance of parenting and early intervention – before 8 years of age. A meeting is to be held in December to examine where gaps exist.

**4. Chair and Vice-Chair of Children and Young People Forum**

James Appleton explained that the vote had been split evenly between the two nominees, which provided the opportunity for both a chair and vice-chair to be appointed if both Maralyn Smith and Sue Bull were agreeable. A vote received just after the deadline suggested a balance slightly in Maralyn's favour, and she and Sue agreed to be Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

**5. Partner Messages**

**(a) Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (Amanda Chace)**

Amanda Chace outlined her work in WSCC's Early Childhood Service, which leads on Family Centres and Children's Centres, now combined. The drawing up of the Service's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, which has identified gaps in the provision of childcare, will provide the underpinning data for planning future childcare provision. More groundwork has to be done in the areas with

gaps in childcare. Renira Currid and Colette Denton, Childcare Support Co-ordinators, who will continue to attend the CYP Forum regularly, are available to answer queries, and will welcome invitations to events where they can display information boards and provide information face-to-face.

**(b) Collaborative Development Proposal: Worthing Youth Outdoor Activity Network (Mike Tyler)**

Some concerns were expressed as to whether making week 3 compulsory would not open the way to allegations of proselytisation. It was agreed that if faith related issues were to be included, this should be made clear in publicity. Julian made reference to contact he had received from the manager of a conservation project who wished to involve young people. It was agreed that the matter should form an agenda item at a meeting at which Mike Tyler could be present.

**6. Round the Table Updates**

**(a) Action against bullying (Paul Rigglesford)**

A new strategy had been developed and a new action plan. A case worker, Beccy Nicholls, recently appointed, is based at Connexions, Worthing, but deals with cases involving children as young as 5 years. Email address is [Beccy.Nicholls@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Beccy.Nicholls@westsussex.gov.uk) Information about the 'Action against Bullying' Partnership is provided at <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/community-and-living/making-your-communities-safer/action-against-bullying/> A newsletter is also produced. The week commencing 17 November is National Anti-Bullying Week.

**(b) Health issues of young people (Debra Balfour)**

Activities have involved Boundstone College and Worthing High School. Southlands Community Centre will be the next venue. Physical activity and sexual health are major focuses.

**(c) Activity Vouchers (Clare Deacon)**

The value of vouchers has increased from £2 to £2.50 and the allocation per term will be £50 for the autumn, £75 for spring and £75 for summer.

**(d) Children and Family Centres (Sue Bull)**

There are 3 of these in Worthing: Broadwater, Durrington Middle School and Maybridge. One is also envisaged for Lyndhurst. A presentation from Sue on these could form a future agenda item.

**(e) Summer Fun Activities at Kitty's Field (Leighanna Barber-Corbett)**

Mick's Garage will be involved with activities at Kitty's Field on 12 August. The day's activities include spray painting, a picnic and various training and tournaments in various games.

**(f) Change of representative from Spurgeons (Paul Sanderson)**

Paul Sanderson is to move on from the position he has held at Spurgeons for several years, and his replacement, Mark Barkaway, will be participating in future meetings of the Forum.

**(g) Project involving D-side and Beat (Edi Mandala)**

The D-side and Beat Projects are collaborating in a programme that will lead to an award in music.

**(h) Neighbourhood Forums (Ch Insp Sharon Rowe)**

Neighbourhood forums are being established in Council wards to engage communities in law and order issues. Young people are concerned about knife crimes and gangs. Alarmist headlines by 'The Argus' may be responsible for spreading the wrong impression that knife crime is on the increase in Worthing; in fact there has been no increase of this type of crime in Worthing over the last three years.

**(i) SNAP Discos (Ch Insp Sharon Rowe)**

Reduced attendance is tending to make these uneconomical. The SNAP Discos need re-vamping – even the title reveals this, since 'disco' no longer features in the vocabulary of young people. The views of young people are needed, and the committee needs fresh blood. The Police would be willing to hand over the organisation of these events to another body, more tuned in to the tastes of young people.

Marlayn Smith said that the Park activities afforded an opportunity to collect feedback from young people. Hazel Thorpe made mention of the Mayor's charities.

**(j) Racial awareness (Amina Kambashi)**

BME Enterprises has had a spate of complaints from parents of black children in Years 2—5, with concerns about race-related name calling and issues such as touching the hair of the children. There appeared to be an issue of lack of racial awareness. Links with bullying were pointed out by Paul Rigglesford, and links with poor parenting by Tina Favier.

**(k) Keystone Club, Maybridge (Hazel Thorpe)**

A business plan is needed, given the promise of money to develop this club. It is primarily a centre for youths, though it is also open to the Community. A development worker is already offering to assist, but advice on both business planning and the planning of events would be welcome.

**(l) Tarring Club for 13 – 16 year olds (Hazel Thorpe)**

Offers from speakers would be welcome, as would any other support. The club is held on Thursday evenings. Emails to [Hazel.Thorpe@worthing.gov.uk](mailto:Hazel.Thorpe@worthing.gov.uk) please.

**7. Any other business**

There was none.

**8. Next meeting:**

**Tuesday 14 October at 2.30 p.m.  
in the Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall.**