



1. Introductions and Apologies

Sue Bull	√	Family Welfare Association; Vice Chair
Maralyn Smith	A	WSCC Children & Young People Service (Chair)
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Amina Kambashi	A	BME Community Services
Cathie Peckham (for Helder Favarin Martines)	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Cathy Smerdon	√	WBC Community Safety
Chris Kemish	A	WSCC Integrated Services
Cllr Hazel Thorpe	√	Worthing Borough Council
Colette Denton	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Debra Balfour	A	West Sussex PCT Locality Health Improvement
Debra Beardall	A	WSCC Children's Fund
Edi Mandala	√	Spurgeons: D-Side Project
Hilda Sherwood	√	Home-Start
Insp Howard Hodges	A	Sussex Police
Janet Horsburgh	A	WSCC Children & Young People's Service - Learning
Janet St Pierre	√	Worthing Women's Aid
Jeannette Sax	√	WSCC Children & Family Centres
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Linda Doughty	A	Rethink - Mentoring for Care Leavers
Linda Randall (for Paul Norman)	√	Northbrook College
Mike Tyler	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Paul Rigglesford	√	WSCC Community Safety
Sean O'Donnell	√	WSCC Children & Family Centres
Stacey Marley	A	WSCC Integrated Services (CAF), Worthing ISDA
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety

2. Notes of the previous meeting (22 July 2008)

<http://www.worthingtogether.org/together/NotesofWTSubGroups/ChildrenYoungPeopleForum/>

were agreed as an accurate record (2 corrections of name made following receipt of email prior to meeting).

3. Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting

(a) Multi-use all weather games area at Davisons

Julian Stevens said that the proposed meeting, previously scheduled for September, is expected to take place soon.

4. Worthing Outdoor Activity Network – Mike Tyler

Referring to his partnership message distributed before the previous meeting, Mike spoke of the possibility of some of the Worthing churches being interested in participating in a venture to take out youngsters from LNIA's to enjoy outdoor activity outside their areas. Churches, for example, could provide pick-up points from which youngsters could be collected.

Adele Grover pointed to the opportunity to feed into *Street Games* and gave information on the availability of portable floodlighting equipment for evening activities. She also linked the idea to training opportunities for *Community Sports Leader Awards* and the willingness expressed by the Sixth Form College to help recruit for extra curricular activities.

Mike proposed a working party be set up to produce a tangible proposal for the LSP to consider. However, it was pointed out that the transport provision involved in Mike's proposal raised questions about sustainability; funding was less likely to be available from a statutory source than from an organisation such as the Big Lottery. Mike agreed to suggestions that he should explore avenues with Maralyn Smith, Mick's Community Garage and The Crew, Littlehampton.

Action: Mike Tyler

5. West Sussex Children and Family Centres – Jeannette Sax

Jeannette briefed the meeting on the history of the children and family centres, which are intended to provide an integrated one stop shop for services for children and their families. The core offer of CFCs is: early education integrated with day care; child and family health services; family support and parental outreach; a range of other services and supports. In smaller centres, some of these facilities will be based elsewhere, but signposting will be on offer in such cases. Worthing is being provided with its total planned provision of 6 centres in phase 2 of the programme, to be completed in 2010.

There was widespread, strong agreement with a claim that parents did not know how to access help with parenting, and that practitioners, such as those forming the CDRP, felt ill-equipped both to signpost parents to existing parenting classes, and to prompt the setting up of such classes where these were needed. A West Sussex Family Support and Parenting Strategy was said to exist, or be in the making, but no one present could advise on its current status. It was agreed that if a policy exists, it is not being observed, and that there is a need for the CYP Forum to advance from being an information sharing forum and to start developing action plans.

Sue Bull was willing to investigate the current status of the Family Support and Parenting Strategy.

Action: Sue Bull

In answer to questions, Jeannette explained that the progress of the centres was monitored through parent registration and through self-evaluation. To ensure meeting the real needs of the community, the approach would be to welcome services offered by a very wide range of organisations, and then gradually to focus on the services which prove to be most needed.

Jeannette stressed the aim to integrate services, and the need for the community as a whole to be involved in making the centres a success. She invited all present to attend the opening ceremonies of the Worthing's newest two centres; the Durrington Centre was to open the next day and the Maybridge one the following week.

Action: All

6. LSP Merger update

Tina Favier provided a briefing on the joint meeting of *Worthing Together* and *Adur in Partnership* LSPs held on 24 September 2008. Interest had been expressed in the possibility of a merger, possibly incremental, with specific issues relevant to a particular area being identified and targeted.

7. Partner Messages (previously circulated)

(a) Green Gym (Julian Stevens)

Elaborating on the information already provided, Julian asked partners to publicise the opportunity offered by the Green Gym to young people over 16 for free outdoor exercise. <http://www.worthing.gov.uk/news/title,56655,en.html>

He also asked members to help identify people who would be interested in training to become a volunteer Green Gym leader and to help identify sites that could operate in the future.

Action: All

(b) Action against bullying (Paul Rigglesford)

Paul Rigglesford elaborated on the information in his Partner Message (previously circulated) on the new *Action Against Bullying Support Line* – 0845 075 1010 – which is to go live on 27 October. The expertise of Parentline Plus would be called on where needed. He noted suggestions about publicity, and the need for this to get the message across that racial discrimination was also a facet of bullying. Mention was also made of a new initiative which Tina Favier would provide more information on subsequently, and of the work of BME Enterprises in relation to racist bullying.

Paul also drew attention to the information in his Partner Message on the Anti-Bullying Conference to be held as part of Anti-bullying week on Monday 17th November – details on <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/aab>

Action: All

(c) Annual Review of Worthing Council for Voluntary Services (Julia Carrette)

All CYP members were reminded of: their invitation to the event on 04 November at 6 p.m. at Worthing Town Hall; the opportunity for displays from voluntary and community groups at the event – phone the WCVS office on

01903 528420 to book a space. Julia provided a leaflet together with the WCVS autumn newsletter.

Action: All

8. Round the Table Updates

(a) A free *Black History with Diversity Bash*

for young people aged 13 - 21 is being organised by BME Enterprises. It is to be held on 1st November 2008 at the Barn, Field Place, near Durrington Train Station, Worthing from 6.15 pm to 9.30 pm. <http://www.bme-cs.org.uk/documents/BHwithDleaflet.pdf>

(b) Worthing Women Standing Together NSPCC event

Julia Carrette gave information about the event, to be held on 17 October.

(c) Community Safety / CDRP

Bonfire Night posters were distributed by Tina Favier, who also introduced the new Community Engagement Worker, Cathy Smerdon, and briefed the meeting on a graffiti art project at Homefield Park, being organised with the help of Adele Grover.

(d) Keystone Club

Hazel Thorpe briefed the Forum on the progress made by the Keystone Club in Maybridge with the help of funding from Worthing Borough Council, which will improve the suitability of the club for use as a Children's Centre. An application is being made for a Peoples 50 Million grant from the Big Lottery for play equipment and she urged Forum members to vote for the project.

(e) Northbrook College courses for young people who do not engage

Linda Randall, Outreach Development Officer of Northbrook College, spoke of the success of Northbrook courses for young people who do not engage. Answering questions, she explained that funding for 14—16 year olds came from the schools and funding for 16—19 year old young people (NEET) came from the E to E programme.

(f) D-side Project

Edi Mandala spoke of an event being organised at Tesco's in Durrington in conjunction with Sussex Police on 28 and 29 October, and also of the progress of the music project being organised in collaboration with the Beat Project, which has 5 boys and 5 girls on the course, now in its fourth week. A review meeting was planned.

9. Other business

There was no other business.

10. Dates of forthcoming meetings

In view of the absence of the Chair of the CYP, it was agreed that dates should be emailed to Forum members subsequently.

