



1. Introductions and Apologies

Maralyn Smith	√	WSCC Children & Young People Service (Chair)
Sue Bull	√	Family Welfare Association; Vice Chair
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Cathie Peckham (for Hélder Favarin Martines)	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Chris Kemish	√	WSCC Worthing Integrated Services
Colette Denton	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Debra Balfour	A	West Sussex PCT Locality Health Improvement
Hilda Sherwood	A	Home-Start
Janet Horsburgh	A	WSCC Children & Young People's Service - Learning
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Laura Fullard	√	Youth Offending Service
Madeleine Owens	√	WSCC Worthing Integrated Services
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Paul Norman	√	Northbrook College
Paul Rigglesford	√	WSCC Community Safety
Renira Currid	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Sue Brown	√	Worthing Homes
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety

2. Notes of the previous meeting (14/10/08)

were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the notes of the previous meeting

(a) Worthing Outdoor Activity Network

Cathy Peckham outlined progress on research by Mike Tyler into the feasibility of this.

(b) West Sussex Parenting Strategy (document previously circulated)

Sue Bull had been unable to ascertain who was carrying this forward since the retirement of Sue Palmer.

(c) LSP Merger feasibility

A joint meeting of the WT Steering Group and the AiP Board was to be held the following day, with Julian Stevens representing the Children & Young People Forum, given the unavailability of Chair and Vice Chair.

(d) Green gym

Julian Stevens said no volunteer leaders had come forward but the project was going well and had a waiting list. Expansion of capacity was needed. Two more programmes were to be funded by the PCT.

(e) Action against bullying

Paul Rigglesford said approximately 80 people attended the Conference, and the support line is working, with about a case a day being referred to a case worker. Most calls are from parents seeking confirmation that they are following a suitable approach. Matters raised are mostly school-related and necessitate engagement with the schools. It is planned to improve the service provided by the call centre and to have a second case worker, to be involved with the primary school age group.

4. Review of the Children and Young People Forum

It was agreed that it was necessary for the Forum to move on from information sharing and now focus on action. The input of young people would be essential but the most effective way of achieving this was not necessarily the regular attendance of young representatives throughout the Forum meetings.

The Forum divided into two groups to consider:

- ✧ How well is the Forum meeting its terms of reference?
- ✧ What are the gaps?
- ✧ What is the way forward?
- ✧ How should young people be involved?

Feedback from the groups was as follows:

SUE'S GROUP

Strengths:

- ✧ Information sharing
- ✧ Commitment and good communication from a wide range of groups in public & voluntary sectors

Weaknesses:

- ✧ Lack of clear focus / action plans
- ✧ Unclear about membership and role of members
- ✧ Insufficient input from children and young people and parents

Threats:

- ✧ Reorganisations
 - Adur – Worthing (merging CYP Forums not a good idea)
 - Within WSCC
 - Other

Opportunities

- ✧ To draw up new terms of reference and aims and objectives
- ✧ To draw up action plan
- ✧ The new chair and vice-chair from provider services
- ✧ Review / establish membership

- ✧ Increase input from Youth Council and the alternative youth advisory group
- ✧ Improve links with WSCC, possibly by membership at councillor level as well as officer
- ✧ Improve links with West Sussex and Worthing / Worthing & Adur Sustainable Community Strategies and LAA
- ✧ Directory / mapping of service provision by members ?SPARK or www.worthingtogether.org

MARALYN'S GROUP

Currently doing well:

- ✧ Sharing information

Gaps:

- ✧ WSCC Children & YP Plan – need to contribute to
- ✧ Contributions to LSP / strategic planning
- ✧ Action Plan for Worthing Borough Area

Future:

- ✧ Action plan linked to Community Strategy and LAA
- ✧ Seek out joint actions / themes linked to action plan
- ✧ Agree priorities for Worthing and a joint approach for funding
- ✧ Review of membership to group / link membership to work of group
- ✧ Send out list of members & review
- ✧ 2 part agenda
- ✧ Themes emerging
- ✧ Actions already underway
- ✧ Involve young people (Youth Advisory and Youth Council) at beginning or end of regular meetings.

It was agreed that members should submit their priorities to Maralyn by 20 January 2009 with a view to discussion at an extended meeting.

Action: All

5. Partner Messages (previously circulated)

(a) Website for Worthing Young People (Adele Grover)

Adele circulated a paper for members to indicate: whether they would commit to the idea; whether it would be useful to them; whether they would commit to putting in information; whether they would kickstart with funding; whether they would provide funding to maintain the site.

Discussion revealed that the WSCC *Your Space* site had suffered from the lack of an editor and that Andrew House has now been appointed to the post. It was agreed that school buy-in would be valuable and that Adele should consult Janet Horsburgh on this. Research into similar websites would also be useful. Maralyn suggested *Queer Youth* as one.

6. Round the Table Updates

(a) Level 1 programmes

Paul Norman said that Level 1 programmes were starting in January at Northbrook, Worthing College and Asphalia for NEET young people. Recruitment was taking place through Connexions.

(b) Football Street League

Sue Brown spoke on work towards this; a meeting was to be held between registered social landlords, Maralyn Smith, Adele Grover and Tina Favier.

(c) Activities for Young People

Adele Grover spoke on plans for street dance, parkours, and girls' health and wellbeing activities, details of which would appear shortly on the leisure pages of the borough website

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

Open Learning Network accreditation was being given to the graffiti art programme. The project at Homefield Park deserved publicity and there was an appeal for more sites for graffiti art.

Action: All

Adele also extended an invitation to young peoples' projects to apply for use of five recently acquired portable floodlights.

Action: Those interested

(d) Health Trainers

Julia Carrette reported that four Health Trainers have been trained and are now working in the Community: two of them at Durrington Community Centre, one at Worthing Leisure Centre and one at Davison High School. They could provide help on alcohol and drug abuse, obesity and leisure. Julia invited referrals to them.

Action: Those interested

(e) Enhancing Learning environment

Colette Denton said that money had been provided for enhancing the learning environment of early childhood services (outdoor environment, IT etc) and that expression of interest forms had already been sent out.

Action: Those interested

(f) Parenting

Madeleine Owens, new to her post in Integrated Services, said she would be giving attention to parenting issues

(g) Young people / youth offenders

Laura Fullard and her colleague John, both of the Youth Offenders Service, have a county-wide remit. Currently they are in Worthing for a 6-month project aimed at working with 8—13 year-olds on a variety of activities in both 1:1 and small group settings. Laura and John will be linking with different services and may call on members of the CYP for input. Colette Denton suggested contact with Durrington Children and Family Centre.

(h) Anti-bullying

Paul Rigglesford spoke on St Andrew's anti-bullying survey and a borough-wide conference on bullying. He would be contacting Tina Favier on the matter.

(i) Lighting in Homefield Park

Tina Favier spoke of attempts to arrange for lighting in Homefield Park being compromised by objections from residents. Maralyn Smith offered to provide input from young people, such as skateboarders, if this would be helpful.

(j) New posts

Tina also alerted members to new posts: one for an alcohol education worker and one for a post in the youth service involving networking on sustainable arts projects for young people.

Action: Those interested

(k) Common Assessment Framework (CAF).

Chris Kemish spoke on work involving integrating input from early years practitioners and midwives into the Common Assessment Framework (CAF). He invited any agencies needing input on CAF to contact him.

Action: Those interested

Madeleine Owens alluded to gaps in staffing creating great pressure to prioritise; the Help Desk was understaffed and it was on account of this that Chris would be the point of contact.

In answer to a question from Tina Favier, Madeleine said it had been recognised centrally that Worthing (and Crawley) were under-resourced. Attracting and retaining staff proved difficult, with staff valuing realistic case loads more highly than money.

(l) Parenting course for young people

Maralyn Smith briefed the meeting on a 12-week parenting course being conducted for young people (prospective parents). This was a pilot project which would be evaluated afterwards.

7. Other business

(a) Park Day at Longcroft Park 08 April 2009

Applications were invited for stalls at a Park Day on 08 April 2009 at Longcroft Park (near Tesco in Northbrook).

Action: Those interested

8. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Tuesday 03 February 09

Tuesday 07 April 09

Tuesday 09 June 09

Tuesday 08 September 09

All meetings will be from 14:30 to 16:30 in the Gordon Room of Worthing Town Hall.

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