

1. Introductions and Apologies

Maralyn Smith	√	WSCC Children & Young People Service (Chair)
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Chris Kemish	√	WSCC Worthing Integrated Services
Colette Denton	A	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Howard Hodges	√	Sussex Police
Leonie Warnick	√	Spurgeons
Linda Sirodcar	√	Home-Start
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Laura Fullard	A	Youth Offending Service
Madeleine Owens	A	WSCC Worthing Integrated Services
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Paul Norman	A	Northbrook College
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Renira Currid	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Sue Brown	√	Worthing Homes
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety

2. Notes of the previous meeting (09 December 2008) were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the notes of the previous meeting

(a) Youth offenders (Tina Favier)

Support had started for a group of 8—13 year olds in Selden. Setting up a similar group in Northbrook / Durrington had proved more challenging but was now well underway.

(b) Lighting in Homefield and Tarring Parks (Tina)

Currently young people are being consulted as to how they would like to use Homefield and Tarring Parks. The consultation includes the issue of lighting. A meeting had been held with Councillors, who had expressed a mix of opinion, with the Councillor who has responsibility for the matter tending to be against the idea. Tina is to draw up a policy.

Maralyn said the Youth Council had been exploring the matter, and she offered feedback. Adele suggested that feedback be obtained from residents near Tarring

Park following the installation of lighting. Chris was not convinced that opposition from residents near Homefield Park represented a majority opinion.

A proposal from Julia was agreed: that Maralyn should write a letter from the Worthing Together Children and Young People in favour of lighting the parks.

Action: Maralyn Smith

(c) New posts (Tina Favier)

Karen Gadsby has been appointed to the post of alcohol education worker, based in the Community Safety Team of WBC. She will be working with children and their parents. Substance misuse will be included in her remit.

4. Feedback from Worthing Together Steering Group Meeting of 21 January 2009 (Julia Carrette)

Julia outlined how Worthing Together LSP, to which the CYP Forum belongs, agreed with Adur in Partnership (AiP) on the benefits of working together towards a Joint Sustainable Community Strategy which is to include neighbourhood action plans. This could lead into merging of the two LSPs, and eventually, to merging of the two theme groups concerned with Children and Young People. There were differences between Adur and Worthing, but on the other hand, some people had areas of responsibility covering both Adur and Worthing, and therefore attended both theme groups.

5. Possibility of merger / joint working with AiP Children & Young People Forum

Discussion revealed the following points for and against:

Strengths:

- ✧ Would facilitate work on common themes; differences between Adur and Worthing were less than differences between wards within Worthing (Tina)
- ✧ Pooling of resources (Julian)

Weaknesses:

- ✧ Worthing's VCS is already operating at neighbourhood level and merging with Adur might lead to a more top-down approach with loss of VCS influence (Julia)
- ✧ Merger of the two theme groups would lead to unwieldy membership and long meetings (Chris)
- ✧ Much of the neighbourhood based discussion would be irrelevant to many in a merged theme group (Adele)
- ✧ Dilution (Julian)

It was agreed:

- ✧ to invite representatives of the AiP Young People and Children Partnership to the next meeting of the WT CYP Forum (07 April 2009)

Action: Maralyn Smith

- ✧ when circulating the minutes, to provide members with a copy of the Consultants' Report

Action: Norma Ndoping

(Secretary's Note: Consultant's Report and related presentation notes are available on the Worthing Together website at

<http://www.worthingtogether.org/together/Structureandmembership/Feasibilityofmerger/>)

6. Feedback from Partner Priority Audit

Maralyn presented a table based on replies received from Integrated Services, Community Safety, Worthing Homes, WBC Leisure Development and the Youth Service.

It was agreed that it was necessary to have a table of the priorities of all members before the next meeting, where we would be hoping to discuss similarities and differences with representatives of AiP Young People and Children Partnership.

Maralyn accepted the suggestion that she should add columns for organisations whose replies have not so far been received, and a place to indicate age range. The revised document would then be emailed to members, providing another opportunity for all to contribute their priorities. (Membership based on Norma's analysis of those who attended any of the last 6 meetings of the Forum, or sent their apologies). A short deadline for reply would be necessary.

Action: Maralyn Smith

Adele and Tina offered to meet with Maralyn to categorise the results.

Action: Maralyn Smith

7. Partner Messages (previously circulated)

(a) Youth Enterprise Project (Mike Tyler)

Mike expanded on the ideas as presented in the previously circulated message.

Maralyn briefed the meeting on work already in progress to achieve partnership working between the Sailing Club, scouts, guides, NEET young people and Connexions.

Mike's idea differed from what is already envisaged in that it incorporated transport for young people to experience activities outside their own neighbourhood. Julian had concerns over sustainability of transport arrangements. Mike said Simon Edwards was achieving some success in Durrington with a similar scheme involving transport. The Forum agreed to Mike's suggestion to invite Simon to brief the meeting on what he has been doing.

Action: Mike Tyler

8. Round the Table Updates

(a) SNAP discos (Howard Hodges)

These were currently on hold owing to concerns about the way in which they were operating in some locations (not Worthing).

(b) Safer Schools officers (Howard Hodges)

One has started operating in Durrington and other officers are to start in September.

(c) National Drugs Awareness week (Howard Hodges)

National Drugs Awareness week is to be held in May and will include a drugs related arts competition. It was suggested that useful contacts would include Durrington High School and The Museum.

(d) New Spurgeons Manager (Leonie Warnick)

Leonie Warnick introduced herself as a new manager for Spurgeons with a remit to co-ordinate the activities of Spurgeons projects.

(e) Use of Davisons site for all weather pitch (Julian Stevens)

There is good dialogue on this though progress is slow.

(f) Park Day 08 April 2009 at Longcroft Park (Adele Grover)

The main aim of this is to promote the playground for 0—8 year olds which is being provided through Lottery money.

(see <http://www.worthing.gov.uk/worthings-services/leisureandculture/parksampopenspaces/parksinworthing/parksinalphabeticalorder/longcroftpark/longcroftparkplayground/>)

There will be a variety of activities for children and teenagers from 10 am to 2 pm. Details will become available at www.worthing.gov.uk/youth The occasion will also provide opportunity to carry out consultation.

Action: All interested

(g) Voluntary Sector Forum (Julia Carrette)

A special meeting, focussing on debt, will be held on 19 February 2009 at Friends Meeting House 34 Mill Road Worthing BN11 5DR. Lunch is to be provided at 12:30, before the start of the meeting at 12:45.

Action: All interested

(h) After School Club Findon Valley (Renira Currid)

An after school club is opening in Findon Valley. It will be open during the holidays as well.

(i) Home Start

Linda Sirodcar introduced herself, saying said it would be she (rather than Hilda Sherwood) who would usually represent Home Start at the Forum in future. Linda coordinates the work of 22 volunteers working with the 0—5 years age range.

(j) Community Engagement (Tina Favier)

Cathy Smerdon has been consulting young people in Tarring about their perception of crime. She is working in a targeted way rather than using the generic approach adopted in Adur.

(k) Worthing Alcohol Services (Tina Favier)

Tina attended a presentation by Worthing Alcohol Services which she found very useful. The efficacy of brief interventions was highlighted. Tina would provide a copy of the presentation for circulation.

Action: Tina Favier

(l) New appointment in Worthing Youth Services (Maralyn Smith)

Joolie Edwards has a 20 hr/wk post to identify areas of need and recruit volunteers.

9. Dates of forthcoming meetings

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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