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**Minutes of Children & Young Peoples Network
5 March 2007
10am – 12pm Connors Toy Library**

Present:

Brenda Cairns – Homestart
June Christie – Mencap
Ken Dobson – Portsmouth Governors Forum
Jackie Ingram – Connors Toy Library
Katherine Marsden-Broad – Portsmouth Under 8's Forum (PUEF)
Richard Souter – CP Centre
Mary Wishart – Community Network
Terri Windsor – Homestart

Apologies:

Charlie Adie – Motiv8
Karen Drayton – Connors Toy Library
Sue Ganter – Interfusion

1 Welcome and introductions

Ken Dobson was welcomed as a guest of the meeting. Ken is interested in the Alliance as a member of the Portsmouth Governor's Forum and as member of the Community Network.

2 Previous minutes and action points

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting from 5 February 2007 were agreed.
- 2.2 MW gave updates on the following action points carried forward from 8 January:
- 3.4 Mapping exercise – CA and MW met and questionnaire designed for Alliance to complete. MW meeting with Marc Rostock to take forward further.
 - Event in Southampton on 28 February 2007, MW attended and fed back to steering group how event structured. It was very helpful in providing ideas to inform planning our own conference in 2008.
 - 2.2 MW spoke Chris Woodfine to see if we can have more than 2 spaces on JCG. CW to take back to JCG and consider request. In meantime, KD and KMB are to attend as Alliance reps on JCG. Ongoing issue about CYPSP reps – Laura Caton from Strategy Unit discussing with Lynda Fisher.
 - 4.1 MW explained that the launch of the Allinace had gone well at the Volunteers Fair and some helpful contacts were made.
 - 4.3 & 4.4 Covered on today's agenda
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 - 7.1 Ongoing
 - 8 Steering group reminded to forward list of groups they sit on to MW if not already done so.

- 8.2 – RS explained that the CP Centre had submitted a bid to NEET Connexions panel now so he couldn't sit on the panel. A volunteer will be sought from wider Alliance, preferably someone with a background into the issues facing young people not in education, employment or training. There were several volunteers from the steering group if no-one else came forward.

Action: MW to email round Alliance for volunteers.

3 Draft Parenting Strategy

MW reported a very disappointing response from Community Network, with only one response received. It was agreed that a response should be submitted by the Alliance so the questions asked in response to the strategy were worked through at today's meeting.

Action: MW to pull together feedback and circulate to Alliance before submitting back to PCC.

3 JCG and CYPSP reps – covered in actions above.

4 NEET assessment panel – covered in actions above.

5 Launch Briefing session

Discussion was had as to topics and guest for launch briefing session in June/July 2007. David Williams, Chief executive of PCC and Lynda Fisher were agreed to good ideas as high profile guests. Suggested them was the Parenting Strategy as it will have been implemented by then and how the VCS will work with it.

Action: MW to work up ideas further for next meeting.

6 AOB

6.1 KD suggested that funding for the sector should be a standing item on the agenda and the Alliance should take on the role as collecting information about funding availability. There was very interesting and helpful discussion around this idea and it was acknowledged that this was an important issue for all, but it was felt that there are other groups who can provide information around this at present and the Alliance needed to develop its role before looking to being the provider of this sort of service. It was a subject that could be considered for a future briefing session perhaps.

6.2 BC mentioned the Childrens Centres Partnerships and agreed to circulate more information about what these are and how the Alliance can link in.

Action: BC to circulate information.

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7 Future meeting dates – all meetings on first Monday of every month (except 1 May on Tuesday due to Bank Holiday) and held at PCCS from 10am to 12pm

- 2 April
- 1 May
- 4 June
- 2 July
- 6 August
- 2 September