

PORTSMOUTH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

MINUTES - MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2007 10 AM – 12 NOON, PCCS CONFERENCE ROOM

Present:

Attendees

Richard Soutar (RS) - Enable Ability (Chair)
Brett Reynolds (BR) - Dreamwall
Charlie Adie (CA) - Motiv8
Stella Pratt (SP) - SFT
June Christie (JC) - Parent partnerships
Shelley Price (SPr) - PCCS

1. Apologies for Absence:

Barbara O'Sullivan, Katharine Marsden-Broad, Ken Dobson. Terri Windsor

Richard Soutar welcomed everyone and invited introductions around the table.

2. Previous Minutes & Matters Arising

The Minutes of 10 October were agreed with one amendment. On page 3 the amount itemized should read £11,000 not £11.

Matters Arising:

Terms of Reference – Barbara had circulated the current terms of reference which were now tabled. Those present had no amendments to make. Recommendation had been made to post the TOR on the website for others to comment.

Safeguarding Board – Charlie Adie (CA) responded to this item. He did not have any follow up at this time.

3. Reports from Representatives

Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership Board (CYPSPB)

- i) In respect of the request to Tom Morton, Chair of the Community Network to write formally to say that we consider the Partnership Board should have 4 Community & Voluntary Sector representatives, CA was comfortable with the knowledge that the VCO's had heard what is wanted, and the specific action of sending a letter remains. The matter would be raised again with Lynda Fisher in the New Year but it was felt that there was no urgency.

- ii) Integrated Youth Support Services: At the last meeting, the principles had been agreed and would go out for consultation. The PCC restructuring meant that Youth Services would be transitioning to the CFL directorate. Charlie was attending a meeting following this meeting to discuss, the results of which would be reported at the next meeting.

4. Briefing Event – 29 November this will be covered in the agenda

6. Representation

Draft guidelines for representation had been agreed to be circulated and agreed with the assurance that there was to be a statement regarding regular attendance at meetings and feedback. An introduction of a formal feedback form had been discussed. June Christie (JC) had commented that the feedback form should be introduced as soon as possible or alternative form of recording such as a concise report.

(Action BJOS/all)

7. Supporting the Safeguarding Agenda

The Chair asked if there had been any progress with the grant and was informed that there was no funding to date. Any admin support that had been received had been given by Barbara through goodwill on behalf of The Community Network and PCCS but this was not sustainable. PCCS had identified a pot of money that could supply 15/18k a year for admin, briefings, hosting meetings and consultation etc. PCC agreed that the Alliance could be a vehicle for issues around safeguarding. The situation needed to be flagged up as a resource issue for the future if a shortfall occurred from PCC.

CA agreed to put together a budget to support an application for funding for next year following the meeting and offered to submit an application to PCC small grants but needed to check that Barbara had not already done so.

(Action CA, BJO)

8. Workforce Development Training Initiative.

Emma Hughes was leaving and it was discussed that her replacement needed to liaise with the group

(Action BJOS/ all)

9. AOB

In respect of the following itemised in the previous minutes regarding the 14-19 Consortium – Charlie had asked if anything had been done to find a representative for this consortium and suggested that Jacqui Lawrence from Rainer might want to get involved. Barbara had offered to e-mail Jacqui about joining the Alliance distribution list and also to include the 14-19 Consortium vacancy in the next mail out to ensure we get representation. No one has come forward as yet so the issue remains an

open action.

(Action open)

The Children's Workforce Development Network was pulling together workbooks, managers and new employees. There is an online directory of training opportunities which aims to provide easy access and a common theme. The workbooks would provide a more viable option for agencies running the service and provide help for financial implications. The Network met again to consider some of the work that had been undertaken by the four Children's Workforce Development Working Groups and discussed /advised how the tools could best be shared and used by the Portsmouth Childcare workforce. The meeting went ahead on Monday 26 November. Both Katherine and June's work were now merged into one as a result of the meeting. Continuous professional development and workplace learning were very much the focus. Hayden Ginns was also involved and the question was raised as to whether there was any money available to help.

After the above matters arising, the Chair referred back to the agenda.

3 Reports from Representatives

The guidelines have not yet been circulated although the national guidelines have been visited. As the guidelines are not being aimed at individual organisations it was deemed that the process would be a group responsibility.

CA spoke re: the Strategic Partnership Executive and the changes in respect of the main transition of the Integrated Youth Support Service and the Children & Young People's Family Learning directorate and how everything was moving forward. The IYSS has a consultation for 'Visions in Principle' out in January. He pointed out that:-

Carl heads up Youth Service

Sharon George – Connexions

Andrew Olive – Overall responsibility for Intergrated Youth Service.

CA then went on to speak about Local Area Agreements (LAA's) and how they relate to young people. Nick Ralph is a Voluntary Sector rep on the Steering Group.

CA finally reported that C & YP plan is going through a re-fresh and a meeting held on 3 December began the start of the process.

Richard Soutar (RS) commented that the Strategic Group in respect of CIPS met for the first time on 5 December where they spent time discussing TOR and agreeing/amending same.

They also discussed different models in terms of how CIPS were going to be funded. 40% core – option on other 60%. Much discussion ensued concerning size of each section and how much funding would be needed. The question was raised as to whether the North east & North west CIPS could manage with only

one co-ordinator. The funding option agreed was based on numbers of young people up to 19 yrs in each area and would range from 36k to 60k. There had been discussions with lead professionals with the view that it was important to undertake partnership working, but individuality needed to be kept.

CIPS – Heavily schools dominated. Health was coming on board. The number of school nurses has doubled – so this will be part of their role to attend CIPS. The meetings will be held monthly.

Please note: CAF Awareness/Role of Lead Professional will be part of Briefing for next year. IYSS will want to consult with people.

JC Informed the group that the Review Steering Group met in June but there was nothing for her to report as she had been unable to attend. Also the Children's Disability Forum had not met. The Strategic group meetings will be held quarterly.

4 Briefing Event

The event held in November had been quite well attended and it was felt that it was good to hear about phase 2 of the development of the Children's Centres and to network on these occasions. Approximately 30 people attended and as these briefing events become more established they should gather momentum. It will help towards partnership working.

JC made a comment that the Third Sector doesn't recognize National charities working locally and key players need to get those represented on consortium. The date of the next event was scheduled for 7 February to be held at the Haven with the topic being Integrated Services Consultation.

The meeting which is to be held in January at PCCS from 10 until 12 noon will also agree upon future briefing sessions with the suggestion of pulling in other topics e.g. Consortium fundraising. The decision was also made to hold the meetings on the first Monday of every month for consistency.

5 Election Process

This item of the agenda was postponed until next meeting as key members were absent.

(Action put on Agenda BJO)

6 Representation

RS was a representative on the CIPS partnership board. CA was a representative on the 14- 19 Consortium and there was 1 place remaining. There had been other requests for representation but this would be discussed next time.

7. CYPP Consultation – feedback

CYPP were involved as well as the youth parliament. There was evidence that good community working was going on. Quite a few attended the consultation with input from the young people but there was a perceived danger that there was no back up from parents either by input or support. RS said that there had been a general agreement that the way the consultation document was phrased gave a negative approach; it needed a more positive format. The wording needed adjustment moving away from 'this is where we are' to 'this is we want/could be'. The republishing and re-branding is scheduled to be out in February and this was suggested as being part of the Briefing.

With regard to the role of CIPS, RS went to say that some of the priorities overlapped and could be incorporated. Some concerns had been raised that the criteria was too academically focused but the overall feeling was that CYPP conference had been successful.

8 CYP Alliance Development

- i) TOR previously covered
- ii) guidelines in the melting pot – needs to be finalized
- iii) Grants and funding being looked into in respect of staffing and resources
- iv) postponed

9. AOB

It was suggested that a map which outlined where all of the groups/consortia etc linked together should be produced for clearer clarification. Mary Wishart was working on a plan/map in respect of the various links to boards/groups etc before she left. This suggestion was met with approval from the group as it as felt that everyone would benefit.

(Action – Agenda item next time BJO)

10. Date of Next Meeting
January 7 2008. 10:00 – 12:00 at PCCS.