

Severn Vale Partnership for Learning

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 17 July 2008

Venue: GL11 Community Project

Time: 9.30 – 11 a.m.

Present: Jane Manning, Marie Muitt, Lyndsay Corbett, Sue Lewis, Geoff Wheeler, Ann Wheeler.

Item	Actions
1	<p>Apologies: Emma Clarke, Angela Gillingham, Louise Dembny, Shirley Crandon, Francis Clark-Stone, Jan Rose, Viv Jones.</p>
2	<p>Notes of Last Meeting Dursley Town Festival – Search for volunteers went well. Previous action on EC to provide contact details of Stroud FM to Shirley Crandon – Action EC Community Resources – AW to attach list of community resources to minutes for circulation. Action AW My Space Programme – Action on JM to send info to GW complete.</p>
3.	<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>GL11 – Ann Wheeler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Childcare courses from September causing concern with Stroud College's sudden decision to offer level 2 and 3 only at Stroud. GL11 in dialogue with other potential providers. LC and AW will discuss what support may be available via PATA immediately following this meeting. • Successful summer term now complete with a number of groups/activities continuing during the holidays. Autumn term training programme developing well and generating interest for: Computers (beginners and intermediate); Creative Writing (2 courses); Skills for Life; Artlink; Holiday French/Italian; Counselling; a range of childcare courses; Managing Your Money. • Successful day for GL11 and TLC joint promotion at Dursley Town Festival – people were keen to stop and talk which supported our TLC on-going consultation process and the event helped us recruit a number of new learners and promote the learning opportunities across all organisations locally. <p>Vale Vision – Geoff Wheeler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sculpture Trail launch on 6 July was very successful with 30 people attending the official opening and preview in the morning followed by more than 100 people later in the day. Initially about 12 sculptures were in place, made by various groups/schools/organisations, with up to another 8 sculptures in the making. • Learning: We are looking for the Market for Learning type of funding to continue H&S at Work, First Aid, Food Hygiene (LC provided details of Neil Rodgers who runs 2nd Chance First Aid – website www.2ndchancefirstaid.co.uk or tel 01452 723150/07855 473751 who has worked with PATA and is a first aid trainer and assessor). • Looking for funding for the Youth Centre. • All looking positive for Dursley Education Centre's move to Drake House. <p>AdEd – Sue Lewis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good feedback from the Adult Learners Week spread across different providers • Several bids now going forward, including one for a research project from GL11/TLC; another research bid in from a community group in Cashes Green looking to work in partnership with the new Children's Centre • AdEd has an Ofsted inspection in October • Also looking for new premises • Last meeting of the Stroud Consortium for the term was held at Painswick Inn – SL will circulate dates for next year's meetings (e-mail to AW for attaching to these minutes). • <p>PATA – Lyndsay Corbett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AdEd contract has been agreed in principle – securing £18,000; the only difference to previous is that AdEd now funds per learner, rather than per hour, per learner. This has allowed a good training programme to be offered including new courses, eg Autism • PATA met with Janet Rogers, a trainer who is experienced nationally in working with charities running 'tendering workshops' – advising on what to have within a tender, legal aspects, and how to

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'weight' a tender • Funding for the Babysitting Course has been secured again. • Creche Worker courses – for those wishing to be occasional crèche workers (free crèche) <p>Dursley Volunteer Centre – Marie Muitt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business is picking up with a lot more people now coming in to the office • Being at the DTF was very positive and a good opportunity to talk to people about volunteering • Now working on a list which identifies people who may only be interested in volunteering for “one-offs” rather than regular volunteering • Doreen Frusher’s job title is now Volunteering Development Manager <p>World Jungle – Jane Manning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new brochure is now available – this was circulated • The dance classes after school on Mondays has stopped, and we are hoping to secure more money to run a series of different dance and music styles for the whole year for young girls and boys • A big Showcase event planned for November • Events planned for Bristol to coincide with Black History Month in October – trying to get something in Gloucester • Secured some funding from the Lions Club to help set up a Samba Band – good links with the Bristol School of Samba and hopefully a tutor from here • Adult classes were partly supported by Stroud College – we might try to run a Salsa Group at cost • AGM is on 29 July, at the Library from 4-5 p.m. • Funding through Connecting Communities to support our Artists – our database has 80 artists; we run a project to support them (eg where can they access public liability insurance, data protection info etc) – and this is being extended to community groups • Global Play going well • From October we will be working with Youth Services in the county and looking to work with GL11 • Summer Events: up to 10 Fun Days planned (locally and in the North Cotswolds) and we are working with Play Rangers
4	<p>Networking over Coffee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dursley Town Festival: JM said the Festival day (Saturday) was good despite the weather; the evening Barn Dance went very well for the Lions. Country Fair (Sunday) was a good day followed by a quiz evening. <u>The DTF committee does need more support for next year.</u>
5	<p>New Chair for SVPL - After discussion it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of chair, minute taker and venue be provided on a rotational basis • JM will circulate dates of future meetings as a chart, requesting names for chair, minute taker and offer of a venue • JM will also provide an outline of roles for Chair and Minute Taker • AW to send draft minutes of this meeting, and agenda for next, to JM asap
6	<p>Next Meeting – Wednesday 24 September 2008, Dursley Ed Centre, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. (AW to e-mail EC to confirm availability of venue)</p> <p>Future Meetings – (all Wednesdays) 2009: 14 January, 8 April and 15 July.</p> <p>As this is Jane’s last meeting as Chair, a role she has undertaken for the last 4 years, the group wished to record their appreciation for her enthusiasm and support during this time. Thank you.</p>