

RCVYS AGM 2008

Minutes

**Wednesday 25th June 2008 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
at Reading YMCA, 34 Parkside Road, Reading. RG30 2DD**

Present:

Vic Hills - RCVYS Chair & Reading YMCA
Tim Clewer - RCVYS Vice-Chair & The Mustard Tree Foundation
Ben Cross - RCVYS Development Worker & Grace Church Caversham
Mary Jacobs - RCVYS Treasurer & Reading Crossroads
Dave Seward - RCVYS Secretary & BACYP
Laura Johnson Collard - RCVYS Exec Member & Children's Information Centre
Tessa Dove - ABC to read
Bianca Gallipoli - BACYP/Vinvolved Team
Nick Wooldridge - BACYP/Vinvolved Team
Ray Tapken - BCVYS/Berkshire Community Foundation
Cathy Lamsdale - Caversham Hill Toddlers
Anna Fowler - Gloucester Road Playgroup
Jackie Oversby - Home-Start Reading
Ruth Fleming - Home-Start Reading
Gareth Owen - The Mustard Tree Foundation
Barbara Perry - No5 Youth Counselling & Information
Grace Turner - Reading CAP
Karen Dwyer - Reading Riverside Guides
Russell Crosby - The Salvation Army
Joe Akem-Che - Spaak Educare Learning Centre
Ray Ellis - Tyndale Baptist Church

Also in attendance:

Sarah Morland - ChangeOptions
Tim Coulson - Reading Borough Council

Apologies:

Alison Steedman - RCVYS Exec Member & Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Karen Ross - RCVYS Exec Member & Relate Berkshire
Harriet Riley - Berkshire Scouts
Cara Parker - Children's Information Centre
Sarah Mayhew - Communicare
Leah Cripps - Dingley Family and Play Therapy Group
Ruth Pearse - Parenting Special Children
Paul Garratt - Reading Community Church
Ann Jeffery - Reading Abbey Guides
Gary Johnson - Reading Rockets Basketball Club
Andrea Smith - Reading Schools Christian Work Trust

Heather Garratt - Reading Schools Christian Work Trust
Hannah Ireland - RSHP
Chris West - St. Laurence's Church, Reach Team and Reach Caversham
Jonnie Clarke - Wrightchoice CSA
Joanita Lwanga - Stronger Together
Jan Hearn - Stronger Together

As well as:

Sam Jones - Reading Borough Council (GLO)

1. Welcome from Vic Hills - RCVYS Chairman

All present were welcome by VH and thanked for their attendance. Thanks were also expressed to Anne Laing and Farah who helped provide the buffet supper.

a. Apologies Received

The list of apologies received were read out.

2. Presentation by Tim Coulson (Reading Borough Council's School Improvement Manager):
Children's Action Teams (CATs) - Progress update, and the opportunities for commissioning, consultation and engagement with the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector.

Tim Coulson gave his presentation (a copy of the handouts are attached to these minutes), followed by a period of questions and discussion. The points raised are highlighted below:

- *Endeavouring to introduce children and young people to VCF sector universal services, following a period of targeted intervention.*
- *Representation from the VCF sector is crucial.*
- *What differences would a VCF sector service organisation see from the CAT Teams? A greater knowledge and understanding of the organisation from the CAT Team, leading to increased referrals and the opportunity for better joined up working, particularly with schools.*
- *Concerns were raised over the quantity of resources being ploughed into schools, and that many in the community find it difficult to connect with schools. The suggestion was made that more use should be made of community groups that are already delivering in the local area, with a view to linking those families back into the education provision.*
In response, it was highlighted that the Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) would be the group that would address this issue by
 - *Identifying the issue*
 - *Identifying the service required*
 - *Asking 'how can we do it differently and effectively'?*

It was commented though that Reading is at the step before this, but was expected to be ready to engage in this process within the next year.

Tim Coulson concluded that this was "the opportunity to think differently" and that representation through the CATs and the Locality Steering Groups (LSGs).

3. Chairman's Annual Report

VH delivered his last Annual Report as RCVYS Chairman.

His report and its headlines can be read in the RCVYS Annual Report 2007 - 2008 (a copy of the Annual Report is attached to these minutes).

4. Presentation by Sarah Morland from ChangeOptions (our research consultant) presenting the results from our recent research project:

Reading Children's Workforce - Mapping the learning and development needs in the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector.

Sarah Morland presented her report (a copy of the handouts and the final report are attached to these minutes).

There were no additional questions or comments.

Sarah was thanked by VH for her hard work, the speed that she carried out the work, and the comprehensive nature of the final report.

5. Development Worker's Annual Report

BC gave a summary of his report (a copy of the report are attached to these minutes).

6. Website Launch - www.rcvys.org.uk

BC went on to launch the new RCVYS website, and highlight different areas of the on-line content, and the functionality of the site.

He was thanked by VH for all his work over the year, his report, and the work that had gone into producing the new website.

7. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were presented by MJ in her capacity as RCVYS Treasurer.

Last financial year, RCVYS's work was mainly funded by a CapacityBuilders Grant of approx £28k. The majority of this went to employing the RCVYS Development Worker.

In this new financial year, the role of RCVYS Development Worker would mostly be funded by a Core Funding Grant from Reading Borough Council of approximately £24k.

The accounts were accepted by those RCVYS Members present.

8. Elections - Please see the separate sheet for the positions up for elections and nominations

a. RCVYS Exec Members

It was agreed that the election was carried out en bloc.

All those that stood were elected to the posts they stood for. LJC was congratulated on her appointment as the new RCVYS Chairman.

b. RCVYS Representatives

The positions still with vacancies were highlighted, and those present were offered the opportunity to put themselves forward for election. No further nominations were received.

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9. Closing comments, notices and handover to new officers

VH and LJC then swapped seats.

LJC then thanked VH for all his hard work over the last 7½ years. He was then presented with 2 gifts from RCVYS Members (a pair of Binoculars and a bird watching book), as well as a card signed by many RCVYS Members.

No further items of Any Other Business were received in advance of the AGM, or at the AGM.

LJC then thanked everyone for their attendance at this year's AGM, and closed the meeting.

The AGM was closed at 8:25pm.