



**Neighbourhood Management Programme
Working Group – Comeunity Opportunities
South and Central Yarmouth
Held 11th November 2008 - 10.00am – 12.00pm
At Neighbourhood Centre, King Street, Gt. Yarmouth**

MINUTES

Present

Sally Chicken	Chairperson	Rainbow Saver-Credit Union
Leon de Beer	Neighbourhood officer	Comeunity Neighbourhood Management
Rosie Marler	Learning Manager	Gt.Yarmouth Community Trust - Priory
Eileen Mascoll	Project Worker	Rainbow Saver-Credit Union
Valerie Pettit	Councillor	GYBC
Ben Sampson	Target Opportunities Worker	Target Opportunities

Also present:

Rob Gregory	Neighbourhood Manager-Facilitator	Comeunity Neighbourhood Management
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Apologies

Cora Batley	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Christine Chalmers	Training & Development Coordinator	Community Connections
Paul Cheeseman	Co-ordinator	Voluntary Norfolk
Joy Cosaitis	Resident	Comeunity Forum
Simon O'Leary	Development Worker	Voluntary Sector Partnership
Julie Stevenson	Project Worker	Rainbow Saver – Credit Union

Not in attendance

1. **Welcomes/ Introductions** Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.
2. **Minutes of last meetings** The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising** None
4. **Performance of**

Projects

Target Opportunities

Ben Sampson updated working group on progress and summarised by advising that TO are engaging on average around 15 individuals weekly, the reach of the project is more varied, partly dependant upon current and up & coming events, averaging around 20-25 individuals 'reached' in a week. Weekly monitoring statistics have been refined to include breakdown referrals and highlight residents of the Middlegate estate that have engaged. Please refer to full report.

Yourmouth

Helen Johnson reported back on progress. 27 volunteers and 16 work placements have been engaged, this includes 62% from within the Neighbourhood Management area. Edition 6 is currently underway. The deadline is 24th. November 2008.

Soft Skills Training

28 residents attended from area to date. 8 further to engage in the next session. Target of 40 likely to be met.

Credit Union

Sally Chicken updated the group on progress. Out of 139 members, 36 reside within the Neighbourhood Management area. 18 have been recruited since April 08. Work has started with Eastern landlords Association re direct housing benefit payments into Credit union accounts. It was hoped that the target of 50 members would be met by April 09 due to recent work with Greenacre School.

5. January Communications Campaign

Will feature all projects currently supported under the Opportunities theme.

Action : Each organisation to forward a hook line/question for their work to Leon de Beer ldb@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

6. Working Neighbourhoods Fund

Members expressed their concern over the timescale for WNF commissioning. Projects developed in this group have demonstrated impact at neighbourhood level.

Action: Rob to express concern at next LSP Executive meeting.

7. A.O.B.

None

8. Time/Date of next Meeting

Date: 18th. February 2009
Time: 10am-12pm
Venue: Neighbourhood Centre.

