



Minutes of meeting held on 19th December 2007

RCCE Offices Feering

Attendees:

John Brown (JB)	RCCE – Chair
Suzanne Roast (SR)	RCCE
Joy Sheppard (JS)	EALC
Paul Williams (PaW)	ECC
Philip Wilson (PhW)	ECC
Jenny Salisbury (Jes)	ECC Library Services
David Eniffer (DE)	Volunteer Centre Tendring
Theresa Coyne (TC)	Tendring Community Transport
Neil Keylock (NK)	ECC
Wendy Jackson (WJ)	ECC
Melanie Rundle	Colchester Borough Council
Sue Sumner	CVS Uttlesford UVCC
Kirsty Monk (KM)	RCCE (minutes)

Apologies

Kitty Barrett	BDC
Judy Cuddeford	BDVSA
Elaine Woods	ECC
Chris Allen	EEDA
Keith Blackburn	ECC
Graham Bushby	Essex SJA
Ed Gregory	ECC
Dianne Hardy	ExDra
Ruth Juett	EREC
Gill Pike	UVC
Linda Riley	VST
Nick Shuttleworth	RCCE
Brenda Towle	ECVS
Miriam Stead	ECC
Tony Shelton	Age Concern Essex
Linda Smart	ECC
Angela Balcombe (AB)	ECC
Ken Edwards (KE)	Chelmsford Sport
Karen Flack (KF)	ECC
Mike Hall (MH)	

1 **Chairman's Introduction**

John Brown (JB) (Chairman) welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting, introductions were made. Melanie Rundle from the Warm Homes Project, Colchester Borough Council was welcomed to the group. Apologies were read.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting, 2nd November 2007 & matters arising

Date amended – No further matters of accuracy were raised

The minutes were then agreed by those present.

The following were reported as updates/ matters arising from those minutes;

Mike Hall

JB confirmed that Mike Hall would continue to attend when he was able to and that it was good news that the group would not lose his expertise.

Mobile Library Service Review

JeS reported that the 6 monthly review of the mobile library service timetable since its commencement in July 2007. Feed back has been invited from PC's and Stakeholders. The new library development scheme at Great Dunmow was underway and would be nearly twice the size of the existing library.

Further matters arising were covered within the main agenda items.

2 Post Offices Update

SR reported that the Public Consultation Period regarding the closure of East Essex Post Offices has ended (19th November 2007) and the review by Post Office Limited (10th December 2007) has been finalised and the results announced.

Results of the Post Office Review to date.

Honey Croft Lawford and Warley Road Sub Post Offices are saved, all remaining post offices on the list are due to close in early February 2008.

However as 2 post offices have been saved a further 2 post offices in the East Essex Area plan will now go up for public consultation (from 4th Jan 2008 to 15th February 2008) and have been announced as Little Bentley and Henham sub- post offices.

Post Offices proposed for outreach in the current plan, have only not been announced as the contracts have not been signed yet.

The ERP Post Office working group is to arrange meetings with the sub Post Offices now up for consultation

3 Rural Social and Community Programme (RSCP)

The current RSCP funding will cease in March 2008 and it has been announced that there are no plan to provide alternative government funding for these projects (a loss of funding of £232,000)

Continued Actions:

- **NK to identify contact from** Early Years and Childcare Development to come to a CAG meeting to outline the work being undertaken to develop childcare in rural areas
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- **Action:** MH to liaise with SR re NAPs contacts (ERSAP Fear of Crime)
- **Action** JS to liaise with SR and notify Parish Clerks regarding the Rural Services Survey to encourage them to complete it.

NK

MH/SR

SR/JS

8 Community Action Group Membership

The CAG group discussed ways of increasing membership and attendance at meetings. **The following actions were decided** SR/JB/KM

- Next CAG meeting should be a planning meeting to re-launch the CAG for 2008 All
- The CAG terms of reference should be circulated to the CAG prior to the meeting. SR
- A brief summary of the CAG's aims and purpose should be devised and circulated. SR
- Representatives from under-represented groups such as the farming community etc should be identified and invited. All

9 **AOB**

50 Not Out

PaW distributed leaflets regarding the ECC 50 Not Out Programme which gives free advice and guidance on training, applications, interviews to help older people get back to work or retrain.

Mobile Library Service

JeS informed the Group that the mobile library service had been successfully running on a fortnightly service since July with initial responses very positive. The new time table would be available from January 2008.

JeS added that the transformation and upgrading of Saffron Walden Town Library had been very successful and work was soon to commence on the new building for the Dunmow library.

KM!

10 **Date of next full Essex Rural Partnership Meeting**

The next CAG meeting was later agreed to be held on February 15th 2008 *nch followed by the meeting at 2.00pm*

Meeting concluded: 12.20pm