

Hastings Children's Centre Cluster Local Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting held 24th February 2015
East Hastings Children's Centre

Attending:

Alison Martin (AM)	Early Years Improvement Officer
Amy James (AJ)	Independent Chair and Parent /Volunteer
Alison Purdy (AP)	Parent
Amy Fox (AF)	Tomorrow's People – Positive Progress for Parents
Astrid	In2Play
Carly Reigler (CR)	Early Years Coordinator, Hastings and St Leonards
Carole Somers (CS)	Senior Early Years Teacher
Charlotte Palfrey-Martin (CPM)	Children Centre Administrative Support
Charlotte Wilfort (CW)	Parent
Cossette Keen (CK)	Parent
Debby Anderson (DA)	Education Futures Trust/Volunteer
Donna Boydell (DB)	West Hastings Health Visiting Team
Jane Dye (JD)	Early Years Service Manager (FSN)
Jill Adamson (JA)	Horizons Community Learning
Jo Goldfinch (JG)	Cluster Co-ordinator, Hastings Cluster
Judy Breen (JB)	Homestart East Sussex
Laura Ringsell (LR)	Parent
Lena King (LK)	East Hastings Health Visiting Team
Martin Styring	Parent
Ron Bennett (RB)	Chair Big Local North East Hastings
Russell Smith (RS)	Community Development Worker Hastings Cluster
Sharon Gates (SG)	Athelstan Nursery/ Parent
Sophie Alexander (SA)	RSPCA – Mallydams Family Engagement Officer
Sue Martin (SM)	Team Leader - Hastings Children's Centres Key Working Service

Apologies:

Anna Foxall	Bookstart Librarian
Becky Marshall	FNP
Christine Unsworth (CU)	FSN
Claire Power	Community Member / Big Local North East Hastings
Debbie Lewis	Horizons Community Learning
Helen Atkin (HA)	Fellowship of St Nicholas
Katy Johnson	Salvation Army
Julie Hunt (JH)	Quit 51 (Smoking Cessation)
Stella Edmonds (SE)	Area Manager, Children's Centre Community & Adult Learning
Sonia Plato (SP)	Horizons Community Learning
(SS)	Book Start
Vince Nunn (VN)	Manager, The Bridge Community Centre

<p>1</p> <p>1.1</p>	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>AJ welcomed all to the meeting and asked everyone to make a short introduction.</p> <p>Apologies were given.</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p>	<p>Minutes of Meeting held 11th November 2014 and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th November 2014 were reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>Updates</p> <p>2.2 CP Had offered to summarise the minutes from the LAG for the Big Local website. JG asked RB if that had gone ahead. RB replied that to his knowledge this had not happened.</p> <p>8.12 JG reported Kirsty Halvey from FSN had asked if someone from the Children’s Centres could attend the parents evening at Greenway. RS attended and was able to help parents with support around school admissions.</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>LAG AWAY DAY</p> <p>The LAG Away Day will be held on the 17th March at The Hastings Centre, The Ridge, 9:00 am - 15:00 pm. Tea/coffee will be provided on arrival and mid morning and lunch. There will also be a crèche running.</p> <p>RS asked about parents attending who have to drop children off at school. JG explained that the first 30 minutes will be for refreshments and the last 30 minutes for summarizing the day, so that people who need to leave are able to.</p> <p>The LAG Away Day is going to be a combined Hastings and St Leonards day as a number of people would normally attend both meetings. There will be specific focus on both Hastings and St Leonards throughout the day.</p> <p>JG gave an overview of the Agenda for the day</p> <p>The Away Day is not a closed session. Anyone that has an interest or is working with families with the under fives in the Hastings area is welcome to attend. Please email Karen Cartwright at East Hastings Childrens Centre. (Karen.cartwright@eastsussex.gov.uk)</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Children Centre Updates(JG)</p> <p>Staff consultation concluded on the 18th December. Interviews are now taking place for posts not filled during the consultation process.</p> <p>There are a number of staff changes happening internally. The following people all leave their posts on 31st March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Woods - Admin Coordinator • Russell Smith – Community Development Worker • John Payne - Caretaker • Patricia McLaughlin - Cleaner <p>There will be a Skills Development Co-ordinator post for the east of the county. This has been partly filled. The post has been split into two part</p>	

	<p>time posts. Hastings & St Leonards will be covered by Anna Keesing. Anna will be based at EHCC and will work Monday-Thursday.</p>	
4.4	<p>Currently recruiting for a part time administrator at HTCC, Premises Coordinator covering the east of the county and a cleaner at EHCC.</p>	
4.5	<p>JG explained that it is a challenging time for staff with changes to workloads and responsibilities. One area that has been looked at closely is opening hours of Children's Centres.</p>	
4.6	<p>Opening Hours From 1st April 2015 Hasting Town and East Hastings official publicised opening hours will change to 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Centres will still be staffed from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm but that time will be used for the health and safety/morning checks and the locking up of buildings. Contact meetings will continue to happen until 4:45 pm but there will not necessarily be a staffed reception when they leave. This will not impact on service delivery.</p>	
4.7	<p>Building Work East Hastings Children's Centre has recently undergone some building works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crèche room has been knocked through into the small meeting room to provide a larger and more defined delivery space. This now means that the when the corridor door is closed they have crèche space, toilet/baby change and small kitchen area. • The small meeting room has moved to the top floor taking over the Area Managers Office. The admin office on the top floor has been benched out to improve the layout of the room. • In addition 5 fuse boards were replaced and electrical work carried out on every floor. 	
4.8	<p>Impact Evaluations The Children Centres have recently been looking at the impact that universal groups have.</p> <p>JG reported that we did not get as many impact evaluations completed as we would have liked but the data received back has been very positive.</p>	
4.8.1	<p>From the Stay & Play Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% parents reported child more independent since accessing the group • 83% parents reported that their child was more confident in their play • 100% felt they had gained more confidence in their parenting skills as a result of attending group. 	
4.8.2	<p>From Baby Time evaluations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63% made new friends • 100% benefitted from quality time with baby • 100% have found new ways to bond with baby • Really strong data on universal groups • 71% of parents report that they had used the activities from either Stay & Play or Baby Time at home <p>JG displayed to the meeting the posters that had gone up in centres. These posters contain comments collected from parents about what they have taken from the universal groups. JG commented that the Children's Centres need the hard data but the comments from parents saying what a</p>	

	<p>difference has been made are invaluable.</p> <p>The Children Centres will be carrying out a second impact survey later in the year.</p> <p>Annual Conversation</p> <p>4.9 Children Centres have to complete an ongoing evaluation – Self Evaluation Form (SEF), this is collated by the Cluster Coordinator using the Ofsted criteria. When Ofsted ring the first thing that is sent to them is the SEF.</p> <p>The Annual Conversation is led by the Local Authority (LA) and their representatives go through the SEF and ask the clusters questions and asks them to evidence the answers. The LA will then grade the cluster accordingly.</p> <p>JG reported that this year’s Annual Conversation has just taken place and was a very positive experience. The LA have supported the clusters grading of GOOD in all areas and they have suggested that the cluster should be looking at outstanding in some areas.</p> <p>One of the things the cluster needs to do is demonstrate the long term impact. It is easy to see initial impact however it is more difficult to demonstrate what the impact will be in 6 weeks or 6 months.</p> <p>Open Sesame (CS)</p> <p>4.10 Open Sesame is an Arts Project. The Children Centres will be delivering in partnership with Culture Shift in 5 target areas. They have won £75,000 over two years.</p> <p>Local artists will work with EY practitioners in identified groups working to extend creativity with parents within that group. Focus is 0-2 a challenge for the artist. Working with families so not just child to explore creativity and the learning behind that creativity. In Hastings, Centres are focusing work around one of the Baby Time groups. Additionally the project also involves cultural partners - in Hastings the centres will be working with the Jerwood Gallery. They will look at how we work with young children and their families so that they in turn can use this for their Galleries.</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p>	<p>Snap Shot Surveys 2014</p> <p>The snapshot survey is carried out every year in East Sussex across the whole of the council and asks for information such as are you a home owner, income levels, etc.</p> <p>JG provided two documents for the meeting which were taken from the larger analysis of the snap shot survey; these were specifically about the Hastings cluster.</p> <p>JG explained for an area such as Hastings, that a large number of families accessing are from vulnerable groups. For the purpose of the Children Centres, this is defined by Ofsted and ESCC as families living in the top 10%, 20% and 30% of deprivations, EAL, BME and young parents at risk of poorer outcomes.</p> <p>This is taken into account when deciding the clusters target groups. The groups for Hastings are young parents, parents with young babies and families at level 3 on the continuum of need. Unfortunately, the snapshot survey does not ask for the child’s age so are unable to relate these figures to the second target group – parents with young babies.</p>	

<p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p> <p>5.6.1</p> <p>5.6.2</p> <p>5.6.3</p> <p>5.6.4</p> <p>5.7</p>	<p>The number of Snapshot surveys returned for the Hastings cluster as a percentage of attendance was 79%.</p> <p>JG ran through some of the results from the Snapshot Survey.</p> <p>The question "Things have changed for the better." Hastings had an overall result of 80% but only 64% from target groups. JG explained that on first look, it is a low figure but a number of the forms completed were from parents that were pregnant and it would be ambitious, if after one antenatal appointment, to have made a difference.</p> <p>The question "My knowledge of keeping my child healthy." 51% of parents responded to say their knowledge had improved due to Children Centres. On first glance this appears to be low but the question that was asked had subcategories; "it's a lot better now", "A little Better Now", No Change - But that ok this was always good", No change (and I wish it would get better), "a little worse" and "a lot worse. Almost as many parents again indicated no change but this was always good.</p> <p>The question "My views about Children's Centres are taken into account." 77% of respondents felt their views are taken into account. This is a drop from last year. JG explained that the survey was carried out shortly after the de-designation of the Children's Centres and we know some parents' felt their views were not taken into account as the centres should not have been de-designated.</p> <p>The questions "I am generally happy with the service I receive" and "I am treated with dignity and respect by staff" both received 97%. – 97%.</p> <p>JG explained that the Children's Centres are very good at asking questions and we need to be able to demonstrate what we are doing with the data that is collected. The centres are aware that they do ask for a lot of information to be filled in and that the recent impact survey came very close to the snapshot. Snapshot dates are set centrally. Have now planned surveys so that surveys are spread evenly throughout the year.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p>Parents Voice (RS)</p> <p>PARENTS VOICE. (RS) Questionnaire was carried out over a two week period. The questions were designed to look specifically at areas identified from responses to the Snap shot survey, the questions covered two areas health and safety.</p> <p>RS ran through the responses to the questionnaires. These are just the Hastings results. The St Leonards results will be ready in time for the LAG Away day.</p> <p>227 parents completed questionnaires.</p> <p>Of those:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 121 requested further information about healthy eating • 108 physical activities • 5 smoking/alcohol support • 42 more about immunisations • 52 Information around e-safety • 45 trips and falls • 59 scalds and burns • 93 general accident prevention • 50 poisoning 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 car safety <p>6.4 Do you feel you would benefit from attending a parenting programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 64 • No 147 • <p>Of the 64 who answered 'yes' 52 parents gave contact numbers.</p> <p>6.5 JG commented that a volunteer in St Leonards, with the support of the keywork team, would be contacting parents that left numbers with details of different parenting courses running. Not just Children Centre groups such as Incredible Years and Solihull, but groups such as PACT and Positive Parenting to find the most suitable group and relevant group for that particular parent.</p> <p>6.6 JD explained what the PACT course was for those who were unaware of it. PACT - Parents and Children Together - 18 week training course, Level 2 City & Guilds qualification in Work with Parents. Volunteers support families in the home or nursery about the importance of play, and how play leads to a child's ability to be interested and wanting to learn.</p> <p>6.7 The common ways that parents wanted to know about information was Facebook (106) or emails (94). Least popular was meetings.</p> <p>6.8 RS commented that a number of parents had put down they would be interested in First Aid however trying to recruit to First Aid courses when running them is increasingly difficult. Additionally, there were a number of parents asking about Saturday groups and access to classes on the weekends.</p> <p>6.9 JG explained that once information is in a report, the Children Centre will happy to share with other agencies.</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p>Business Plan Update (JG)</p> <p>At the last two LAG meeting, JG reported that she had given out target updates, unfortunately, this time there had been a delay with the data coming.</p> <p>Early Intervention</p> <p>JG looked at targets set around engaging families accessing services. There are two separate targets for this, those accessing services once and for sustained contact.</p> <p>Sustained contact – in ESCC if a family accessed services 12 times in a year it was counted as sustained contact. Compared with other local authorities that East Sussex have been working with, it was discovered that this number is very high. From 1st April, this number will change and although we will still have it reported on a how many families access 12 times the key performance indicator (KPI), which Children Centres are measured against, will be 6 times in a year.</p> <p>New data from health showed a reduction in the number of young parent families recorded as living in the area. Both FNP and CC have made contact with 85% in last year. Previous year it was 57%.</p> <p>Percentage of parents with new babies that centres are making contact with is steadily increasing. This was only identified as a target last April so we do not have 12 months of data. We made contact with 51% of parents with children born between 1/10/13 - 31/9/14.</p>	

	<p>Numbers of families closing to keywork at level 2 on the Continuum of Need has dropped. We had a target of 88% with numbers closing at 60%. There were a number of reasons for this and as part of the SEF, Children Centres identify why families close at level 3.</p> <p>For some they do not take up the offer to work with the service and for others, there are additional issues within the family which means their needs are increased to level 4. There are also lots of different partners that support families in the area and it may be that other agencies are better suited to deal with that family, ie, a family accessing services and the child starts school - the keyworker placed within the school may be better suited to support the family's needs.</p> <p>Child Health 86% of parents who completed the Impact Surveys said they had learned something about home safety and had made positive changes within the home environment.</p> <p>7.3 Child Development CC's are doing a lot of work around supporting parents to continue with home learning. In2play have recently introduced home learning packs for parents to take home.</p> <p>7.4 We are also continuing to support children at risk of delay of impoverished language. The CC KPI has changed for that. We are measured against all children at risk of delay. There will now be two measures, the other will be against 'of those contacted'. JG explained that families move, circumstances may change or language may need additional support.</p> <p>Adult Learning and Employment Support We have run a number of Family Learning courses this year. Baby Sign has proved to be the most popular. We have also delivered Parent and Baby Yoga. Additionally CC's were also able to do a short piece of work around Baby Massage. The cluster had a small amount of funds enabling</p> <p>7.5 Keyworkers outside their normal hours to provide 4 targeted Baby Massage sessions. This proved to be very popular. 100% of parents that have accessed Baby Massage have said that it has improved their bond with baby and 100% had used Baby Massage between the sessions.</p> <p>JG said that going forward, Children Centres would like to work with partners to see if there are any opportunities for funding or supporting funding applications to provide Baby Massage courses to families in the Hastings area. RB suggested this may be something the Big Local could consider supporting.</p> <p>Governance Ofsted guidelines. 80% of families accessing services are involved in the design and development of those services.</p> <p>7.6 Hastings is doing very well. Our percentage is going up - started at 1% two years ago and now up to 60%. This quarter the figures have dropped. JG explained that they know why this has happened.</p> <p>During the period Oct-Dec, priority was around the snap shot surveys. These do not ask for personnel details so participants can not be counted as being involved in the design and development of the services. Same with Impact Evaluations focusing more on impact rather than parental involvement.</p> <p>With the upcoming Parent's Voice Survey, this figure should rise.</p>	
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7.7	AJ asked those present at the meeting to think about how each of them in their own way has contributed to the business plan targets. Responses were collected. Please see attachment.	
8	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>8.1 With changes to the staffing levels, one of the areas that is being looked at is the meeting schedule. AJ asked if those present could write any thoughts that they have about how the future meetings and format take. Write on a post-it note. Days, times or venues.</p> <p>8.2 JG is aware that 12:30 pm is a tight time to start, and meetings can feel rushed at the end. Additionally, with the number of people attending, this location can feel squashed.</p> <p>8.3 RS asked about parents adding items to the agenda. JG replied that the Children Centres email out to all the people on the LAG distribution list asking for any items for the agenda about a month before the meeting date. As of today no responses have been received.</p> <p>8.4 RS suggested that as part of the meeting the group could look at any draft surveys that are going to be used, so that those present (parents and other professional agencies) can have an impact on the questionnaire.</p>	
9	<p>Agency Feedback</p> <p>9.1 Big Local (RB) RB summarised Big Local, community based project with £1 million to spend in North East Hastings and encouraged people present to approach them if they had any ideas for groups or activities in that area.</p> <p>RB clarified that Big Local can not spend money to replace services that should be provided on a statutory basis but they are able to support/compliment or expand services that are currently provided. If you have a specific project in mind and there is a demand for it in north east Hastings, please contact RB. They want to involve local people in decisions about services, give them skills and knowledge to help them make a difference and then hopefully measure that difference.</p> <p>RB feels Big Local can learn a lot from the way Hastings CC runs LAGs in terms of getting families involved but also allowing the local residents to see what groups and provisions already exist in the local area so that Big Local does not duplicate services.</p> <p>RB stated this is why he is interested in putting LAG minutes on website. They are an excellent record of what is going on in the local area and rather than summarise them, try to find a way to make them more user friendly.</p> <p>9.2 Educations Futures Trust DA reported that the Educations Futures Trust is very busy and courses fill up very quickly. For an up-to-date course list, please contact the Education Futures Trust.</p> <p>9.3 Health Visiting Team (LK/DB) LK reported that there are things that she could see would be beneficial for health to be doing but unfortunately due to staff and workloads, not always possible. So many services are being cut back, ie antenatal that it is important for parents to attend or the service will be cut.</p>	

	<p>The health team does run a postnatal Group, and as part of the group they offers sessions of baby massage and minor ailments – both of which are things parents request, but despite the number of postal invites sent out few people attend.</p> <p>JG asked if there is anything the centres could advertise. LK responded that the postnatal group is only offered to first time mums, as you can not have a room full of new born babies with toddlers running round.</p> <p>JG suggested that as Hastings contacts new mothers via the new birth list, to signpost them onto groups, perhaps postnatal could be included and has offered to discuss it further.</p> <p>Staffing updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DB moved from East Hastings to Bexhill then back to West Hastings • Angelique Medina moved from West to East Hastings <p>There is a continuation of transferring records onto the new computer system (System1). DB reports that it has been challenging getting everyone on board with the new computer system.</p> <p>9.4 FSN (JD) PACT – New group starting Monday with 12 signed up. Spaces available. If you are interested contact JD or search on Facebook for PACT. There will be a course running in Hastings in September.</p> <p>Come Dine and Shine starting after Easter. Cooking on a budget with a qualified chef. One family cooks while other families are doing something energetic then they come together and eat. There is training now attached to the course - Level 2 City & Guilds qualification in Personal Development and Employability Skills. For more information contact Tracey Noble at FSN – coordinator for training and parents groups.</p> <p>FSN have been successful at winning the contract to take on the nursery on the grounds of Silverdale School. This is scheduled to open on the 14th April. Expecting lots of enquiries. Other Nurseries good attendance. Lots of 2yr olds. Only vacancy in pre school at Greenway is Thursday Afternoon.</p> <p>9.5 Early Years Improvement Team (AM) AM reported that she has just starting talking with settings regarding the 2 year integrated health check. Currently settings do a separate check and this check has to fit seamlessly into the health visitors checks.</p> <p>The process is still being discussed. The Health lead for the project has just spoken to settings at the latest network meetings and introduced the first draft proposal of how this might work. Settings have been feeding back their thoughts on this.</p> <p>JG commented that some of the parents had been part of a focus group. All information has been fed back to the relevant parties.</p> <p>9.6 Athelstan Nursery (SG) SG reports that Athelstan is full and has a waiting list.</p> <p>The nursery has recently elected a chair, trustee and secretary for the Fundraising committee. They organised the first Toddle Waddle last Friday. Children and families walked from The Stade to the Pier and back. All funds raised will be going to redeveloping the garden space. Originally designed for 3/4 year olds in mind, this now needs to be adapted for 2 yr</p>	
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	<p>olds. All proceeds raised will be matchfunded by Barclays.</p> <p>9.7 Mallydams (SA) SA has recently changed her email address, her updated address is ??? Hastings Wildthings – (family orientated group) has recently won funding for 5 years through the Reaching Community Fund part of the National Lottery. Receiving referrals from Keywork service and FNP.</p> <p>SA continuing to run groups. Tuesdays 10.00 am -12.00 pm, Thursdays 12.00 pm -2.00 pm. Free taxis to venue. Activities done out in the woodland with lots of focus on play, families being together and animal welfare.</p> <p>Families attend for at least 6 weeks. As well as attending sessions at Mallydams, it is hoped that for the last session the families are introduced to a Children’s Centre. Past families can be re-referred.</p> <p>SA going to meet with both JG and DM to discuss groups.</p> <p>Hoping to get out into the community and attend community events.</p> <p>9.8 HOMESTART Coming up to the end of the first year merged with the Homestart in Newhaven. Trying to reach target of 220 families supported in one year.</p> <p>In order to achieve that, Homestart have had major recruitment and are running a third preparation course in April based in The Bridge CC and are actively trying to recruit enough volunteers to support families. Training lasts 8 sessions and they can have a qualification at the end similar to PACT.</p> <p>Meet on a monthly basis with the keywork service to look at ways Homestart can support families that are coming down from level 3 to level 2.</p> <p>9.9 Tomorrow’s People (AF) AF reported that she is very busy and attends the various Children Centres helping and supporting people.</p> <p>9.10 Children Centre Keywork Service (SM) SM reported that the keywork service is currently working with :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 families in Hastings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 at level 4 • 32 at level 3 <p>Group Update. Being Me group, current cohort is St Leonards families, backfilling with Hastings families. Next session will be in Bexhill, priority given to Bexhill and Rother families.</p> <p>Bump & You (Teenage Pregnancy Group) has recently undergone some changes and is now working in closer partnership with FNP. Recently received funding to run another group which will run until September at HTCC. It is a 10 week course; first 6 weeks supported by FNP the remaining sessions will be supported by a health visitor.</p> <p>The service has recently reviewed the young parents group run at Xtrax – Pitstop. In response to feedback from parents that attended, the course has increased to a 20 week course, this allows for more flexibility for moving people in.</p>	<p>SA/JG/DM</p>
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	<p>SM reported that from the start of March there will be significant changes to the structure of the TAF meetings. Instead of meetings where health, midwifery and keyworkers meet on a very local level and discuss allocation of level 3 work, the meetings are being split into East and West of the county and will be attended by team leads only. The Keywork team leads will be working on a 6 month rota. Karen Croucher (team leader for St Leonards) will be attending for the first six months.</p> <p>As of today SM confirmed that she is attending the social services family support allocation and step down meeting. Looking at families that are stepping down from level 4 work to level 3 and will get referrals into the service.</p> <p>9.11 Horizons Horizons are working hard to identify what courses are needed in the area and to identify what people want.</p> <p>Working closely with other agencies such as Big Local , Lottery and Healthy Lifestyles to secure funding for courses, examples of which are a Bread Club at Broomgrove and Childcare/Health and Social Care course at EHCC.</p> <p>Next week, Horizons are running a onesie and pyjama week to raise money for the crèche and will be entering a team in the Hastings Half Marathon.</p> <p>9.12 In2play (Astrid) New nursery at bridge opened yesterday (23/2/15) and there are a few spaces available contact Hayley.</p> <p>It was reported that generally groups are going really well, however the Adventure Playground numbers have dropped.</p> <p>Those present took part in a brief discussion on how to promote the adventure playground. The playground does have a Facebook page but from feedback during the meeting, the page is not maintained. If the information is current and up-to-date, page can be shared. Astrid to feedback comments to Ceri.</p> <p>Concerned about promoting to the correct age groups.</p> <p>9.13 Alison Purdy AP asked if the chair could explain what the parents role was for the purpose of these meetings, as she was unsure what those present wanted from the parents.</p> <p>JG explained that parents are a vital part of the LAG, they will bring own ideas and suggestions as well as comments from friends that attend groups to the meetings. Parents help us to shape the services for parents. It is useful for parents to see what we (Children Centres) have achieved, what we need to achieve and how we are going to achieve the targets. This will be expanded on at the LAG away day.</p> <p>Laura Ringsell 9.14 Volunteers at Starlings on a Monday Morning at The Bridge. Very busy sessions. Get between 4-10 families.</p> <p>JG commented that Starlings was one of the groups that moved from Redlake CC and has maintained the families, they moved with the group.</p>	
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<p>9.15</p>	<p>Pocket Park MS</p> <p>Following on from the previous discussions, MS commented that the Pocket Park on Hughenden Road used Facebook to great effect.</p> <p>MS gave a brief history of the Pocket Park. Entrance is in Hughenden Road, the park lies between that and Mount Pleasant Road. They took over the running of the Pocket Park two years ago when HBC gave it to the residents of Hastings to use. The park was very rundown. Last year £17000 was raised in charitable donations. It is now a very positive place to be and is used by various groups such as Scouts and Laton Ash Nursery. Open about 9am and closed 6pm by volunteers.</p> <p>MS explained that the site has a shed to store items and has also recently purchased a Wendy House funded by various agencies such as Safer Sussex Partnership.</p> <p>The park opens on the 1st March and they will be running a number of free of charge events throughout the year. Currently in the process of creating a wall chart/poster with dates and events on that will be distributed around the town.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Date of Future Meetings</p> <p>19th May 2015</p>	
	<p>Attachments</p> <p>Snap Shot Survey Results for Hastings Cluster</p>	