

Cricklade Parents Meeting 08/03/19

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Lynn Evans – The RISE Trust

Deb Skilton - The RISE Trust

Dianna Fairbrass – ex-parent and town councillor

Hannah Ashdown – ex-Peer supporter and parent

Jess Williams – volunteer

Andrew Simpson – Parent

Natasha Pickering – ex-parent

Amy Terry-Collins – parent

James Terry- Collins – parent

Karen Eagle – ex-parent

Mel Carter – parent

In the loop – app to show what is on in a community.

Bookstart bookcorner in Ridgeway today taking services to the community

Finding the venue is an issue especially with no access via the school.

Signpost to the venue – cheap option to promote access and increase footfall

Found out through facebook – this is the medium that parents use.

Noticeboard outside – needs to be updated

Children's centre was the foundation of my journey and I really appreciate all of the support and the consistency of services in the building.

Parent started two groups and appreciated the support of other parents and the centre

Small window

Volunteering day as a possibility to encourage more volunteers

Child feels safe here

Mums would not speak to someone else so need this safe space and venue

Centre services allows them to open up and be heard and supported

Health visitor ran groups alongside breastfeeding peer support so that parents could have access to additional support.

Young mum with PTSD and PND found it hard to reach out, the centre was a saviour

Library is not made for children – upstairs toilets downstairs, LB note: there is a lift and the bookcases can be moved to make a space for families when the library is closed

Allow children to be free in the environment not possible in other groups

Messy play and paint and sand not opportunity somewhere else due to clearing up

Early learning blocks to their future – needs to be maintained

Parents learn about their children in the groups and sessions

Comfortable here

Best resourced room in in Wiltshire compared to other centres

Sensory Room – could not be replicated LB: It is in a tent in the west

Not using centre and have lost opportunities

Outreach support is great but what about socialisation for the parents?

It is essential to have a building – for community cohesion

Work to meet the needs of the community

People don't know when it is open, so it is not used

Corsham run groups with volunteers this could be replicated in Cricklade but also needs to happen in Purton and Ridgeway Farm.

Cricklade have a mini bus – volunteer driver could take parents to groups

Volunteer drivers

Not advertised enough

New developments some vulnerable families, 140 new builds in next 2 years, many of these may need childcare places as well.

Parents could work with Thames committee to provide a community room until the spaces are all needed.

Community are more than welcome to consider the costs and whether the money could be raised in the community.

Parents to meet with Jane Vaughan and The RISE to consider options.