

Time commenced - 5.00 pm
Time Finished – 6:35 pm

MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**
Councillor Roberts – In the Chair
Councillors Afzal and Richards

Representing Communities

Kamal Amier	Somalian Community
Francis Ngosa	Derby African Association
Ferid Kevric	Bosnian Community
Mohammed Sharief	Pakistani Community Centre
Zbigniew Wojcik	EMAC
John Pearson	Derby Irish Association
Julian Mushuku	Derbyshire Black Police Association
FS Abdolla	Kurdish Community Association
Ftr Tim O'Sullivan	Derby Irish Centre
Keith Grayson	Refugee Action
Ragblir Taggar	Indian Community Centre
Joe Kupranec	Ukrainian Community
Maureen Pridden	Derby Refugee Advice Centre

Community Advisors

Kirt Mistry Derby Racial Equality Council

Council and Other Officers

Rajesh Lall - Education Officer – Children and Young People
Pam Thompson - Consultation Support Officer
Rod Wood – Assistant Director – Human Resources
Mark Menzies – Assistant Director Housing and Advice Services
Trisha Gadsby – New Communities Advisor
Pauline Hough – Community Safety Partnership

BBC

Louise Angell
Hannah Meredith

14/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Khan and Webb, Tony Walsh, Lloyd Newby, Nasreen Iqbal, Divine Mensah and Balbir Sandhu

15/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

16/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17/07 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/07 Update on Actions from the Previous Meeting

An update report had been circulated on matters from the previous meeting.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To defer consideration of the item on the decision making process until the next meeting**

19/07 Work Programme 2007/08

The Forum considered the latest work programme. Pam Thompson invited members to suggest items for inclusion in the work programme and said that she would be happy to discuss any ideas they had with them.

Resolved to note the report.

20/07 Community Cohesion Strategy and Community Tensions

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

21/07 Immigrations and Destitution

The Forum received a presentation from Mark Menzies – Assistant Director Housing and Advice Services on Immigration and Destitution.

Resolved

- 1. To note the presentation.**
- 2. To set up a working party to put forward the views of the Forum to lobby MP's and MEP's.**
- 3. Nominations for the working party were Kirit Mistry, Ferid Kevric, Kamal Amier, FS Abdolla, Zbigniew Wojcik, Keith Grayson, Ragblir Taggar, Julian Mushuku, Francis Ngsoa and Maureen Pridden.**

22/07 Working for the Council – Employment Statistics

The Forum considered a report on employment stats 2006.07. Mohammed Sharief thanked the officers for the report but made the point that it made clear that the Pakistani community was still under-represented within the council's workforce, as it had been for many years. He also pointed out that the Council was now under a statutory duty to address the problem. A representative from the REC - Kirt Mistry said that the council needed to set challenging targets to correct under-representation. It was agreed that M Sharief and Rod Wood would meet to discuss what could be done to address the problem.

Resolved to note the report.

23/07 BBC Big Screen

The Forum received a presentation from Louise Angell and Hannah Meredith from the BBC on the Big Screen and the types of things that could be shown on it. Members of the Forum were encouraged to contact Louise or Hannah to get advice on the criteria for items to be shown or to book slots for events.

Resolved to note the presentation.

24/07 Open Discussion

Resolved to defer this item until the next meeting.

25/07 Next Forum Pre Meeting

Resolved to note that the next pre meeting for the Forum had been arranged for 25 October 2007 at 4pm.

Information Items

26/07 Festive Lighting in the Normanton and Peartree Area

Resolved to receive the report.

27/07 Pointer Panel Results: April 2007 Survey – Cabinet Report

Resolved to receive the report.

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