

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time Finished – 8.30pm

MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 12 MARCH 2009

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**

Councillor Naitta (in the Chair)
Councillor Holmes
Councillor Roberts
Councillor Shanker

Representing Communities

Bimmy Rai – Derby Millennium Network
Kamal Amier – Somali Community
Ahmed Gopo – Bosnian Community
Farhad Neghipooran – Persian Cultural Association
George Mighty – DWLCA
Angella Mighty – DWICA
Lloyd Newby – DWICA
Jangir Khan – Pakistan Community Centre
Shokat Lal – Pakistan Community Centre
Yassir Mahmood – Pakistan Community Centre
M Sharief – Pakistan Community Centre
Zbigniew Wojcik – Eastern European Migrants Advocacy Committee
Ferid Kevric – Derby Bosnia Herzegovina Association
Mohammed Yaqub – Pakistan Community Centre
Francis Ngosa – Derby African Association
Divine Mensah – Derby African Association
Joe Kurpanec – Association of Ukrainians

Council and Other Officers

Christine Collingwood – Derby City Council
Ray Cowlshaw – Derby City Council
Tariq Iqbal – Derby City Council
Rajesh Lall – Derby City Council
Pam Thompson – Derby City Council
Ann Webster – Derby City Council
Rod Wood – Derby City Council
David Crooks – Derby City Partnership
Jo Hallagan – Derby Council for Voluntary Services
Kim Harpur – Derby Council for Voluntary Services
Stephen White – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

43/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nath, Father Tim O'Sullivan, John Pearson, Tony Walsh and Irka Wolociuha.

44/08 Notes of the meeting held on 22 January 2009

The notes of the meeting held on 22 January 2009 were agreed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of M Sharief in the list of Communities representatives in attendance and to note that the Forum felt that minute no 39/08 didn't reflect the full sense of the feeling of the meeting.

45/08 Updates

Community Grants

The Forum received a report on changes to community grants during the last eight years. It was reported that there was a Compact agreement in place and different organisations were judged on different criteria. Organisations were being reviewed and a decision on whether they should be funded or not was based on the review. There was concern about legacy funding and how that affected new and emerging organisations. Organisations needed to be less reliant on Council funding and become more self sufficient to enable funding to be recycled to new and emerging and hard to reach groups. It was suggested that representatives of the Forum meet with the officers to put forward funding proposals.

The Forum nominated Shokat Lal, Bish Wojcik, Ferid Kevric and Councillor Roberts to meet with officers to put forward funding proposals on behalf of the Forum.

46/08 Work Programme 2008/2009

The work programme was noted.

47/08 Questions and Answer session

There were none.

48/08 Customer Service Improvement Programme

This item was withdrawn.

49/08 Regeneration Funds Coming to Derby and the Impact on BME Communities

David Crooks from Derby City Partnership gave a presentation on the regeneration funds coming into Derby and the impact on BME communities.

The funding streams included European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF) and the Single Programme which was funded by east Midlands Development Association (emda).

49/08 Voluntary Sector Funding and Support

The Forum received presentations from Kim Harpur and Jo Hallagan from Derby CVS, Bimmy Rai from Derby Millennium Network, Bish Wojcik from East European Migrants Advocacy Committee and Ferid Kevric from the Bosnia Herzegovina Association on the work of their organisations.

50/08 Equality and Diversity Plan

Ann Webster asked Forum members to let her have any comments by 24 March 2009.

51/08 Next Forum Meeting: 28 May 2009 Pre-meeting: 28 April 2009 – 5.15pm

The Forum noted that three representatives should attend the next pre meeting.

To be signed by the Chair of the next ensuing meeting