

Time commenced 18 : 35
Time finished 20 :10

GENDER & SEXUALITY DIVERSITY FORUM 20 JULY 2010

Present: Councillors Marshall (Chair), Ashburner and Harwood

In Attendance:

Community Representatives

Matthew Allbones	Community Action
Graham Cockerell	Derbyshire Friend/Reflections
Toni Montinaro	Derbyshire Friend
Julie Goodall	Transcend/Derbyshire Friend
Vanessa Boon	Energise/Ambassador for Women's Enterprise
Amara Iqbal	Normanton Women's Engagement Project
Nasreen Iqbal	Normanton Women's Engagement Project
Shirley Howard-Johnson	Normanton Women's Engagement Project
Patrick Dugbo	Normanton Women's Engagement Project
R Christie	Men of Honour
E Christie	Friendship Group
B Anglin	Men of Honour

Council and Other Officers

Tracy Arnold	Community Safety Partnership
Fasal Iqbal	Community Safety Partnership
Liz Moore	Derby City Council
Ann Webster	Derby City Council
Maggie Fennell	Derby City Council
Pam Thompson	Derby City Council

01/10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F Winter, Councillor Radford, Dionne Reid, Susan Boon, Alice Buckle, Rizwanda Iqbal and Arshia Iqbal.

02/10 Election of Vice-Chair

Nominations were received from Shirley Howard-Johnson and Dionne Reid.

Dionne Reid was elected Vice-Chair of the Gender and Sexuality Diversity Forum for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

03/10 **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest

04/10 **Introductions**

Members of the Forum introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Chair.

05/10 **Notes of the Last Meeting – 25 May 2010**

The notes of the meeting held on 25 May 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

06/10 **Updates on Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

59/09 Work Programme 2009/10

Item 13 - Community Safety Partnership

The Forum enquired as to what work the Community Safety Partnership was doing to engage with equality and diversity interest groups in the community and felt this was not yet happening. Ann Webster noted that as the Council is going for excellent in the Equality Framework for Local Government, Council departments and partner organisations are required to submit evidence to demonstrate their commitment to equality and diversity, and was hopeful of presenting relevant evidence to the Forum at a future meeting. The Forum requested that a representative of the Community Safety Partnership attend the Forum to address the issue.

Agreed:

To request that a representative of the Community Safety Partnership attend the next Forum meeting to explain how it is engaging with equality and diversity interest groups.

Item 20 – People with no recourse to public funds

The Forum was informed that the current policy was still in draft form and would be presented at a future meeting of the Forum.

07/10 **Work Programme 2009/10**

It was reported that the Forum had reached up to item 17 on the Work Programme and it was agreed that items 19 and 20 would be considered at the next Forum meeting. Members were invited

to sessions on 6 September 2010 at 13:30 or 17:30 to review the current Work Programme and provide input into the 2010/11 Work Programme.

The Forum added that it would be helpful to have an update from the Council on how the budgetary constraints would affect the Council and the provision of Council services.

Agreed:

To request that the Chief Executive of Derby City Council attend the Forum to explain how the budgetary constraints will affect the Council and the provision of Council services.

08/10 Question and Answer Session

The Forum enquired as to how many girls had been excluded from Derby City schools. Pam Thompson agreed investigate the matter

Agreed:

Pam Thompson to explore how many girls are being excluded from Derby City Schools.

09/10 Temporary Accommodation

The forum received a presentation from Maggie Fennell on the provision of services whilst the Council is in temporary accommodation. It was reported that an equalities impact assessment would be carried out during the decant and that customer services hours were being extended and would include Saturday mornings. The Forum raised the issue of safety and anti-social behaviour on the Council House site where it is being refurbished and it was agreed that consideration should be given to this. Councillor Marshall added that where possible, local builders and organisations were being used to carry out the refurbishment. The Forum also agreed on the need to make the River Gardens an attractive place for people to visit to complement the new Council House. Fasal Hussain added that members of the Forum can use Tension Monitoring Forms to report anti-social behaviour to the Community Safety Partnership.

Agreed:

- 1. To note the presentation.**
- 2. Fasal Hussain to supply Tension Monitoring Forms to the Forum.**

10/10 Derby Pride – Update

The Forum received an update from Tony Montinaro on the Derby Pride event to celebrate equality and diversity. He reported that the parade had been very well received, with a final park event being attended by 6,000 people. He added that attendance levels were particularly encouraging given the perception of possible violence against people taking part in public celebrations of gender and sexuality diversity and leaflets being posted to people in Derby threatening and preaching hatred towards members of the LGBT community. It was noted that the leaflets were produced by one small group of people and the Community Safety Partnership had produced a counter-leaflet explaining that this did not represent majority views. It was added that two people had been arrested for producing the leaflets. The possibility of extending the event to two days was also considered given its popularity.

The Forum noted the update.

11/10 International Women's Day

The Forum was updated on the progress of the planning of the 2010 international Women's Day. It was reported that the Assembly Rooms had been booked for the event and members of the Forum were invited to contribute to the planning of the event.

12/10 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that Cllr. Ashburner and Dionne Reid would attend the next pre-meeting (Time and Date TBA).

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