

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time Finished – 8.14pm

MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 31 JANUARY 2008

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**

Councillor Roberts
Councillor Dhindsa
Councillor Jennings
Councillor Richards

Representing Communities

Ajit Gill – Indian Community Centre
Julian Muslinlan – BPA
Ferid Kevric – Bosnian Community
Ragbhir Singh Tagggjar – Indian Community Centre
Kirit Mistry – Derby REC
Jangir Khan – Pakistan Community Centre
M Sharief – Pakistan Community Centre
Yassir Mahmood – HAC Trust
Jahanzaib Safdar – Pakistan Community Centre
Zigashane Ntalemwa Ziggy – Congo Support Group
Nezrine Hudson – DWICA
George Might – DWICA
L G Newby – DWICA
Joe Kupranec – Association of Ukrainians
Arefeh Ghanbari – Persian Cultural Association
Ama Repesa – Refugee Action

Council and Other Officers

Ray Cowlshaw
Rod Wood
Dan Smith
Martin Gadsby
Rajesh Lall
Pamela Thompson
Christine Collingwood

41/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Afzal, Khan and Webb, Tim O'Sullivan, Mr Sandhu, John Pearson, Nzreen Iqbal, Shokat Lal, Zbigniew Wojcik, Emmanuel Neba and Anna Gautama.

42/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

43/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

44/07 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2007 were confirmed as a correct record.

45/07 Update on Actions from the Previous Meeting

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

47/07 MCDF Work Programme

The Forum considered the latest work programme and it was agreed that the items to be discussed at the next meeting would be

- Schools admissions, exclusions and addressing underachievement
- Community development work; training, capacity building
- Engaging younger people

Pam Thompson, Consultation Support Officer invited any Members with specific issues to contact her directly.

Resolved to note the report.

48/07 Housing Support Services

This item was removed from the agenda.

49/07 Rose Hill Vision Plan

The Forum received a presentation on the high-level master planning stage of planning for housing-led regeneration in the Rose Hill area.

Councillor Roberts encouraged members of the Forum to fill in the questionnaire provided with their community groups and return them to the officer.

Resolved to note the presentation.

50/07 Towards a More Representative Workforce

The Forum received a report on the proposals to improve the under-representation of people from the Pakistani community on the Council's workforce.

Councillor Roberts reported that this would be an opportunity for the community to have representation on the City Council whilst gaining training.

Resolved to note the report.

39/07 Open Discussion

Resolved to defer this item until the next meeting.

40/07 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next pre meeting for the Forum had been arranged for Thursday 13 December 2007 at 3.00pm and that the Forum would next meet on Thursday 31 January 2008 at 6.30pm.

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