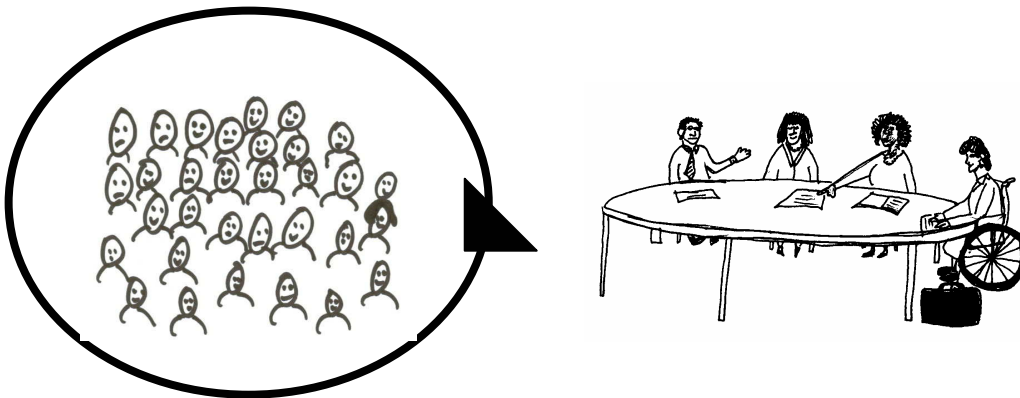


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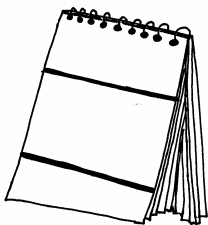


Social Inclusion Working Group

(Social inclusion means including everyone in society. The Social Inclusion Working Group has been set up to look at how all different communities in York can be given the same chances to take part in life and be included)



MINUTES



Date of meeting: 12 March 2008

Members of the Council who were at the meeting (to be known as 'Members' in these minutes):



**Keith
Aspden
(Chair)**



Ruth Potter



**James
Alexander**



Joe Watt



**Julie Gunnell
(Vice Chair)**

Members of the Council who were not able to come to the meeting:



Sue Galloway



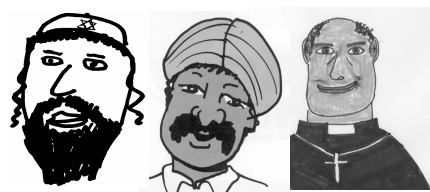
Paul Healey

People who were at the meeting representing community groups:

Sue Lister and Jack Archer
from the Older People's
Assembly



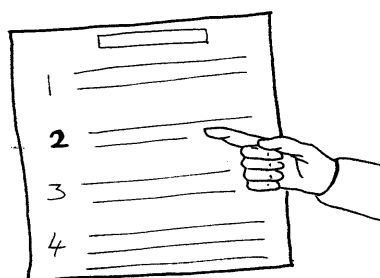
Jan Jauncey, York Interfaith



1. Social Inclusion Working Group Budget Principles

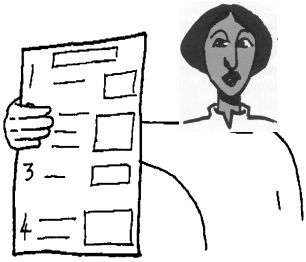


Members looked at points which would help the Group agree which projects should receive money from their budget.

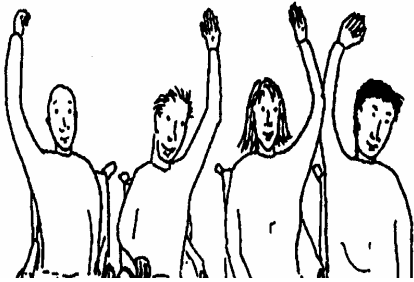


They agreed 7 points to help them decide which projects they should give money to in future.

2. Social Inclusion Working Group Membership

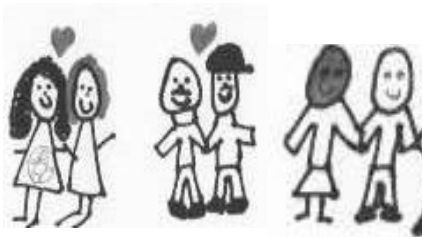


Members looked at how the membership of the Group could be improved.



It was agreed that representatives of the following groups should be invited to attend meetings to help the Group with reports on the agenda:

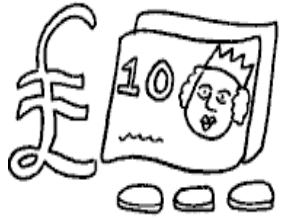
- York Travellers Trust
- York Humanists
- Young People
- Users from Valuing People Partnership and York People First
- York Access Group
- Students Union and Higher Education Institutions
- Representatives from women's, men's and transgender groups
- Primary Care Trust and Education Services



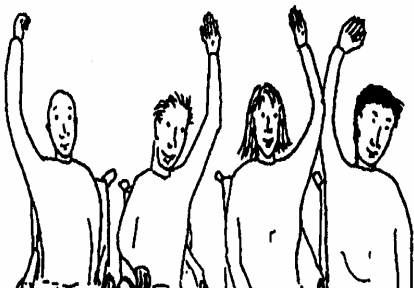
Members also asked Officers to look at reducing the number of Members of the Council on the Group.

3. "Pride in Our Communities" Equality Strategy 2005-08: Second Year Update

The Equalities Officer told the Group about what had gone well over the last year which included:



- Making a presentation to the Black and Minority Ethnic community
- Training Senior Managers on equality
- International Women's Day event on 13 March 2008
- Making services more accessible
- Conference on Independent Living
- Disabled People Together Day and advances with the Disabled Peoples Forum



4. Equality Strategy 2008-11: Equality Issues the Council should consider in the next 3 Years.

This report asked Members for money for the five community groups on the Social Inclusion Working Group to help them consult with their groups about what they wanted to put in the Councils Equality Strategy. This document would help the Council make sure that all people who live in the area could take



part in the life of the city and have equal opportunities.

It was agreed that one off grants of £250 should be given to the following groups to help them get the information for the Strategy by the end of May:

- Older People's Assembly
- York Racial Equality Network
- York Interfaith Forum
- York LGBT Forum
- Disabled Peoples Forum via the Council's Equalities Team.



5. Work Plan Principles and Priority Topics for 2008/09.

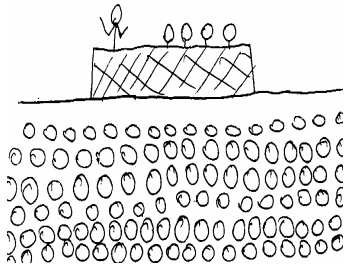


The Group looked at a report which listed topics which they felt were important for Members to consider in the next year.

The Group broke up into 3 small groups to list the topics in order of what was important to them.

It was agreed that Officers should look at these lists and prepare a Forward Plan for the Group for the next meeting.

6. Community Forum Reports and Feedback.



The Chair and Vice Chair said that they were very happy to go to any of the community groups meetings to speak to their members.



Students from the University of York were to speak to groups in the city for their views on disabled people and to bring this information back to the meeting.

Representatives from the Older People's Assembly told the Group about their work. At their last meeting they had looked at many things including gas and electric prices and York Vale Carers .

A calendar of events for the forthcoming year from York Interfaith was circulated to Members.

