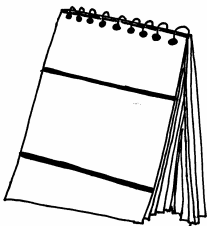


Social Inclusion Working Group

(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: 21 March 2007

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



**Ian Cuthbertson
(Chair)**



Sue Galloway



Bill Fairclough



David Livesley



Ken King



Ruth Potter

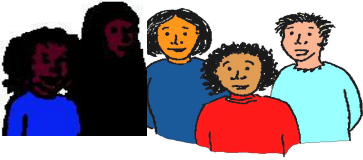


David Scott

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



**Ceredig Jamieson-
Ball**



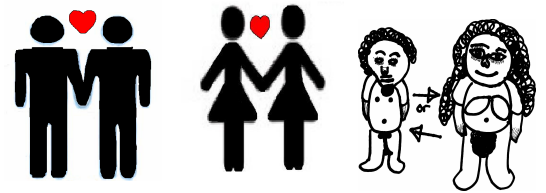
Rita Sanderson and Daryoush Mazloum of the BME (BME stands for Black Minority Ethnic) Citizens Forum

People who were at the meeting representing
community groups:

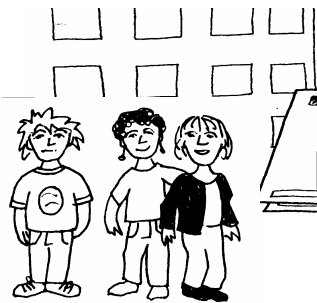
Sue Lister and Jack Archer
from the Older People's
Assembly



Peter Blackburn and
Karen Roberts from the
LGBT Forum (LGBT stands
for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and
Transgender)



1. Involving Young People in the Social Inclusion Working Group



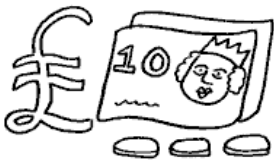
The group considered steps that had been taken to involve young people in their meetings.



Officers hoped to be able to talk to young people in the following areas to make them aware of the work of the Group



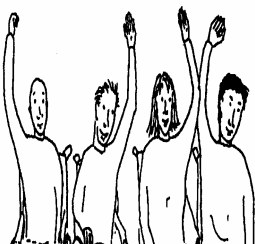
- BME
- Disabled
- LGBT



The money left in the Groups budget was to be used to employ an outreach worker to help with this work.

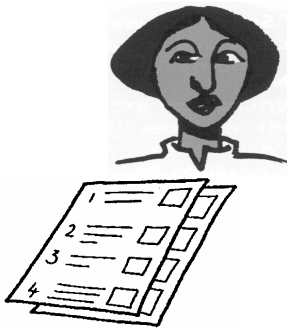


Members wanted young people in primary and secondary schools to be involved.



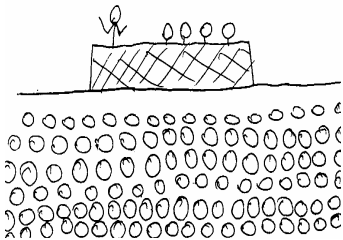
It was agreed that what was left of the Groups budget should be used to help young people get involved in the work of the Group.

2. Centre for Independent Living (CIL)

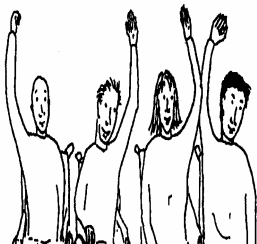


Sue Galloway told the Group about work that had been done to help set up of a Centre for Independent Living in York.

She said that they were not sure whether to just hand out information to people or to have an office where clients could test equipment such as stair lifts.



Another meeting was to be held to look at and agree which option they should take.



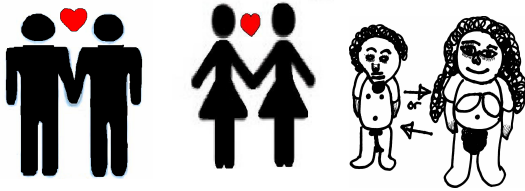
They agreed that when the Forum was set up they would report back on their decision to the Group.

3. Sexual Orientation Monitoring



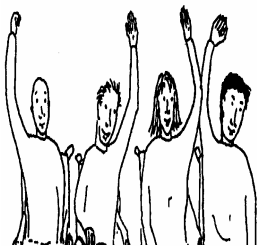
Confidential!

Peter Blackburn told the Group about the best way of collecting information about sexuality.



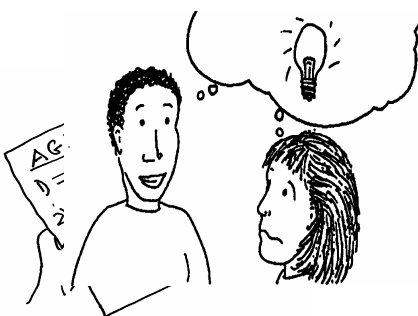
LGBT people had said that the following were areas where differences could be made in their lives:

- Education/Training
- Communication
- Awareness Training
- Access to Services
- Health
- Community Safety
- Support for LGBT people and their families



The Group agreed to arrange a meeting of a Working Group to look at the best way of collecting information on sexuality.

4. Forward Plan

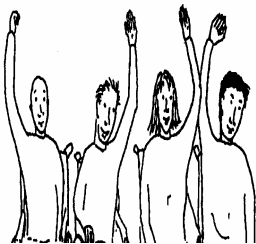


The Group looked at what they would consider at future meetings.

The next meeting of the Group was not until Tuesday 10 July 2007.

Members asked that the following are matters that should be looked at:

- How the Group has worked over the last year
- Voice recognition service update
- Age Discrimination update
- Any matters that representatives want to raise
- The names of representatives from the Disabled People's Forum, Faith Group and Young Peoples Group
- Young Peoples event in the Mansion House



The Group agreed to note the Forward Plan and add the above matters to it.

5. Community Forum Reports and Feedback

LGBT Forum

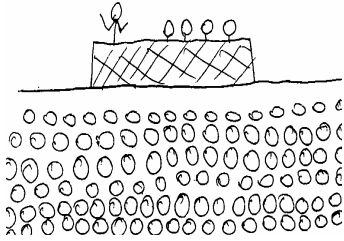


Peter Blackburn told the Group that the Forum now had over 70 members and that they were producing a newsletter.



International Women's Day/Festival

Sue Lister asked the Group to support the organisation of the York Women's Festival in future. Members of the Group suggested ways of funding the Festival.



Living Islam

Cllr Ruth Potter told the Group about a training course she had been on which had looked at what it was like to be a Muslim in Great Britain. She told the Group that this was a very interesting course.

