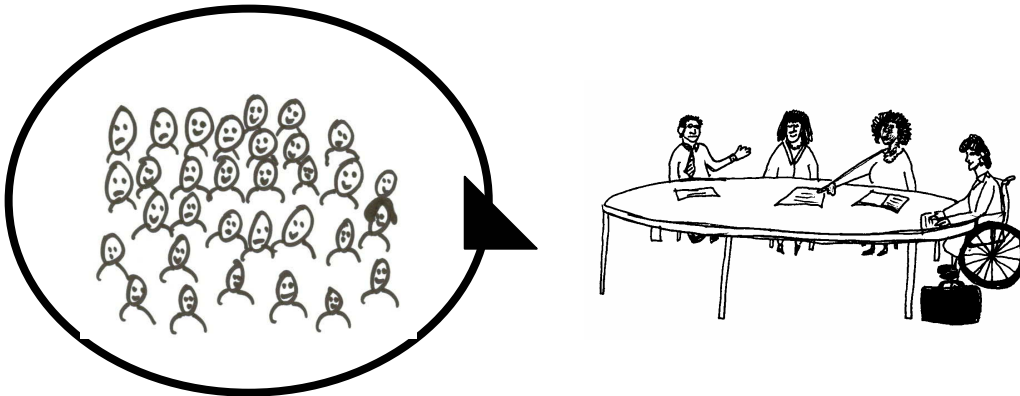


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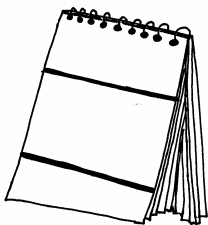


## Social Inclusion Working Group

*(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: 16 January 2008**

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



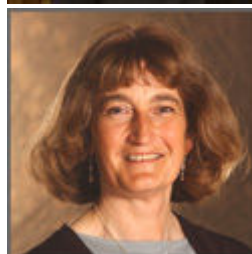
**Keith  
Aspden  
(Chair)**



**Julie Gunnell**



**Jenny  
Brooks**



**Ruth Potter**



**James  
Alexander**



**Sue  
Sunderland**



**Sue Galloway**

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



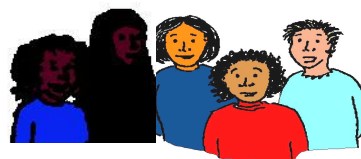
Paul Healey

## People who were at the meeting representing community groups:

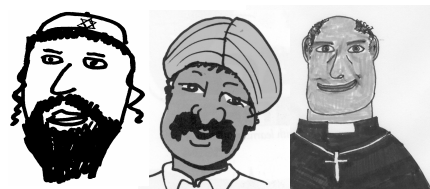
Sue Lister and Jack Archer  
from the Older People's  
Assembly



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



Paul Wordsworth of Churches  
Together in York



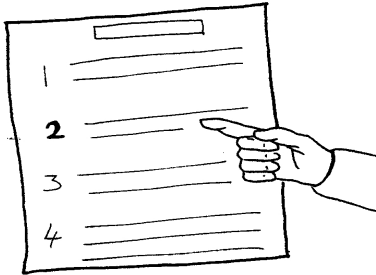
Lynn Jeffries from the Disabled  
People's Forum



## 1. Work Map - Feedback from Community Group Representatives



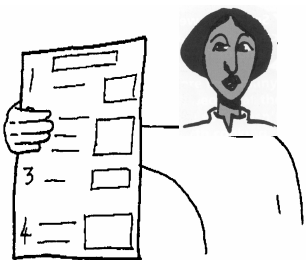
Members looked at a plan for the Groups work.



It was agreed that the plan should be considered at the Social Inclusion Working Group Day to be held on 25 February 2008. It was also agreed that the Community Group representatives would show the list to their Groups and ask their members if they had anything they wanted to add.



## 2. Funding Principles 2008/09 - Feedback from Community Group Representatives



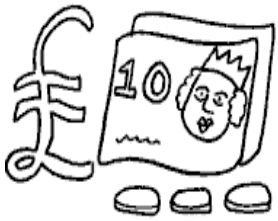
Members looked at how money from the Groups budget was shared amongst community groups.

It was agreed that the plan should be considered at the Social Inclusion Working Group Day to be held on 25 February 2008.



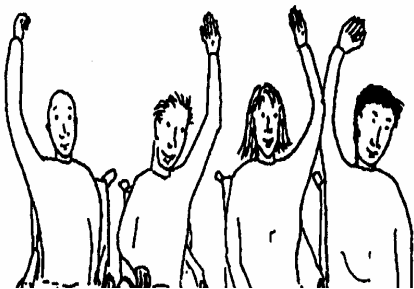
### 3. Funding Requests - 2007/08

The Group looked at a list of recommendations telling them how they could deal with requests for money from the Groups budget.



They agreed that the following community groups should be given money which amounted to £5,192:

- York Citizen's Advice Bureau - £1,500 in total
- York Older People's Assembly - £1,600 in total
- York Interfaith - £650 in total
- Disability Forum - £520 in total
- York Racial Equality Network - £912 in total



### 4. Community Forum Reports and Feedback

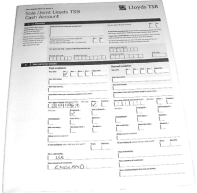
Lynn Jeffries told the Group about a volunteer unit at York University who were carrying out a review and supporting the development of the Disabled People's Forum.

She said that a Disability Conference was planned for March/April 2008.





York Racial Equality Network had moved offices to 20 Falsgrave Crescent, York.



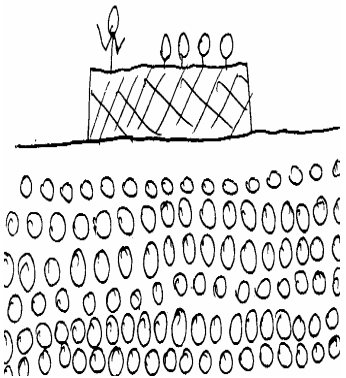
The Older People's Assembly said that they had had a well attended meeting which had looked at insurance, particularly travel insurance for older people and bus passes.

## 2008 National Bus Pass



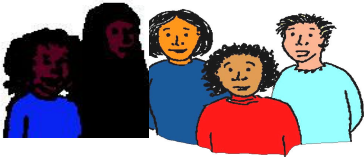
Evie Chandler, Equalities Officer, was to tell Members where people could collect bus passes and if people could collect passes for other people. Paul Wordsworth, told Members about the new Arclight Central building which would be completed in June this year. He told them that this was a 'centre' and not a 'hostel'.

## 5. Verbal Reports from Conferences



Councillor Aspden told the Group about a Conference on Diverse Britain and Councillor Gunnell told them about a Conference she had attended on Engaging and Communicating with Hard to Reach Groups.

## 6. Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Stakeholders Seminar, October 2007



The Group looked at the main points, which had come out of the Seminar. So that more time could be spent looking at these points it was agreed to consider them at the May meeting of the Group.



## 7. City of York Corporate Priorities 2007-2011

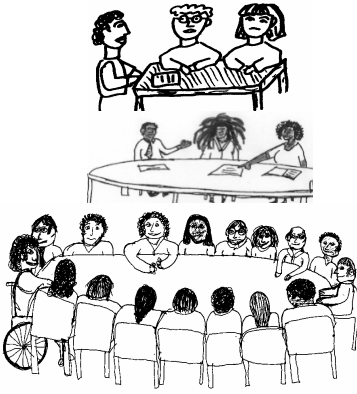


Heather Rice, Director of People and Improvement, told the Group about the Council's updated Corporate Strategy.

She explained that many of the key priorities would help less well off young people and families in York.

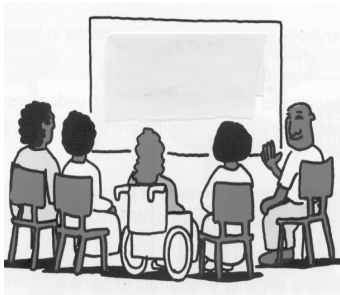
## 8. Group Discussion: Without Walls Anti Poverty Strategy

The meeting broke into small groups to discuss the Without Walls Anti Poverty Strategy.



The groups thought that the council could do things in the following areas:

- A. To make the most of money that less well off people earned
- B. Cut down how much it costs to live in York and help people to obtain the services to which they are entitled.
- C. Help partners to work together better and how they look at poverty.



The Group agreed that the City of York Council could help with this work but they also needed other organisations and groups to assist them.