

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 November 2007

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



**Keith Aspden
(Chair)**



Paul Healey



**James
Alexander**



**Ruth
Potter**



Sue Galloway



**Sue
Sunderland**



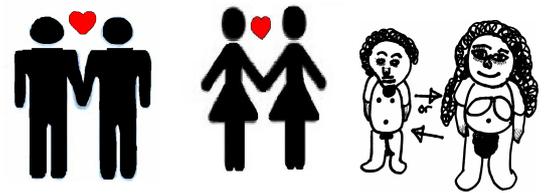
Julie Gunnell

People who were at the meeting representing community groups:

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



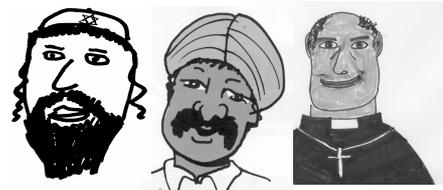
Peter Blackburn from the LGBT Forum (LGBT stands for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender)



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



Jan Jauncey from York Interfaith



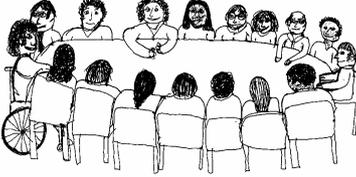
Lynn Jeffries from the Disabled People's Forum



1. Chairs Reports -Work Map



Members met Evie Chandler the Council's new Equalities Officer who was to help the Social Inclusion Working Group.



The Group looked at a plan for the work of the Group.



It was agreed that the plan should be considered at the Groups next meeting in January. 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.

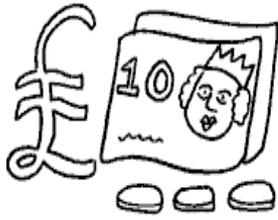


2. Social Inclusion Working Group Budgets

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



They agreed to have another look at this list at the next meeting.



They also agreed that £500 should be given to each of the following bodies to help them to plan for the future:

- York Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)
- York Older People's Assembly
- York Interfaith
- Disability Forum
- BME Citizens' Open Forum (YREN)

3. User Led Centre for Independent Living (CIL)



Keith Martin, the Council's Head of Adult Social Services, told the Group that a Centre for Independent Living (CIL) was an organisation controlled by disabled people. It is for all disabled people.



He told the Group that there were three ways in which this Centre could be

provided in York and he asked for Members and community group comments.



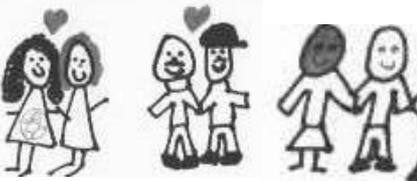
It was agreed that comments made at the meeting together with any further points should go to Keith Martin or Evie Chandler.

4. Reports from Groups

LGBT Forum

The Group were given details of:

- the new computer equipment bought with a grant from the Social Inclusion Working Group.
- The election of new Officers and Committee members at their Annual General Meeting.



York Older People's Assembly

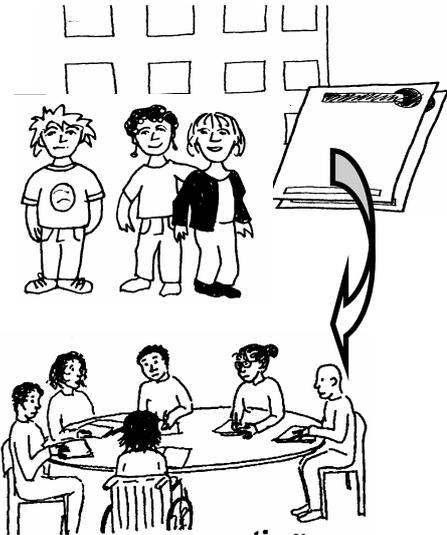
A report given to the Press was handed to Members which told them that the York 50+ Festival had gone well.



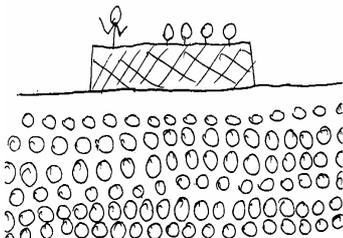
Disabled People's Forum

An update was given on support for the forum. It was agreed to try and involve the organisation York Cares in the forums work.

5. Young People's Update



Steve Rouse, the Equalities Team Leader with the Council's Youth Service, told Members about work being done to involve young people in the city in decisions on matters affecting them.



It was agreed to discuss the involvement of the Young Peoples Champion and membership of the Group at a workshop in February 2008.

6. Poverty Strategy Update

Colin Stroud of York CVS spoke to Members about the Anti-Poverty Strategy developed by Without Walls. The Strategy tried to make sure that poverty in the city was minimised and

that the gap between rich and poor was made smaller.

So that proper consideration was given to the strategy this would be discussed again at the next meeting.

7. Feedback from BME (Black Minority Ethnic) Conference and Next Steps



Colin Stroud of York CVS told Members about the Black Minority Ethnic Conference which had been held in October. He told them that the Conference had been a success and that 15 key messages were to be sent to various bodies across the city. It was agreed to discuss these messages at the Group's next meeting in January 2008.