

Consortium Meeting
Friday 11th April 2008
2.00 – 4.00

Present

Mick Lloyd, Ella Sips, Beverly Harris, Karen Roper, Pete Beer and Kas Welch.

Apologies

Diane Cuff and George Kinnell

1. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The compact was discussed and names have been updated. Mick said he is going to discuss procurement with Adrian Griffiths and Victor Brownless.

AC: Mick to circulate the Compact

Ella said that she did not have any comments of members to put onto the Consortium website and that Equality and Diversity has not been done yet.

Karen said that she is still trying to get information from the lady who she would like to do the training course with and she will get in touch with Ella as soon as she hears more.

Bev explained that she sent two letters to both of the MP's about infrastructure through volunteering as this was not getting funding and Bev was pleased to say that David Wright and Mark Pritchard are both supporting this.

Ella sent an email to Capacity Builders about the money which has not been spent to ask if it can go towards TNA she has not yet had a response. Ella and Mick are to do a brief for the TNA. A proposal is to be put together and circulated.

AC: Mick and Ella

2. **Regional Consortium**

Mick explained that in regards to this meeting funding for the Chair person who is James Fitzpatrick is coming to an end and that Admin is no longer supporting the meeting due to funding. The next meeting is 24th April.

AC: Mick to feedback after next meeting

Mick also went onto explain that the faith network cannot bid for funding and that 2 regional structures should be formed.

3. **Budget 2008/2009**

A handout was passed around to members which shown how the money could be spent and what on for 08/09. Members agreed on this and it was explained that the budget can also be swooped around if need be as the handout was just for members.

4. **3 Bids to Capacity Builders**

3 bids were submitted to Capacity Builders and a decision will be made at the end of April on this. Ella had a telephone interview about these by a lady from Capacity Builders which she said went ok.

The lady also said to Ella that 2 of the bids could be put into 1 as they were both around volunteering and the Improving Reach bid has gone in and a decision will be made by the end of May.

5. **Grass roots**

This is a funding bid made available through Third Sector and the Consortium members decided that they will put in for this but it will be done by CVS.

If the bid went ahead then the money would be given out to small local groups and the Development Team would support the applications and the Consortium would sign them and make the decisions.

Bev said that a proper mechanism would need to be put in place for this if we did get the bid.

6. Fix-it-Fund Applications

Ella explained that Equal have got the £500 pounds and members felt that 1 person should be allocated to talk to organizations who apply for the Fix-it-Fund to save confusion to the groups and someone also to be allocated to do the Admin side to this as well.

On the application it was decided to add on whether the organisation has been CRB checked and if they have public liability insurance. This will be looked into.

Jackfield (Elcock Reisen) Band put in an application and it was decided that they will get the funding for a new instrument.

S.T.A.B.L.E put in an application and members agreed that they would also get the funding for some leaflets which they want producing about epilepsy.

Telford West Indian Association also sent an application in and the form has been sent back for some bits to be re-written and once this has been sent back Consortium members will discuss this.

7. Any Other Business

Pete said that Alison Streak emailed him about GOWN stock and if Telford and Wrekin had anything which they wanted to say.

AC: Pete to email her back as nothing new is to be added

Bev gave out a handout from the cabinet office called "Participation In Regular Volunteering" which she wanted members to look at.

Ella said that everyone from now on is to be responsible to print of there own minutes and to bring them to the meeting and the CVS have just bought a years subscription to survey monkey. This is where you can make your own survey and members said that this may help with the TNA for the Consortium.

Dates for meetings 2008 – second Friday of every month

May 9th

June 13th

July 11th

August 8th

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th