

Consortium Minutes
18th July 2008 2.00 – 4.00

Present

Mick Lloyd, Ella Sips, Diane Cuff, Peter Beer, Beverly Harris, George Kinnell and Karen Roper.

1. Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising

George is to email members the compact and the website is to be checked to see if the up to date version of the Terms of Reference is on for people to have a copy.

AC: Kas

Diane talked about having a reference group and this is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

AC: Kas

Point number 7 on the minutes: Bev is waiting for information on who should be invited and when she knows she will inform Pete.

A link is to be sent to members for the Consortium website and if everyone agrees this will go live.

AC: Ella

2. Basis – WMVYSF/G:up bid to the Lottery

Pete gave out some handouts on the West Midlands Voluntary Youth Sector Forum which is linked to G-up. He explained that they are putting together a lottery grant, this will be done by the end of August. A new person starts on Monday to write the bid and could fit in with the consortium.

3. Parish Planning Funding Group for Telford and Wrekin

Karen explained that she is trying to get communities involved in this and to make people aware that Telford is different from Shropshire.

Karen met with Caroline Oaks who is the locality worker for Newport and it has been asked if a pot of money can be provided by the Council or if the Consortium could fund it?

Diane explained that we will need a proper panel if we are going to be taking on more work to look at the applicants. This is to be looked into.

AC: Karen to ask Lois to go to a workshop event in Newport.

4. Voluntary Sector Strategy

George said that they should benchmark but this did not happen and the Voluntary Sector Strategy is being worked on.

Mick said that the consortium needs to build a structure that is independent from the Council and that we should devise a model. Workshops and events could be done on this.

AC: Diane to speak to Sarah Bass

5. Modernisation

Members received the budget and the modernisation funding. The aim is to help groups get funding for contracts and also to make groups aware that they can raise funds in other ways apart from bidding for small grants.

Mick explained that groups need to blend and give people ranges of options.

George said that the big organizations such as A4U and the CAB, people want just 1 organisation to do the lot. The consortium could support this and the new Development workers which will be taken on could also help.

Date of next meeting

Friday 8th August 2008 2.00 – 4.00 at Meeting Point House