

Consortium Meeting
Friday 14th March 2008
from 2.00 – 4.00

Present

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

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

2. **Compact**

Diane explained that issues do need to be addressed about the compact in terms to what if groups do not follow it.

It was decided that the Compact shall be posted on websites such as CVS, LSP etc and if any changes are to be made then George should be made aware of this.

AC: Comments should be made by April.

3. **Regional Update**

Mick said that he has attended every meeting and he has emailed the Business Plan out. It was also said that the Consortium should liaise regionally and look at what a Consortia should look like.

Mick also said that the Consortium should sit down and decide how they can get stronger.

AC: Mick is to get back to members on this in due course. To find out more you can visit the CB website and it will guide you there.

4. Website

A handout was given out to members of the Consortium to show what the website will look like with members logos on. All members were pleased with the design and it was decided that one person will be allocated to maintain the website.

AC: Members are to email Ella with what they think should go onto the website.

5. Equality & Diversity Strategy

Handouts were given out to members and Diane asked for a brake down of the groups in terms of who works with who and how many paid staff, trustees and volunteers there are. Members felt that this would be difficult to do as the CVS database cannot do that.

Members were pleased with the handout.

6. Training

Spare money from training maybe relocated to members to spend accordingly. Diane said that she would like to buy some training resources.

Mick and Ella are to do a training course (CMI) and Bev would like to do a Diploma in Management. Karen explained that it would be useful for her to do a course on local communities and groups.

AC: Karen to email Ella on this ASAP.

7. The Future of Volunteering

A handout was given out to members called "Manifesto 4 change" and it highlighted how the government is not putting in any money for volunteering infrastructure which members felt was unfair.

AC: Bev is to write a letter to the MP's and a handout is to be sent to Bill Parkinson.

9. Projects

A handout was given out on the projects and it was said that Mary-Jane Peach wanted 3 projects that needed funding for 1, 2 and 3 years and improving reach is one. An update will be given on this soon.

10. TNA

Members felt that it is a priority to see what training needs the sector has and how to improve groups in terms of their trustees, paid staff and volunteers.

Members said that they need to allocate someone to do this as it is a big thing and organizations need to know what benefit they will get from this.

AC: Mary is to be asked if the consortium can use money that they have not spent on TNA.

George said that organizations need to develop and to be asked if they are interested in growing.

11. Budget

There is money in the budget and Ella is to put together how this can be spent. Mick explained that over the year they may be able to bid for 3 different projects and the CVS have Grantfinder which is beneficial and a funding advice worker Colleen Wickstead.

12. Fix-It-Fund

So far there are two organizations who have applied for this and they are Equal and Hope UK. Equal have been successful with part of their bid but need to re-apply for the rest due to confusion with the application.

CVS are still waiting to hear more from Hope UK.

Date of next meeting

Friday 11th April at Meeting Point House 2.00 – 4.00.