

Consortium Minutes
Friday 12th October 2007
at Meeting Point House from 2.00 – 4.00

Present

Mick Lloyd, Ella Sips, George Kinnell, Pete Beer, Bev Harris and Diane Cuff.

1. Matters Arising

2. CDF Verification Visit

The visit from the auditors went well and a report is being written and that members should find out in 2 weeks what the auditors think. Ella explained that the auditors did ask for some additional information including a CVS policy and they were happy with the expense claim form for the Consortium.

The auditors did say that Mick, Bev and Ella's claim form can be signed by other members of the Consortium.

The audit report was discussed and Pete suggested, if possible it was made available to the public so it will go on the CVS website and a piece could also go in newslines about this.

Mark Redding has asked to attend a meeting with the Consortium and it was agreed that Mark will be asked to the next meeting in November so he has an idea of what the Consortium is doing and can discuss Capacity Builders initiatives with us.

2. Regional Infrastructure Plan issues

Mick also explained to members that he has copied them into various emails on the Regional Infrastructure draft plan and other useful information for members.

Mick and Ella have met with Dawn Carr about the regional strategy and its implications for Telford & Wrekin.

Mick suggested a chartermark to Dawn Carr and James Fitzpatrick as one practical means of members perceiving tangible benefit from membership of the Regional Infrastructure Consortium. Members present agreed to read the Regional Plan prior to the next meeting of the Consortium.

Dawn will be coming along to the CVS conference and she will use a “talking wall” to consult with groups on the needs of the sector within Telford & Wrekin. Ella will send out a questionnaire to the remaining groups.

It was suggested that the questionnaire could be put on the CVS website and these will have to be completed by November 25th.

It was agreed that information on this would be shared out between members working together with the CCSE in preparation for a Lottery Fund Bid.

George commented that others are working closely with the Community Council of Shropshire. Bev said that she regularly attends their Consortia meetings.

George said that the SALC AGM is at the beginning of November at the Buckatree hotel.

3. Membership issues

Mick explained that SALC and STAY had written a letter to him about joining the Consortia.

Diane expressed that she had been looking on the internet at other Consortia Terms of Reference and she said that our Terms of Reference perhaps needs to lay out the membership criteria in very explicit terms.

Diane said that this had to be clarified before anyone else is invited onto the Consortia. Everyone agreed with this.

Mick said that it needs to be done like a constitution and the Terms of Reference could be separate to this and it needs to be cross referenced with the away day that we had as that was important to the consortia and its development.

AC: It was agreed to try and resolve this before the next meeting.

Bev said that there should be categories of membership.

AC: Kas and Mick to do an email referring to the membership criteria to consortia members.

Groups need to be aware of this.

There was a discussion about the email from Mike Pugh and it was decided that Mick is to write a letter to Mike Lowe in reply to Mike Pugh’s email and there will be a right to reply.

4. Compact Review

George has completed the compact review and he has spoken to John Pay. He has asked his work colleague Caz to ring around all of the signatories of the council's compact.

AC: George is to email over the response.

There was a deadline to get this compact review.

5. Any Other Business

Mick thanked Ella for all of her hard work for the audit.

Bev said that she has been working on the skills audit and it will be circulated for comment.

Pete has been in touch with G – UP and they say they are a network of networks and he said that they are growing.

Diane talked about the first session of training that she had and that it went very well but not many from the voluntary sector attended.

Some Consortium members will attend the training and have asked the CVS to distribute this.

Mick said that he and Ella will re-work criteria for this and distribute it to the members of the consortia.

There is the potential of a Funding Pot from the PCT and the Consortium has been asked to distribute this.

George talked about the funding from the PCT and asked if they we need BME knowledge to do this and it was suggested that there was enough expertise within the Consortium.

AC: Pete is to ask Alison to the meeting on 11th December.

**The next meeting is on Thursday 8th November from 3.00 – 5.00 at
TREDP offices**