

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSIONING GROUP

TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2007

Attendees:

Bill Edwards BE
Mary Murphy MM
Jo Charlan JC
Denis Durnian DD
Moir Blood MB
Liz Wilson LW
Jo Farrington JF
Harji Patel HP

Apologies:

Jane Hughes, Mark Powell, Cllr Jean Stretton

Minutes and matters arising

It was agreed that when there are amendments made to the minutes, they should be reissued.

MM stated that she had met with David Hillary and Paula Boshell regarding the mapping and voluntary activity discussions held by the group. It was suggested that the existing mapping information that VAO commissioned in 2005 is a good start and that they could build on this and the volunteer activity.

Commissioning specifications

The following comments were made regarding the submitted specifications

Census of Oldham's Community based Organisations and Agency Activity

- It was agreed that the title should be changed to database, rather than census to reflect the true nature of the work proposed.
- It was stated that the database would need to be practical and manageable for this year, with elements that can be changed later.
- So that the database will be accessible, it was agreed that the database would need to work on the same principle as oldhaminfo.org.
- The specification would also need to clearly request a plan of how the database would be developed and updated annually.
- Details around how the database will be promoted should be expanded upon, relating to how it will be done and who by.
- References to health should be changed to wellbeing.
- The paragraph on page 4 relating to an audit should be removed.

- The tables on pages 9-12 should be removed, as these were deemed unnecessary.

Oldham Volunteering Development

- The level of detail on volunteering was questioned. It was suggested that for guidance, the recent You and Your Community survey results could provide some low level information about volunteer numbers along with information from the established volunteer shop.
- It should be clear that a larger proportion of the money should be used to increase volunteering activity, rather than the interrogation of data.
- It was agreed that the grant scheme should be removed.

Action points: MM to redraft and send to the group for publication

Due to lack of time at the meeting, the following items will be discussed at the next CECG meeting;

The Community Infrastructure Development Programme

Global Grants

Draft Community Engagement Strategy

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23rd May**, 12-2pm, Crompton A, Civic Centre. Lunch will be provided.