



COVENTRY COMMUNITY FORUM
Monday 7th April 2014
Coventry Central Police Station
Little Park Street

Present

Caron McKenna (CM) – Coventry University Students Union
Janey Manton (JM) - Coventry Earth Spirit
Inspector Hasson Shigdar (HS) – WMP
Nicola Handley (NS) – Coventry Earth Spirit
Peter Sturgeon (PDS) – WMP
Balbir Singh Dhama (BSD) – Coventry Multi Faith Forum
Mia Docker (MD) – Coventry Grapevine
Dorothy Senior (DS) – Caribbean Community
Daniel McKenzie (DM) – Youth Parliament
Sonkay Kamara (SK) – Sierra Leone Association Welfare and Development
Tim Sawdon (TS) – Coventry City Council
Jason Waters (JW) – YMCA
Simon McCarthy (SM) – Coventry Irish Society
Daniel McKenzie (DM) – UK Youth Parliament
Sonia Johnson (SJ) – Coventry Barbadian Association
Peter Webb (PW) – Websdale Residents Association
PC Neil Kenton (NK) – WMP
Edwin Lukong (EL) - Terence Higgins Trust
Davinder Panesar (DP) – Sikh Temples
Jaskarn Bening (JB) – SEVA School & SHARE Charity
Katy Callender (KC) - WMP

1 Apologies

Elizabeth Flowers (EF) – CV4PD
Pat Seaman (PS) – Coventry Voices for People with Disability
Eleanor Lisney – Connect
Balbir Sohal – Balbir Sohal Consultancy
Dr Mansoor Ahmad (MA) – Muslim Association
Mehru Fitter (MF) – Positive Images
Derek Jones (DJ) – Coventry Broadgate Spiritualist Church
Rita Jones (RJ) - Coventry Broadgate Spiritualist Church
Dimitri Kafizas (DK) - Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre
Olumuyiwa Kolawole (OK) – Jubilee Christian Centre
Shabbir Ahmed (SA) - Coventry City Council/Eagle Street Mosque
Lorraine Galatowicz (LG) - Terence Higgins Trust
Mansoor Ahmad (MA) – Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
Stefa Paszkowicz (SP) - Coventry Polish Community
Anita Kumari (AK) – Sahil Project

2 Introductions

At the start of meeting there were introductions from attendees around the table.

3 Matters Rising/Forum Tasking

Date	Action	Owner	Update	Status
12/5	Query on Stop & Search figures March 2014	Insp Hasson Shigdar	Update at June's meeting	Update June 2014 CCF meeting New task
12/5	Task to look at breakdown of structure for stop and search from Crime Commissioners Department	Councillor Tim Sawdon	Update at June's meeting	Update June 2014 CCF meeting New task

5 Stop & Search

Coventry has returned to conducting the paper records for stop and search, details of March's Stop and Search was provided. There were questions from the attendees about the data provided and Inspector Shigdar answered the questions. Both Inspector Shigdar and Councillor Sawdon received tasks around the data provided to feedback at the next meeting.

7 Community Tensions/Information Exchange

We went round the table and those with information to share did so.

St Pauls Church Foleshill

There is a regular Saturday morning event at St Paul Church Community Hall in Foleshill. The regular event is hosted by the Reverend Hannah Goodall of St Pauls Church, the event is open to anyone who just needs somewhere just to sit, rest, take refreshments, have a chat, take stock, somewhere safe and welcoming. The 'Drop In Cafe' serves breakfast and lunch between 10.00hrs and 13.00hrs. The cafe is staffed by local voluntary workers from the community and the facility serves anyone, particularly disadvantaged, homeless and vulnerable in the community. The Saturday facility is only partially funded and this is running short so they ask for a donation to set against what you eat and drink, as modest or as much as you choose to pay, everyone is welcome.

Places of Safety: Email to be sent out to all Coventry Community Forum members from Grapevine.

YMCA

The YMCA is currently accepting accommodation referrals form from professional agencies that work with & support young people aged 18 to 25 with low support needs, the young people should have no drug or alcohol issues, be engaging in education/training & in receipt of Income Support.

We do accept Young People who are claiming for Job Seekers Allowance, but they would be expected to engage with YMCA training & volunteer opportunities.

Some of our current residents are in employment but their personal charges are variable due to not being entitled to receive full Housing Benefit - All Young People will need to be qualified to receive Housing Benefit.

Referral form is attached to the minutes of this month's meeting.

Mindfulness

As a result of that appalling attack on Mr Joginder Singh, and the reaction from all communities, together with an organization called Craft Culture based in Coventry City centre, the first ever public Mindfulness event in a Cathedral took place, a highly successful event attended by over 300+ people. We are now working with the organizers to develop Mindfulness for Coventry 2014, and once again we are working with Coventry Cathedral.

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/health/ancient-indian-meditation-technique-mindfulness-6350907>

In addition, we offer a drop-in session every Thursday details below. These sessions have been found to benefit many individuals who experienced stress, trauma, and depression or have been psychologically impacted through grooming, domestic violence and abuse. We use these sessions to introduce basic practices and help people develop support structures through collective practice.

Faculties available for mindfulness:

1. Drop-in sessions held every Thursday 5.00-6.30 pm.
Venue: The Flame Centre of mindfulness, holistic health and well being.
14, City Arcade, Coventry CV1
2. Midday Mindfulness Mediation, every Monday 1.15-1.45 pm (for professionals and city workers)
Venue: The Flame Centre of mindfulness, holistic health and well being.
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Cost: £ 5.00

6 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

May's meeting to take place on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 5:30 pm in the Gavin Carlton Room at Coventry Central Police Station Little Park St, Coventry CV1 2JX.