

Bracknell Forest Minorities Alliance Meeting

held at Fitzwilliam House, Skimped Hill Lane, Bracknell
on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 7 pm

Minutes

Martin Gilman (BFVA)	MG	+	Zack Anucha (African & Caribbean Org)	ZA	-
Hassen Boodoo (BICS)	HB	-	Tayo Owodunni (UNI)	TO	-
Daisy Bret-Holt (Berks Filipino Assoc)	DBH	-	Assila Bibi Tegally (BICS)	ABT	-
Dilip Ladwa (ASP)	DL	+	Judy English (BFVA)	JE	+
Chris Cowap (BFVA)	CC	+	Mohamed Riaz (BICS – Chair)	MR	-
Raman Patel (ICAB)	RP	+	Durga Ramjali (Sandhurst Nepalese Community)	DR	-
Val Hoskins (People in Harmony)	VH	-	Narahari Basnet (Bracknell Napalese Society)	NB	+
Sean Hood (BFVA)	SH	-			

Present (+) Absent (-)

			Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	DL opened the meeting. Apologies were received from HG, ABT, ZA and SH.	
2	Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising	These were accepted as correct and there were no matters arising. DL requested that Halim Subahan be removed from the circulation list as he no longer lives in the area.	JE
3	Finance	No change since last meeting.	
4	Equalities Development Officer	Sean Hood was appointed as Equalities Development Officer (not Diversity Officer as shown on the agenda) and started on 1 September and is beginning to make contact with groups. After his holiday, objectives will be set from the project. There is a meeting with Wokingham on 23 September to ensure there is no overlap.	CC/SH
5	BHM 2009	DL reported from ZA that the venue for the BHM event is Sandy Lane School on 25 October from 4 pm to 9 pm. Also assemblies will be held at Easthampstead Park School from 5 – 9 September on the topic “Does education hinder or help diversity?” CC requested that ZA should finalise the programme as soon as possible so that it can be distributed.	CC/ZA/JE
6	Revising the Constitution	This is on going and DL will circulate the revisions suggested so far. MG has spoken to insurers regarding Trustee liability but will pursue this with other companies at the national conferencenext week.	DL MG
7 and 8	BFMA Website, etc Update/ Funding strategy/bids	DL saw the UNI recommended IT Consultant but with little success. He suggested that a Grassroots grant be sought to develop the website, leaflet and logo, to go with the £600 available from UNI	DL

9	BFMA Open Event	The invitation for this event to be held at Easthampstead Baptist Church on Tuesday 29 September at 6.30 pm has been sent to BFMA groups and will be extended to the wider membership. The event will focus on Minorities Classifications, Emergency Planning, School Governors and Safeguarding Children. Tea and cakes will be served as refreshments. CC suggested that groups should have some display materials at the event and asked for it to be sent in to BFVA by 21 September. CC also asked if the event should be advertised in the Standard and on Community TV and this was agreed.	CC
10	Meeting Update – Paul Bettison	DL met with Paul Bettison on 1 September. BFMA and the Mela were discussed and PB requested updates so DL will meet again in about 6 weeks.	DL
11	Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Middleton to forward details to DL re non-surgical circumcision. • CC has checked that DL is still on the UNI distribution list. ITV meeting may need representative from BFMA and DL will look at emails again. • UNI questionnaire – CC prefers not to answer in its present format as information may be used to support UNI work. Further discussions to continue. 	DL
12	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Event – Tuesday 29 September • Committee meeting – Tuesday 20 October at 7 pm at Fitzwilliam House 	