

# Northampton Diverse Communities Forum

Thursday, 21 March 2019 at 11:00am - 1:00pm

The Guildhall, St Giles' Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

## Agenda

1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes and matters arising
3. Suzanna Storey - What's the Storey Podcast
4. Community News Exchange
5. How can we improve the DCF?
6. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting
7. Date Of Next Meeting

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## **Code of Conduct for the Forums**

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

### **1. Meeting Etiquette**

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1** Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2** Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3** Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4** Comply with Northampton Borough Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5** Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6** Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7** Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8** Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

### **2. Being Objective**

- 2.1** Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2** If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the each meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.
- 2.3** Be Fair
- 2.4** You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

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If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to Northampton Borough Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Partnerships and Communities Manager at [vrockall@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:vrockall@northampton.gov.uk) or on 01604 837074

## **Northampton Borough Council**

### **Northampton Diverse Communities Forum**

**Thursday, 24 January 2019 – 11:00am – 1pm**

#### **1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

**ATTENDANCE:** Cllr James Hill (JH, Chair) Pauline Woodhouse (PW, Chair), Michael Macleod (MM, NBC), Jamie Wells (JW, NBC), Christian Buckenham (CB, Police), Yemi Holman (YH, Northants Police), Aideen Fogarty (AF, Town of Sanctuary), Marie Beckett (MB, Diverse Actors Guild), Kelly Jordan (KJ, Aquarius), Donald Mulwa (DM, United Africa Association).

**APOLOGIES:** Helen Elliott-Mainwaring, Neelam Aggarwal-Singh,

#### **2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes accepted.

#### **3. YEMI HOLMAN - NORTHANTS POLICE FORCE HATE CRIME OFFICER**

Took up hate crime role in December.

A hate crime would be reported through the call centre to an officer.

This would then be risk assessed, and investigated further and enforcement action will be pursued if necessary.

Inspiration FM are promoting how to report as there has been a dip in reporting of hate crimes.

Q: how would you know what is a drop in hate crime or reporting?

A: Compare to national statistics and year on year reporting. Issues surrounding 101 and people are often reluctant to contact the police.

Q: What are your plans to tackle that?

A: Pushing for more online reporting, moving to a single online home, most police force websites will be very similar and the reporting tools will be the same.

Q: Hasn't there been a rise in hate crime because of Brexit?

A: Yes, there always is when there is an issue like Brexit or a terrorist attack for example.

#### **4. MARIE BECKETT - DIVERSE ACTORS GUILD**

To create an environment for the diverse communities to become more engaged with theatre. To make an environment that they can connect with.

Start of March – workshop at the deco theatre.

## 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Refugee week – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – suggestion that the L2L youth group to have an evening in the guildhall to demonstrate what they do. Looking to do this in the Guildhall – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June from around 6:30pm.

Going to contact schools to see if they can offer any help.

PW: In a future meeting could you have a list identifying your needs to let us know what we would do to help you.

Q: Have you tried community spaces to look for rooms?

A: No, who would be contacted?

Q: Toby Birch is a good contact, he is one of the trustees.

**ACTION:** Look to have someone come in to talk about settled status. Nazreen could be a good contact, invite to a future forum.

JW: We could send an e-mail out requesting items for the agenda.

PW/JH: Yes, that would be a good idea.

**ACTION:** MM to send out an e-mail to the circulation list to all forum members.

PW: Could you do a presentation on local statistics at a future forum?

YH: Yes I have an infographic and presentation that I could talk through and show the forum.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kelly from Aquarius, support for drugs, alcohol and gambling.

Also do training to help people understand the risk that drugs and alcohol can have. The training is free and we are trying to reach more diverse community groups.

Q: Are you happy to just talk to groups of women and groups of men.

A: Definitely yes, we would be willing to cater for the needs of people who want to be trained.

PW: I have taken over as manager of Bellinge Community House, this is a community centre, originally set up to support local people, offers all different types of support services and different groups can come and use the facilities there. There is a proposal for donations for the use of the room.

YH: We are creating a document to help people also find another support group, whether that be age based, race based or even geographical based.

Donald: Looking to organise African day which is a celebration that is hosted each year, still looking for funding, this will be hopefully happening in May. This will be taking place on the Market Square, this is where it was last year.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified