

## **Community Base participant group meeting 18th February 2010**

The meeting was attended by Colin (Community Base director), Annette (Community Base building manager) and Jane (Assert and Community Base trustee).

### **1 Our advert**

Colin said that it had been a big blow to have the planning committee refuse to continue our permission to put adverts on our north wall as we get significant income from it. Colin said he felt the decision had been made for party political reasons, with all Conservative councillors voting against while all other councillors voted for consent. Colin pointed out that we have had adverts up since 2004 with no complaints, there were 24 letters of support for our application and no objections and while other councillors talked about the 'visual amenity' of the advert (the criteria that should be used) Conservative councillors complained about their being a political advert up last year, from the Green Party.

Colin said we were appealing against the decision and he would keep people informed of developments.

### **2 An evening for councillors to meet groups at Community Base**

Colin said he was organising an event on 29th March between 5.30pm and 7pm where groups at Community Base could meet local councillors. He would send an email about this to groups soon.