

Community Base participant group meeting 16th July 2009

The meeting was attended by Colin (Community Base director), Jane Hill (SCIP) and Annette Moss (Community Base building manager)

1 Smoking

Colin reported that he had received about a dozen responses to his request for views about smoking, some wanting to allow people to smoke at Community Base some very much against this. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of allowing smoking on balconies and outside the south wing entrance. It was agreed that the ashtray on the fourth floor balcony was not being emptied enough and that this would be looked into urgently.

Colin said that he had agreed to table all the comments he received at the next board meeting and people were offering comments on that basis. However Colin thought it would be useful to put people's comments up on the website so that people could see other people's views and reply to them – pretty low tech, but not involving people who didn't care while allowing some interaction of views. Colin said he would send an email to the Community Base email group about this and ask people who had already commented whether they wanted their comments put up or not.

2 Flu

Jane said SCIP was looking into its own arrangements for dealing with a swine flu pandemic which mainly involved looking at improving hygiene with extra hand gel and other measures. Annette said Community Base was taking a number of steps and was constantly reviewing the situation with the aim of breaking the chain of infection as far as possible. Annette said she would look into getting a spray for reception.

3 Time of annual general meeting

Colin asked what people thought about the time AGMs were held at, currently around 5.30pm. Colin said AGMs were held at this time as some people were unable to make it during the day while others would not be able to make an evening meeting, but it was a difficult time for childcare. Jane thought it was a reasonable time given and that if enough notice was given people should be able to sort childcare for it.

4 Green initiatives

Annette reported that the car park ceiling had been insulated, a powerperfactor to reduce our electricity ordered and our roof was going to be painted white!