

Community Base participant group meeting 27th November 2008

The meeting was attended by Linsay (Mencap), Louise (Working Together Project), Sally (Community and Voluntary Sector Forum), Colin (Community Base), Annette (Community Base), Paul (NHS Support Federation and Community Base trustee) and Jane (Assert and Community Base trustee)

1 Budget for 2009 -2014

Colin handed out copies of the budget for 2009 to 2014 and assessment of risks for the same period that the Community Base board had agreed at its November meeting. The budget involves an increase in rent from £16 per square foot per year to £18 in April 2009 and £20 in April 2010. Colin said the rent rise was necessary to pay for new windows while allowing us to increase reserves to a more realistic level to deal with increasingly uncertain economic times. Colin said that the new rent level still provided excellent value for money.

Sally asked if Community Base had looked into Capacity Builder's capital investment programme which could provide funding for capital expenditure. Colin said he was looking into this. Sally said that the local ChangeUp consortium was coordinating local bids for funding from this programme.

2 Xmas party

Colin announced that Mel's Allstars were playing at the xmas party on 19th December. Annette said there would be a xmas trolley at some point too!

3 The photocopier

Annette said she was still looking into how to sort the problems with the photocopier which could involved a new location or new copier.

4 Broadband connection

Paul asked if anything was being done about the broadband connection sometimes going down. Annette said she was monitoring the downtimes and would take action if necessary.