

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Board of Directors 2006  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 6.00pm  
Napiershall Street Centre**

**Present**

O P Khana  
O S Jandu  
Cllr McGerty

Syed Jafri  
Brij Ghandi

Mohammed Zahid  
Harriett Campbell

**Staff**

Mohammed Razaq

Marisa Meechan

**Apologies**

Edelweisse Thornley  
Shobha Ngpal  
Vince Chudy

Malcolm Cunning  
Annie Currie  
Alex MacDonald

Helen Kidd  
Masud Khan  
Karm Singh Lota

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 were approved as true and accurate.

**3. Matters Arsing**

None

**4. Reports**

**Principal Officer (Verbal)**

- As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 WSREC is functioning as Company Ltd by Guarantee. Therefore you will now be referred to as the Board of Directors as opposed to Executive Committee members.
- Casework - from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 WSREC dealt with 107 Enquiries in relation to advice and information on R/H and R/D; 63 cases were represented of which 48 R/D and 15 R/H, 21 of the R/D cases were in employment related and 27 were non-employment related
- WSREC AGM - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at GCC City Chambers.
- University of Paisley/Training - The present course is coming to an end. The next course will start in September 2006. If any Directors wish to undertake the course, course costs will be met by WSREC.

**Chair**

Due to this being the Chair's second meeting he has nothing to report.

**Partners**

Nothing to report due to lack of presence of partners.

**5. Correspondence**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>FROM</b>                     | <b>SUBJECT</b>                                |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 6/4/06      | Renfrewshire Council            | Funding (Requires Signatures)                 |
| 27/4/06     | Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewark Jatha | Sikh Religious Educational & Interfaith Event |

**6. Funding**

- **Commission for Racial Equality** - As reported at the last meeting WSREC was successful in obtaining funding of £30k for 2006/07 for casework. We are in negotiations with CRE to agree outcomes that can be achieved with this resource.
- **Scottish Executive- 'Race Equality, Integration and Community Support Fund'**
  - Volunteer project (£50K)  
This will be set up a new volunteer project for individuals from the BME communities. This project will identify; encourage; induct; train and make placements for volunteers.
  - Capacity Building/integration (£50K)  
This will be to capacity build individuals and groups from the BME communities to be able to take part in consultations with confidence with public authorities. Allowing them to make informed and effective contributions to future policy development and service delivery.
  - Integration with Volunteer Caseworkers (50K)  
This will be to integrate/capacity building individuals from both the BME and Indigenous communities to be able to learn about casework and be able to help others.
  - Supporting the MARIM Structure  
This will be to assist the MARIM structure within Glasgow

Still await outcome of these bids.

**7. Finance Meeting**

Finance Meeting minutes tabled. Mr Jafri asked that minutes be changed to reflect that there will be no liability for Directors, this was done. Annual Accounts 2005/06 should be ready in the next week or so, we are at present waiting for GCVS to confirm salary figures. However the draft figures indicate the following:

- Income for the year as was 236K as against 227K the previous year (>9K)
- Total Grants received were 185K against 174K the previous year (>11K)
- Draft income and expenditure was **INCOME 235K and EXPENDITURE was 207K**, However this figure includes monies that have been received and are restricted for various projects throughout the coming year.

**8. Celebration Event**

The Celebration Event was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006, which was a great success. All staff contributions were greatly appreciated.

**9. AOCB**

None

10. Date and time of Next Meeting

- WSREC AGM - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at Glasgow City Chambers, time still to be confirmed.