

RAPAR

Open Forum meeting of members
on Tuesday, 9th August 2005
at The Cheetwood Community Centre, St James's Road
starting 4pm

PRESENT: Mike (Admin Temp); Nasima; Sandra; Sheka; Anisa

1. WELCOME.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all present to introduce themselves.

2. APOLOGIES for absence.

Frank (Treasurer); Rhetta (Vice Secretary); Maryam; Juma

3. MINUTES of previous meetings:

∞(a) 12th July 2005, RAPAR Forum

Accepted as a true and accurate record by those present.

∞(b) 4th August 2005, RAPAR Committee

Verbal report given by Mike.

4. MATTERS ARISING

5. OFFICE LOCATION

6. FUNDING

7. NEWS FROM MEMBERS

8. ADMIN MATTERS

In the absence of officers and other members, these items were not discussed.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

∞ Anisa had arrived from Manchester University to encourage RAPAR members to get involved in a research programme to produce stories of real experiences. She was especially looking to get in touch with Afghani; Somali; and Kurdish people. It was agreed that these details could be emailed out and, perhaps, mentioned at the SWAP meeting on 31st August.

∞ Mike mentioned that the office location had not been finalised, and RAPAR was not yet settled in Cheetwood. There needed to be some certainty about opening times of the RAPAR office, and a rota produced for people to step in and volunteer. It was said that there were other Drop-Ins in the city, such as Eccles

on a Wednesday morning, (helped by Rabia from the Community Network and Christine and John from NPH). It was said that RAPAR needed paid workers.
☞Sheka had come down from Oldham to meet people. He told his story of being made destitute.

**10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT RAPAR FORUM MEETING:
4pm, Tuesday, 13th September 2004
at Cheetwood Community Centre, Allesley Road, Cheetham**