

KENT AREA COALFIELDS COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN
Core Group Meeting
Canterbury City Council Offices

Wednesday 29th November 2006 – 9am.

Minutes

Present:

Cllr L Ridings	Kent County Council
Cllr S Manion	Dover District Council (Chair)
Cllr C Hibberd	Thanet District Council
Cllr K Smith	Dover District Council (Observer)
Chris Inwood	Canterbury City Council
Brin Hill	Dover District Council
Keith MacKenney	Kent County Council

Apologies

Cllr M Nee	Canterbury City Council
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Actions:

KM to investigate hosting a KCCC page on the KCC website linked to LA websites.

BH to provide a copy of the CRT ward map for next meeting.

KM to speak to Janet Waghorne regards coalfield representation at future EKP conferences.

KM, BH & CI set up an Officers group to produce an action plan to accompany the business plan.

CI to talk to CCC Community Development Team regards potential CRT project bids

CI to write to all 3 EK CEX's regards DDC's new secretariat role and clear up the EKP issues.

All group members to bring 2007 diary to next meeting to plan 12 months of meeting dates in advance

New Secretariat and Chairman

The group voted Dover District Council as the group's full time Secretariat.

Cllr Steve Manion was voted by the group as Chair and the group's National spokesperson.

Future Priorities

The partnership is a lobbying group for strategic issues effecting the East Kent Coalfields. This started with the partnerships formal representation to SEEDA's emerging Regional Economic Strategy this summer.

KCCC and CCC will lobby on the behalf of any KCC suggested actions for improvements in the Montgomery School

AOB

CI stated that Canterbury City Council would remain in the partnership for 2007. However unless positive outputs were received during this period the Council would have to re-think its participation due to increasing pressure on budgets, changing Council priorities and staff time.

Next meeting

19.01.07 – 6pm Dover District Council Offices