Questions from the morning discussions

* How do people in local communities find out about Community Empowerment?
* How do we inform people in the community about the act in a way they can understand and use?
* Are we doing enough to raise awareness?
* Will there be further promotion / workshops of the Act and the impact this will have?
* How do we bridge the gap between what matters to people in communities and the legislation?
* How can we ensure sustained long-term support to communities rather than ‘rushing’ them into action?
* What can communities do for us?
* How do we manage expectations for a community group in relation to buying and running a building/ asset? (post-it comment: See ‘10 steps to Community Ownership’, an online resource produced by HIE <http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-assets/ten-steps.html> )
* How do we inform groups of their powers in such a way without frightening them off?
* How do we monitor the impact of Community Empowerment? E.g. asset transfer
* How do we measure to get it right?
* Are there any plans to establish a network of relevant partners/ services?
* How do you tie up support? Build support networks of local community groups?
* How are success stories celebrated?- sharing process
* How do we involve successful groups to support and mentor newer and small organisations? E.g Community Empowerment Network (single point of contact?)
* Could the takeover of ‘private’ land be made simpler- particularly with ‘absent’ landlords – or those that are not ‘compliant’ Has anyone experience of this?
* How do we deal with insurance for non-constituted groups? Is there a list of orgs providing services for free e.g. architect drawings?
* Finding out about funding opportunities- can it be more accessible?
* A building comes up for sale owned by a public body. A community group is interested in leasing initially but the public body wants to sell. What right does the community group have in this situation?