

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council; Craig Lean, Senior Planner, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence, Strathclyde Police; Donald Stewart, Manager, Cumnock Community College; David Wilcock, Community Manager, Kilmarnock College; Susan Wilson, Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire Community Health Partnership; Trixie Sheddon, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Alan Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Katie Chan, Social Justice Co-ordinator, Communities Scotland; Ian McCormack, Manager, Coalfields Regeneration Trust; Coalfield Communities Federation Representative: Ian Smith; North Federation Representatives: Jean Brown, Frank Dawson, Linda Thomson and James Miller; and Community Representatives from the Wider Community: Jack Campbell and Maurice Ashbridge.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Laurie Palmer, Partnership and Regeneration Team Leader; Helen Sinclair, Community Planning Officer; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Eilidh MacKay, Financial Services Manager, and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Jim Burns, External Relations Manager, Jobcentre Plus; Joyce Black, Senior Executive, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Jean Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation; and Rosalie McCluskey, Representative from the Wider Community.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those present to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 21 June 2007.

MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Community Policing within the New East Ayrshire Electoral Wards (Item 3)

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that Superintendent Niven Rennie had recently replaced Superintendent Liz Weir as Strathclyde Police Sub-divisional Officer for East Ayrshire and, therefore, Lead Officer for Improving Community Safety.

With regard to perceived issues of concern about the operation of the Strathclyde Police Call Centre, Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence confirmed that he would be meeting representatives of Cumnock, Muirkirk, New Cumnock and Dalrymple Community Councils later that evening and that a presentation would be made by front-line staff on the operation of the Strathclyde Police Call Centre.

Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence was requested to consider, if possible, that a similar presentation be made to the Coalfield Communities Federation (CCF) at its meeting on Thursday 20 September 2007, which could link to the strategic consultation being undertaken by Strathclyde Police at this CCF meeting. In addition, it was agreed to extend this opportunity to the North Federation for consideration.

Community Representative Ian Smith requested that the Roads Division replace road markings following patching repairs to roads in the Sorn and Muirkirk area and the Chair indicated this matter would be highlighted to the Roads Division.

3.2 Community Planning 'Year 4' 2006/2007 Annual Performance Report and Conclusion of the Four-Yearly Review Process (Item 8)

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the Council's Roads Division programme for Speed Activated Traffic Warning Signs was fully committed for the financial year 2007/08; however, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport may assist with financial resources to progress the matter and this was currently being explored.

3.3 Partnership Assessment Scorecard (Item 9)

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that in relation to raising awareness of Community Planning, in addition to the Celebration of Community Planning and Showcase Events held on 19 and 20 March 2007, all East Ayrshire employees had recently attended an awareness raising session on Community Planning which highlighted activity and progress in 2006/07.

3.4 Regeneration Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2006/2007 (Item 10)

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the 2006/2007 Regeneration Outcome Agreement Annual Report had been published. Copies were circulated at the meeting.

3.5 Retention of Accident and Emergency Facilities at Ayr Hospital and impact on East Ayrshire Community Hospital (Item 13)

Susan Wilson, Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire Community Health Partnership presented an update provided by David Rowland, Project Director, Review of Services Project. The update advised that following the announcement by Nicola Sturgeon, MSP and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, that she was committed to maintaining accident and emergency services at Ayrshire District Hospitals, a planning process had been agreed by the Scottish Government Health Directorate. This would involve PricewaterhouseCooper (who were providing External Project Assurance) and the Independent Scrutiny Panel (a new body established to assess the safety, sustainability, evidence-base and value for money of the revised proposals, and to carefully consider the views of the local communities). It was also reported that while NHS Ayrshire and Arran had been remitted to secure public involvement in the Option Appraisal Process, the Independent Scrutiny Panel would be solely responsible for public consultation activities.

The CHP representative agreed to obtain contact details for David Rowland, Project Director on the Review of Services Project, and forward the information to the Coalfield Communities Federation and the North Federation.

3.6 Health Provision for Ex-Servicemen (Item 13)

Community Representative James Miller highlighted the perceived issue that there was a shortfall in service provision for treatment of ex-servicemen/women who had a mental health issue or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Susan Wilson, Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire Community Health Partnership reported that the majority of ex-servicemen/women used Hollybush House, by Ayr, which is operated by the Army Benevolent Fund and the Scottish Government. It was further reported that where depression was a factor, waiting times for the Community Mental Health Team were around 27 weeks within the Kilmarnock and Loudoun area, and 12 weeks within the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area. However, in instances of only Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, referrals would be made to Psychological Services where current waiting times were 13 weeks for initial assessment.

The Chair indicated that he would raise the matter of an improved service for ex-servicemen/women at his next meeting with Des Browne MP, Secretary for Scotland and Secretary of State for Defence.

FINANCE REPORT

4. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 30 August 2007 by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised on a range of financial issues pertinent to the projects and initiatives supported by funding available to them, in particular, the Community Regeneration Fund and the Community Voices Programme.

4.1 Declaration of Interest

Maurice Ashbridge declared an interest in the discussion regarding the North Federation's application for financial support.

4.2 Determination of Financial Report

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the work being carried forward to establish a One Stop Shop in Auchinleck;
- (ii) to approve the £6,000 Community Regeneration Fund ring fenced resources to provide a range of publicity and promotional material, which would highlight the new joint working arrangements between the Business Technology Training Centre and Dalmellington Library Service;
- (iii) to note the progress by projects receiving Community Regeneration Fund shortfall funding in 2007/08 in relation to external funding bids;
- (iv) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Operational Sub-group, to reallocate any declared underspend and report reallocations retrospectively to the 13 December 2007 Board Meeting;
- (v) to note the allocations made from the Small Project Development Fund;
- (vi) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair, to consider a funding package to support the North Federation in establishing an office base within Kilmarnock Town Centre; and
- (vii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which provided an update in respect of Community Planning.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in terms of the Review of Community Planning and receive an update report regarding future decision making arrangements at the 13 December 2007 meeting of the Board;
- (ii) to note that short-term funding was highlighted as a high risk for the Partnership and that Partners had been requested to give further consideration to this important issue;
- (iii) to note that the Residents' Panel refreshment exercise would take place during August/September 2007;
- (iv) to note the award of the Community Planning Support Grant for 2007/08 as detailed in the report;
- (v) to note the progress in respect of the Integrated Impact Assessment;
- (vi) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager would arrange to discuss with Lowland Market Research the involvement of representatives from the East Ayrshire Elderly Forum in the Residents' Panel refreshment

- exercise and, in particular, whether it would have any impact on the results, and report back accordingly; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

REPORTS FOR NOTING, AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND RELATED PROGRAMMES: 2007/2008
BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT TO 17 AUGUST 2007

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 August 2007 by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year 2007/08 for the services within the remit of the Community Planning Partnership, namely the Community Regeneration Fund, Community Voices Programme and the Community Planning Challenge Fund, for the period ended 17 August 2007.

FEDERATION ACTION PLANS

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which updated on actions progressed by the Coalfield Communities Federation and the North Communities Federation in 2006-2008.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the actions progressed by the Coalfield Communities Federation and the North Federation during 2006/07 and 2007/08;
- (ii) to note that the development of a partnership agreement with each of the Federations of Community Groups would be progressed, if appropriate, following the conclusion of the Community Planning Partnership structures review; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. It was agreed to note that the next meeting would be held on 13 December 2007, commencing at 1400 hours within the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1435 hours and a Workshop Session commenced, thereafter, in relation to the "Regeneration Outcome Agreement: Beyond 31 March 2008".