

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2007 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council; Joyce Black, Senior Executive, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Craig Lean, Senior Planner, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence, Strathclyde Police; Linda Kenny, Director of Enterprise, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire Community Health Partnership; Trixie Sheddon, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Hilary Howatt, Policy and Strategy Manager, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Katie Chan, Social Justice Co-ordinator, Communities Scotland; Ian McCormack, Coalfields Regeneration Trust; Coalfield Communities Federation Representatives: Ronnie Hamilton and Ian Smith; North Federation Representatives: Jean Brown, Linda Thomson, James Miller and Frank Dawson; and Community Representatives from the Wider Community: Jack Campbell, Rosalie McCluskey and Maurice Ashbridge.

ATTENDING: Helen Sinclair, Community Planning Officer; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Laurie Palmer, Partnership and Regeneration Team Leader; Kirstin Muir, Financial Services Manager; Colin Hastings, Senior Accountant; 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; Community Representative: Jean Smith; and Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager, East Ayrshire Council.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including participants and support staff from Arts and Media development, and invited Phillipa Aitken, East Ayrshire Council's Arts and Media Development Manager, to introduce 12 to 14 year old participants from the Cumnock and Doon Youth Theatre, who presented an excerpt from a play written by themselves, and a group of young people aged 12 to 16 years from the Cumnock Carers Centre, who provided a new 'hip hop' dance performance. A range of photographs which illustrated events and activity to celebrate Community Planning in Action across East Ayrshire was also on display.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked the young people for providing a sample of their work, which would be performed at the Community Planning Showcase on 19 and 20 March 2007 at the Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock.

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 14 December 2006.

MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Provision of Community Wardens (Item 3.2)

The Community Planning Officer reported and it was noted that the recent announcement by the Scottish Executive of funding available in 2007/08 to provide the Community Wardens Service in East Ayrshire was not new or additional resources. Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation, indicated Federation support for extending the scheme to additional communities in East Ayrshire and advised that Gerry Darroch, East Ayrshire Council's Housing Services Manager, had recently delivered a presentation to the Federation in respect of the activity of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

3.2 Cross-cutting Review of Transport Provision in East Ayrshire (Item 5)

The Community Planning Officer reported and it was noted that a report would be made to the Joint Officers' Group on 22 May 2007 regarding a cross-cutting review of transport provision and that an update would be made to a future Board meeting.

3.3 Release of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2006 (Item 8)

The Community Planning Officer reported and it was noted that the Scottish Executive's Chief Statistician would be invited to deliver a presentation in respect of the SIMD 2006 statistics to Elected Members of East Ayrshire Council and appropriate officer representatives, and that a report would be made to a future meeting of the Board.

NORTH COMMUNITIES FEDERATION – UPDATE

4. The Board received a presentation by Tom Cook, Vice Convener, North Communities Federation, which provided an update on activities supported by the North Federation.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked Tom Cook for an interesting and informative presentation.

FINANCE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2007 (circulated) 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 from the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) and Community Voices Programme (CVP).

5.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Menzies and Ian Smith declared a non-financial interest in the funding application in respect of the Barony 'A' Frame Restoration Project and North Federation Representatives: Jean Brown, Linda Thomson, James Miller and Frank Dawson declared a non-financial interest in the funding application submitted by the North Federation.

5.2 Determination of Report

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note and endorse the reallocation of the declared CRF under spend for Auchinleck One Stop Shop, as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to note and endorse the reallocation of the declared CVP under spend for the North Federation of Community Groups, as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to note the allocations made from the Small Project Development Fund since the last Board meeting;
- (iv) to approve the shortfall funding for 2007/08 for the exiting projects currently seeking external funding, as detailed within the report;
- (v) to approve the 2007/08 funding allocations, as detailed within the report;
- (vi) to note and welcome the Challenge Fund allocation for 2007/08 from East Ayrshire Council; and
- (vii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING FOUR-YEARLY REVIEW PROCESS

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 2007 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which updated on progress in respect of the Community Planning Four-Yearly Review.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in respect of the Four-Yearly Review and the timescales for the overall endorsement of the Community Plan and related thematic Action Plans;
- (ii) to note the extension to the timescale for completing the overall review of Community Planning operating structures;
- (iii) to note that the status quo would remain until the operating structures review was concluded;
- (iv) to note the programme for both the Celebration and Showcase events and that Board members had agreed to attend, where possible, the Showcase events; and
- (v) otherwise, note the content of the report.

REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK 2006-08

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2007 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which provided an update in respect of the requirements of the National Performance Management Framework (PMF) 2006-08 issued by Communities Scotland.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the revisions and additional requirements in respect of the PMF annual reporting process 2006-08;
- (ii) to note, in particular, the additional performance and financial reporting requirements through the ROA annual report in respect of linked funding streams, including the Scottish Executive's Financial Inclusion Fund, NEET and Employability funds;

- (iii) to note that the finalised detailed guidance in respect of the PMF 2006-08 had been received from Communities Scotland on 28 February 2007;
- (iv) to note the ongoing work of Communities Scotland in respect of the 'equalities' agenda and that additional guidance in respect of this matter would be provided by Communities Scotland in March 2007;
- (v) to note that additional guidance, if required, in respect of the 2007/08 annual report would be issued separately by Communities Scotland by the summer of 2007; and
- (vi) otherwise, note the content of the report.

REPORTS FOR NOTING, AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND RELATED PROGRAMMES TO 4 FEBRUARY 2007 (PERIOD 11)

8. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected outturn for the year 2006/07 for the services within the remit of the Community Planning Partnership, namely the Community Regeneration Fund, Community Voices Programme and Community Planning Challenge Fund, for the period ended 4 February 2007 (Period 11).

Following discussion, it was agreed to note and endorse the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING RESIDENTS' PANEL UPDATE

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 2007 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which updated on developments in relation to the East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Panel.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the activity in respect of the Community Planning Residents' Panel;
- (ii) to note that the first Residents' Panel refreshment exercise would take place during summer 2007 and every 18 months thereafter;
- (iii) to note the progress in respect of the development of a joint annual community engagement plan and that Core Partners would advise Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator, of any planned consultation and engagement exercises for 2007; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. It was agreed to note that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 21 June 2007, commencing at 1400 hours. Venue to be confirmed.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

11. Councillor Menzies indicated his intention to stand down as Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Board as the Scottish Local Government Elections were being held on 3 May 2007 and thanked all Board members and staff for their support.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.