

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2008 AT 1500 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Douglas Reid; Fiona Lees, Chief Executive and Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Wai-yin Hatton, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Jim Reid, Director Business, Skills and Place, Scottish Enterprise; Chief Superintendent Bill Fitzpatrick, Divisional Commander, Strathclyde Police; Donald Harvey, Group Manager Community Safety, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Alan Murray, Community Planning Manager, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Ian Smith, Chair, Coalfield Communities Federation; and Graham Piggott, Convenor, East Ayrshire North Communities Federation.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

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 6 March 2008.

MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 **Local Community Planning Arrangements (Item 4.1)** – The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the topics considered by the Local Community Planning Forums held in May 2008 were: Sport and Leisure for Young People (Northern); Tourism (Southern); and Regeneration of Kilmarnock (joint Central North and Central South). The first round of Local Community Planning Forums was well received and work is now underway to plan a joint meeting of all four Forums to take place on 27 August 2008 to consider anti-social behaviour and community safety issues.
- 3.2 **Partnership Assessment Framework (PAF) (Item 4.2)** – The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the PAF would now be considered by the Joint Officers' Group at its meeting in July 2008.

- 3.3 Community Planning European Funding Bid (Item 4.3)** – The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the bid had resulted in an approximate additional allocation of £2.8m. This is a slight reduction in the overall funding request and work is ongoing to adjust the programme accordingly.
- 3.4 East Ayrshire North Communities Federation (Item 8)** – Noted that the 3-year lease of premises in Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock had been finalised and the Federation recently took entry. The Federation, invited all Community Planning Partners to utilise this space to promote local services and forthcoming events.
- 3.5 'Knockroon' Enquiry by Design** – The Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council reported, and it was noted that HRH, Prince Charles had officially opened Dumfries House on 6 June 2008 and had restated his commitment to Heritage Led Regeneration in East Ayrshire. It was noted that as part of the overall Enquiry by Design exercise, a final information meeting would be held on 25 June 2008 for the community and voluntary sector and that the finalised Master Plan would be circulated to Board Members in due course. It was further noted that a wider 'Enquiry by Design' exercise would be undertaken jointly with the Prince's Foundation over the next six months. This work would be led from a Council perspective by Planning and Economic Development.

Arising from discussion, Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation, intimated that the Barony Communities Day would take place on Saturday 14 June 2008 between 12.00 noon and 1400 hours and extended an invitation to all Board members to attend.

- 3.6 'Community Planning Pledge' on Alcohol and Drugs (Item 10)** – Having heard the Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council, it was agreed that an update report on progress be submitted to the September 2008 Community Planning Partnership Board meeting.
- 3.7 Transport Seminar (Item 13)** – The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that a successful seminar took place on 13 May 2008 and currently an update report was being prepared to be submitted to the next Joint Officers' Group in July 2008. The Community Planning and Partnership Manager extended thanks to SPT and the Community Transport Group who were involved in the overall organisation of the seminar.
- 3.8 Community Planning Residents' Survey (Item 14)** – The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that Lowland Market Research were currently working in the Community and expected the results to be collated by September 2008.
- 3.9 Scottish Enterprise Representation (Item 16)** – The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that Neil Francis, Director Innovation, Commercialisation and Industries Delivery had been nominated to represent Scottish Enterprise on the Board.

At this point, Graham Piggott, Convenor, East Ayrshire North Communities Federation declared a non-financial interest in the following item.

FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND – PROGRAMME REVIEW PROCESS

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council which presented for consideration, proposals arising from the review process for projects and initiatives previously funded from the separate funding streams that now make up the new Fairer Scotland Fund.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations arising from the Fairer Scotland Fund review process as detailed within the report, subject to the amendment to include £12,500 being shown against the Finance and Development Officer/Administration Worker/other staff costs on page 6 of the report under the Eliminating Poverty heading and to amend the unallocated balance to £6,955;
- (ii) to note the proposed arrangements in respect of future management responsibilities for the Fairer Scotland Fund;
- (iii) to note the requirement to establish effective financial and performance management systems to meet both local and national performance management and reporting requirements, in particular, in respect of the Single Outcome Agreement;
- (iv) to request that a report be submitted by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager highlighting progress after 6 months towards amalgamating Cumnock and Doon Valley Credit Union and Kilmarnock Credit Union;
- (v) to note that £3,000 had been approved by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair of the Partnership Board to enable the East Ayrshire North Communities Federation to secure premises at Titchfield Street and that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager amend the report to reflect the allocation of funding;
- (vi) to request that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager issue suitable publicity material highlighting the decisions taken in respect of Fairer Scotland Funding and that the material be circulated to communities throughout East Ayrshire; and
- (vii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

Arising from the discussion, Ian Smith, Chair, Coalfield Communities Federation, requested that a report be submitted to a future meeting on the progress of the 'Campus Cop' initiative in East Ayrshire and, in this regard, Chief Superintendent Bill Fitzpatrick would progress this matter.

Ian Smith, Chair, Coalfield Communities Federation, requested that the Board consider highlighting the negative impact absentee landlords have on efforts to regenerate rural communities. In this regard, the Board agreed that Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support would formulate an appropriate response to the Scottish Government and consult with the Chair of the Board prior to formulating a response to the Minister.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – DRAFT SINGLE OUTCOME

AGREEMENT UPDATES

5. There was submitted the second draft of the Single Outcome Agreement of the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership dated 9 June 2008 (circulated) which provided a number of amendments to the joint draft Single Outcome Agreement which had been in place from 1 April 2008.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the amendments to the Single Outcome Agreement as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to submit the final document to the Community Planning and Partnership Board Meeting on 26 June 2008 for final “sign off” and for onward submission to the Scottish Government.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6. It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 26 June 2008 at 1200 hours for lunch and, thereafter, the meeting would commence at 1300 hours within the Glencairn Room, Dower House, Dean Castle, Kilmarnock.

Meeting terminated at 1605 hours.