

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

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

**PRESENT:** Councillor Douglas Reid; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Joyce Black, Senior Executive, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Inspector Derek Ireland, Strathclyde Police; David Wilcock, Community Manager, Kilmarnock College; Jim Burns, External Relations Manager, Jobcentre Plus; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, Community Health Partnership; Trixie Sheddon, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Alan Murray, Community Planning Manager, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Katie Chan, Social Justice Co-ordinator, Communities Scotland; Coalfield Communities Federation Representative: Ian Smith; North Federation Representatives: Jean Brown and James Miller; and Community Representatives from the Wider Community: Rosalie McCluskey 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.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Kirsten Major, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, and David Rowland, Project Director, Review of Services Project, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (part meeting).

**APOLOGIES:** Craig Lean, Senior Planner, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Donald Stewart, Manager, Cumnock Community College; Ian McCormack, Coalfields Regeneration Trust; Jean Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation; and Linda Thomson, North Federation.

**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.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

2. The Chair altered the business of the Agenda as follows:

**NHS AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN ACUTE SERVICES REVIEW**

3. The Board received a presentation delivered by Kirsten Major, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, which set out NHS Ayrshire and Arran's response to the Cabinet Secretary's (Nicola Sturgeon, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Well-being) commitment to provide Accident and Emergency services at Ayr and Crosshouse Hospitals.

The presentation focused on the need for change in healthcare provision; the option appraisal process; the option appraisal results; and the costs associated with each of the options included in the second submission to the Independent Scrutiny Panel (ISP).

The Board was advised that a decision by the ISP was expected on 10 January 2008 and that the NHS Board would meet on 23 January 2008 to agree recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet Secretary.

Following the presentation, Kirsten Major responded to a number of questions asked by members of the Board and a copy of the submission document was circulated at the meeting for information. Thereafter, the Chair thanked Kirsten Major and David Rowland for the informative presentation, who both subsequently left the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4. There was submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 13 September 2007, subject to the clarification at Item 3.6 that Hollybush House was operated by the Army Benevolent Fund and supported by the Scottish Government.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **5.1 Programme for Speed Activated Traffic Warning Signs (Item 3.2)**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport had provided additional funding for vehicle activated signs, prioritised on the basis of accidents, and that East Ayrshire Council's Roads and Transportation section was currently assessing appropriate sites for the installation of traffic warning signs, with a view to implementation prior to 31 March 2008.

#### **5.2 Health Provision for Ex-Servicemen/women (Item 3.6)**

The Chair indicated that he had raised the matter of an improved service for ex-service men/women at Hollybush House with Des Browne MP, Secretary of State for Scotland and Secretary of State for Defence, and a response was awaited.

#### **5.3 Community Planning Update – Residents' Panel Refreshment Exercise (Item 5)**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the Residents' Panel currently totalled 996 participants and included four additional representatives from the Elderly Forums.

#### **5.4 Community Policing within the New East Ayrshire Electoral Awards (Item 3.1)**

Community Representative James Miller raised concerns about perceived withdrawal of local Community Policing within Kilmaurs, Stewarton and Dunlop, and Community Representative Rosalie McCluskey was concerned that there was not enough Community Police resources to cover Drongan, Rankinston and Stair.

Inspector Ireland reported, and it was noted, that Strathclyde Police had recently implemented a new shift agreement to ensure that policing is more responsive to local need.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

6. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 5 December 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 Community Voices Programme.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note and endorse the re-allocation of the declared underspend by the Operational Sub-group as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to note the interim Community Regeneration Fund allocation made available to East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership for 2008/09;
- (iii) to approve the recommendations detailed within the report in respect of the first quarter for Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2008/09;
- (iv) to approve the continuation of the ring-fenced resources allocated from the Challenge Fund to be utilised in 2008/09 for the new athletics facility; and
- (v) otherwise, note the content of the report.

### **REPORTS FOR NOTING, AGREEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP EUROPEAN FUNDING BID**

7. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 30 November 2007 by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which advised of the content of the European Regional Development Fund/European Social Fund funding application to the Lowland and Upland Scotland 2007/2013 programme.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund bids as detailed within the report, which were submitted by the deadline date of 23 November 2007; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

#### **COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND RELATED PROGRAMMES: 2007-2008 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT TO 18 NOVEMBER 2007**

8. There was submitted (circulated) and noted report dated 20 November 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 18 November 2007.

#### **COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND/COMMUNITY VOICES PROGRAMME PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/08**

9. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 27 November 2007 by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of progress made by the Community

Regeneration Fund and Community Voices Programme funded projects in meeting their final agreed target position for 2007/08. There was also submitted (circulated) as an appendix, a report on the Community Regeneration Fund/Community Voices Programme which detailed project progress towards targets in 2007/08.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress and achievement made by the Community Regeneration Fund/Community Voices Programme funded projects against their agreed set targets for 2007/08; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES REVIEW AND LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS**

10. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 6 December 2007 by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented the outcome of the Community Planning Review of operating arrangements and advised of new arrangements for Local Community Planning.

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the recommendations that the existing Community Planning and Partnership Board be dissolved, with immediate effect, and that a new Community Planning Partnership Board be established in early 2008, comprising representation from the existing Core Partners' Group;
- (ii) to note the planned establishment of four Local Community Planning Forums and participate in these Forums, where appropriate; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

11. The Chair thanked all Board members for their participation on the Community Planning Partnership Board.

The meeting terminated at 1507 hours.