

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE WOMEN'S FORUM**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Brian McNeil, Julie Faulds and Elaine Dinwoodie; Caroline Butcher and Janette Campbell, Hillbank Nursery and Family Centre; Hazel Bingham, Kilmarnock Women's Aid; Elspeth Dale, Church of Scotland Guild; Catherine Murphy and Maureen McLaughlin, Union of Catholic Mothers.

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Susan McGregor, Community Education; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; and Carole Devoy, Senior Employee Relations Officer, Corporate Services.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors David Macrae, Finlay MacLean and Eric Jackson; and Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Jane Douglas, Community Services; Kate Moir, Development Services; Pamela Anderson, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; Mrs Mallick, Chandi Women's Group; and Mrs Valentine, Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

#### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted and noted as a correct record the Minute of the meeting of 17 June 1999.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

##### **2.1 ZERO TOLERANCE - AUDIT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Hazel Bingham advised and it was noted that the Audit on Domestic Violence was nearing completion and the findings would be reported to a future meeting.

##### **2.2 ZERO TOLERANCE**

Hazel Bingham gave a presentation on the establishment of Zero Tolerance, outlined the work of the East Ayrshire Zero Tolerance Group, referred to the current "Respect" poster campaign and advised of future initiatives.

The meeting agreed to commend the approach taken by Zero Tolerance and it was noted that copies of publicity material could be obtained by contacting Hazel Bingham at Kilmarnock Women's Aid.

#### **WORKSHOP CHILDCARE ISSUES**

3. There was submitted (circulated) a report dated 18 November 1999 by the Chair of the Women's Forum Officers Working Group which advised of the business that was conducted at the second Workshop held on 20 October 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Head of Protective Services be asked to remit the main findings of the recent Workshop to the relevant Council Departments for comments and to report back any observations to a future meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

#### **OPPORTUNITY 2000 - RESULTS OF BENCHMARKING EXERCISE**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chair of the Women's Forum Officers Working Group which advised of the results of the benchmarking exercise referred from the Equal Opportunities Officer Implementation Group.

#### **INTRANET INFORMATION - WOMEN'S FORUM**

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chair of the Women's Forum Officers Working Group which advised of the intention of the Officers Working Group to establish an intranet site.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the establishment of an intranet site by the Women's Forum Officers Working Group to co-ordinate information on Women's Organisations;
- (ii) to note that the Head of Protective Services would invite a response from the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and compile and updated list of organisations from those detailed within the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **DATE OF THIRD WORKSHOP AND NEXT MEETING**

6. It was agreed to note that a provisional date for the third Workshop would be planned for the beginning of March 2000 and that the date of the next Women's Forum would be arranged for June 2000.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.

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