

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EAST AYRSHIRE WOMEN'S FORUM

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 MARCH 2004 AT 1010 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies, Ray Murray and Provost Jane Darnbrough; Margo Crolley, Yipworld.com; Rhona McGrath, Finance Department; Deborah Brady, Department of Homes and Technical Services; Sadie Anderson and Hilary McMorrin, Kilmarnock Women's Centre.

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Carol-Anne McCrone, Secretary to Head of Protective Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Eric Jackson; and Debbie Anderson, Ayr Police Office; Bob Paterson, Victim Support; Elspeth Dick, Church of Scotland; Pamela Christie, Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative; Suzanne Russell, Cumnock Women's Aid; Linda Stevely, Hillbank Nursery and Family Centre; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Officer; Linda McCartan, CHIP Van; and Kate Moir, Department of Development Services.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

#### PROGRESS REPORT

1. There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2004 (circulated) by the Head of Protective Services which advised of ongoing activities of a number of organisations representing women's interests in East Ayrshire.

A programme of events had been compiled to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March 2004 (circulated) and the undernoted organisations gave a brief update on their events.

- ✍ Margo Crolley, Yipworld.com - Open Day - crystal healing, aromatherapy and dietician.
- ✍ Rhona McGrath and Deborah Brady, Homes and Technical Services and Finance Department - Information and Advice Day on Housing, Benefits and information on work opportunities.
- ✍ Carol-Anne McCrone on behalf of Bellsbank Women's Project - Open Day - workshops and taster sessions.
- ✍ Hilary McMorrin and Sadie Anderson, Kilmarnock Women's Centre - Three day event including nail painting, lunch promoting healthy eating and Indian head massage.

Evaluation from each event was very positive with feedback ranging from good to excellent. Attendance varied from event to event with some being very busy and some not so well attended.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

2. It was noted that an informal meeting of the Forum would take place in October of this year and the undernoted issues would be considered:-
- (i) identifying groups in the south of East Ayrshire who would wish to become involved in International Women's Day; and
  - (ii) look at different avenues for publicising the events, ie more posters, write to all Community Councils in January 2005 giving information on the programme of events, contacting West Sound, contacting Stagecoach buses and a global e-mail for all East Ayrshire employees.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hrs.