

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE WOMEN'S FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2004 AT 1030 HOURS AT YIPWORLD, BARRHILL ROAD, CUMNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies and Ray Murray; Karen Gardner, East Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Forum; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer, East Ayrshire Council; Sandra Robertson, WRVS; Rhona Arosi, Senior Designer, East Ayrshire Council; Linda Stevely, Hillbank Nursery & Family Centre; and Tracy Campbell, Yipworld.com.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Karen Milligan, Secretary to Head of Protective Services; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Douglas Reid; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Officer, East Ayrshire Council; Domestic Abuse Unit, Ayr Police Office; and Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Community Safety Department, Kilmarnock Police Office.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted and noted Minutes of meeting held on 26 March 2004 (circulated).

PRESENTATION BY YIPWORLD

2. The Forum received a presentation by Tracy Campbell, Training Co-ordinator, Yipworld who gave an overview of Yipworld and how it related to women's issues.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

3. The Forum received a presentation by Karen Gardner, East Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Forum who gave background information on White Ribbon Day, details of campaign events world-wide and also events which have taken place within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed that the Women's Forum Officers' Working Group would discuss, at their next meeting, ways to promote White Ribbon Day next year.

PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

4. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the intention to celebrate International Women's Day 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the next meeting of the Women's Forum Officers' Working Group would take place end December/early January; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of additional funding recently announced by the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that details of any successful applications to the fund would be reported to the next Officers' Working Group; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1130 hours.