

**EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP
BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 1400
HOURS IN FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, LUGAR**

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, Danny Coffey and William Crawford, East Ayrshire Council; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, NHS, Ayrshire and Arran; Joyce Black, Senior Executive (Skills and Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White (Co-opted Member); Inspector Ramsay McArthur, Strathclyde Police; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; Katie Chan, Communities Scotland; June Laurie, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation; and Community Representatives: Jack Campbell and Lillian Goudie.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Kirstin Nichols, Senior Accountant; Laurie Milwain, Social Inclusion Team Leader; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council; April Bryson, Assistant Director of Health Improvement, NHS, Ayrshire and Arran; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Bob Gardiner, Director of Life Long Learning, Ayr College; Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus; Jean Smith, Ronnie Hamilton and John Weir, Coalfield Communities Federation; and Edward Torrance, Community Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 June 2004.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING

2.2 Social Economy Proposal by Cunninghame Housing Association

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that an update would be given at the next meeting.

2.3 State Aid to Credit Unions

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that whilst discussions were on going about how Credit Unions were funded, they would still be eligible to apply for SIP funding.

2.4 Rail Network Study

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that an update report was being prepared and would be reported to a future meeting.

2.5 SIP Evaluation 2003 – Way Forward

Noted that no issues had been raised by Community Scotland with regard to the report as submitted and further noted that the Employment Working Group had met its remit and would be stood down.

2.6 Confidential Report – Staffing Review

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager confirmed that there were four vacancies in the Community Planning Partnership Unit. Arrangements were in hand to fill these vacancies and requested that the Coalfield Communities Federation nominate a representative to participate in the interviewing process.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR 2004/05 TO 22 AUGUST 2004 (PERIOD 5)

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the SIP for the period ended 22 August 2004 (Period 5).

FINANCE REPORT

4.1 Declaration of Interest

Ian Smith declared an indirect interest in the following item.

4.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 15 September 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which reported on a range of financial issues pertinent to the projects supported by funding available to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP).

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the package of projects, as detailed in the report and, in particular, to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager in consultation with the Chair of Social Inclusion to confirm a funding package in respect of the Dalmellington Health Initiative;
- (ii) to re-allocate the full grant of £8,000 previously awarded “in principle” to the Social Economy Initiative;
- (iii) to note the allocations made from the Project Development Fund as detailed in the report;
- (iv) to note the recommendations made on behalf, and the outcome of the applications recommended for approval, by the SIP to Strathclyde European Partnership; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING ACHIEVEMENTS ONE YEAR ON

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented the first Annual Performance Report for Community Planning in East Ayrshire.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in respect implementing Community Planning in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager ask the Research Information Group to examine the impact East Ayrshire Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership has made on the area, in terms of demonstrating a movement in Core Compulsory Indicators and report back to a future meeting;
- (iii) that the Administrative Officer distribute to Board Members, for information only, the East Ayrshire Community Health and Wellbeing Profile prepared by NHS Health Scotland; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

SIP TRANSITION/INTEGRATION UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 2004 which provided an update in respect of the Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) transition/integration with Community Planning.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in respect of the SIP transition/integration as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to note the timescales in respect of the development of the Regeneration Outcome Agreement;
- (iii) to note the indicative allocation of funding for the Community Regeneration Fund;
- (iv) to endorse the revised review process for the SIP funded projects;
- (v) to nominate partner agency and/or Community Representatives to participate on each of the Project Review Groups as detailed in the report;
- (vi) to note the revised timescale for the distribution and completion of the Partnership Assessment Scorecard;
- (vii) to convene a special Board meeting on 28 October 2004 at 1400 hours within the Railway Hotel, Main Street, Auchinleck to consider the Regeneration Outcome Agreement; and
- (viii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

EVALUATION OF YIPWORLD.COM

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 September 2004 (circulated) which advised of progress in respect of the independent evaluation; and sustainability study of yipworld.com.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the final findings of the independent evaluation and sustainability study of yipworld.com;
- (ii) to note the progress to take forward the early actions by the Board of Directors at yipworld.com;

- (iii) to receive further updates in respect of sustainability issues; and
- (iv) in response to concerns about the co-ordination of outreach youth work, that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager raise the issues with the Head of Community Support and report back to a future meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on 16 December 2004 within the former Council Chambers, Lugar.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.