

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2004 AT 1400
HOURS IN YIPWORLD.COM, BARRHILL ROAD, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Willie Coffey and William Crawford, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust; Joyce Black, Executive (Skills and Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White (Co-opted Member); Yohanna Dangata, Health Improvement Manager (East Team), Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Inspector Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; Katie Chan, Communities Scotland; Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus; Mike Lopez, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Coalfield Community Federation: Jean Smith, Ian Smith and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Jack Campbell and Edward Torrance.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Kirsten Nichols, Senior Accountant; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Clark, Tribal HCH (part meeting).

APOLOGIES: Bob Gardiner, Director of Lifelong Learning, Ayr College; Chief Inspector Robert Brown, Strathclyde Police; Coalfield Community Federation: Ronnie Hamilton; and Community Representative Alex Torrance.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair reported, and it was noted, a letter dated 22 December 2003, (tabled) from Katie Chan, Communities Scotland, on feedback from the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP: Appraisal Visits held on 4 and 8 December 2003. The Chair welcomed the comments made within the letter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 December 2003.

MATTERS ARISING

3. **Project Sustainability**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that a report on the proposed response to the issues contained within project sustainability reports would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

SIP EVALUATION 2003

4. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which sought the Board's endorsement of the SIP evaluation report in respect of East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership, prepared by the independent consultants appointed by the SIP Board.

Heather Knox joined the meeting at this time.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the independent consultant's positive evaluation of SIP activity and its impact within the Coalfield area;
- (ii) to consider the Executive Summary, prepared by Tribal HCH;
- (iii) to note the appropriateness of the recommendations contained within the SIP Evaluation Report for the way ahead; in this regard, remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to consider the Board's deliberations and bring forward proposals for the way forward to the next Board Meeting;
- (iv) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to commission the production of the Executive Summary, in its final form, in an interesting and attractive format, which could be widely circulated throughout the Coalfield Area;
- (v) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to explore the opportunities to prepare a Best Practice Summary, drawing on the findings of the SIP evaluation; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRESENTATION BY TRIBAL HCH - SIP EVALUATION

5. There was received a presentation by Ian Clark, Tribal HCH, on the main findings from the SIP Evaluation.

The Board then had the opportunity to ask questions.

Following discussion, it was agreed to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to write to Communities Scotland to seek their proposals for the use of the evaluation material both at a local and national level.

The Chair thanked Ian Clark for his presentation.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 11 JANUARY 2004 (PERIOD 10)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) for the period ended 11 January 2004 (Period 10).

FINANCE REPORT

7.1 Declaration of Interest

Mike Lopez declared an indirect pecuniary interest in the following item.

7.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager 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 endorse the decisions taken by the Implementation Group in respect of Dalrymple Youth Centre;
- (ii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair of Social Inclusion, to ensure a full spend of the SIP budget in 2003/2004;
- (iii) to allocate the balance of the Tackling Drugs Misuse budget for 2003/2004 of £3,600 to the Bridge Project to support the continuation of the "elevation employability programme" until 31 March 2004;
- (iv) to fund an award of £30,000 to the Council of Voluntary Organisations in 2004/2005;
- (v) to support, in principle, the social economy proposal by Cunninghame Housing Association, on behalf of North Ayrshire SIP and East Ayrshire SIP, and to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to enter into discussions with Strathclyde European Partnership on this matter and to report back to the next meeting;
- (vi) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to address the situation of State Aid to Credit Unions, with the relevant MEP's and the Communities Minister; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STAFF REVIEW - INTERIM PROPOSALS - CONFIDENTIAL

8. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2004 (tabled) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented for consideration interim proposals which have arisen from the first phase of the SIP Support Team staff review commissioned by the SIP Board at its meeting of 4 December 2003.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the staffing proposals contained within the report;
- (ii) to approve the funding package available for the staffing proposals; and
- (iii) to receive a second and final phase report on the SIP Support Team review at the next Board Meeting.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

9.1 Rail Network

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported that £160,000 had been secured by East Ayrshire Council to prepare the Rail Network Study over the next 6-8 months.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to support, in principle, the Rail Network Study; and
- (ii) that a report on possible match funding from the Board for this project would be submitted to the next meeting.

9.2 Partnership Representatives Network

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported that the Partnership Representatives Network were looking for a nomination from the Community Representatives on the Board to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday 10 February 2004.

A nomination was received from Coalfield Community Federation Representative Ian Smith.

It was agreed that Ian Smith attend the Partnership Representatives Network meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 11 March 2004 at 1400 hours, in Auchinleck Indoor Bowling Club, Well Road, Auchinleck.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.