

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, LUGAR

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, William Crawford and Provost Jane Darnbrough (North Board); Steve Shanta, Manager of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White (Co-opted Member); Chief Inspector Dougie Robertson, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; Katie Chan, Social Justice Co-ordinator, Communities Scotland; Jean Smith, Ian Smith, Ronnie Hamilton and John Weir, Coalfield Communities Federation and Community Representatives: Linda Thomson (North Board) and Maurice Ashbridge (North Board).

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; Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey, Daniel Coffey (North Board); Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; April Bryson, Assistant Director of Health Improvement, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Bob Gardiner, Director of Lifelong Learning, Ayr College; Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus; and Community Representatives: Edward Torrance, Matt Donnelly (North Board), Jimmy Miller (North Board) and Graham Piggott (North Board).

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board Members to the meeting in connection with the SIP Transition/Integration Update - Draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement. The Chair also welcomed Chief Inspector Dougie Robertson, Strathclyde Police, to his first Board meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1 There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 September 2004 subject to the correction that Willie Coffey rather than Danny Coffey was present.
- 2.2 There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 20 October 2004.

MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 **Minutes of 23 September 2004**
- 3.2 **Social Economy Proposal by Cunningham Housing Association**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that a funding proposal would be considered as part of the Community Regeneration Fund Bid.

3.3 Rail Network Study

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager indicated that it would not be possible to progress the Rail Network Study during the current financial year and the earliest commissioning of this survey would be revisited during financial year 2005/06.

3.4 Staffing Appointments/Resignations

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager confirmed the following staff appointments and resignations within the Community Planning and Partnership Unit:-

Staff Appointed

Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator;

Fiona Ferrans, Resource Worker;

June MacIntyre, Monitoring and Evaluation Co-ordinator;

Anna Steele, Monitoring and Evaluation Resource Worker;

Resignations

Brenda Walker, External Funding and Sustainability Officer; and

Amy Fulton, Clerical Assistant.

3.5 Core Compulsory Indicators

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager confirmed that the Research and Information Group were looking at Core Compulsory Indicators and would report back to a future meeting.

3.6 East Ayrshire Community Health and Wellbeing Profile

It was agreed to receive a presentation on the East Ayrshire Community Health and Wellbeing Profile from Cathy Roarty, East Ayrshire, LHCC, at the next meeting.

3.7 Co-ordinated Approach to Youth Work Provision

It was agreed to discuss the co-ordination of youth provision in the Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership area at a future meeting and that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager invite Bobby McPherson, Team Leader, Dialogue Youth Project to make a presentation.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 14 NOVEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 8)

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Head 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 for the period ended 14 November 2004 (Period 8).

FINANCE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 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 East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP).

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to reclaim and subsequently re-allocate £80,000 previously awarded to the Logan Development; and £15,000 previously awarded to The Zone as both projects would be unable to fully utilise their allocation by 31 March 2005;
- (ii) to approve the package of projects detailed at Appendix I to the report subject to the clarification that the Coalfield Community Transport award of £19,650 was for the purchase of a mini-bus and not as stated;
- (iii) to note the allocations made from the Project Development Fund as detailed within the report;
- (iv) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager confirm that the Recreation Partnership Project's development of an "East Ayrshire Wide Kids Card" would include children who were homeless and to advise Cathy Roarty, East Ayrshire LHCC accordingly;
- (v) to note that due to the obvious difficulties of engaging in a meaningful dialogue with absentee landlords, this has acted as a significant constraint on taking forward the regeneration of communities in the Coalfield Area. Accordingly, the Community Planning and Partnership Manager was requested to meet with Communities Scotland and the Scottish Executive to discuss the issue and report back on progress; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Provost Darnbrough joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

SIP TRANSITION/INTEGRATION UPDATE REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which provided an update in respect of the Social Inclusion Partnership transition/integration with Community Planning and in particular the Draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in respect of the SIP transition/integration as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to note the indicative Community Regeneration Fund allocations for 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08;
- (iii) to note that as a result of the Scottish Executive's Spending Review announcement that the final Regeneration Outcome Agreement would not be submitted by the original due date;
- (iv) to participate in a special meeting to consider new and revised spending proposals and that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair of Social Inclusion, to consider how best to make representation to the Scottish Executive about the Board's disappointment at the Community Regeneration Fund funding allocations for 2006/07 and 2007/07;

- (v) that East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board Members be invited to the Special Meeting; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROGRESS REPORT ON AYRSHIRE KEY FUND

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of the current position in respect of the Ayrshire Key Fund.

7.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Menzies declared an indirect interest in the Community Environmental Action Plan and Glaisnock Trust Funding applications.

7.2 Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the total funds of £17,807 had been re-claimed by the Ayrshire Key Fund for disbursement within the Coalfield Area;
- (ii) to endorse the recommendations of the Assessment Panel as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to endorse the re-appointment of SIP Board Members: Sheila White and Ian Smith to the Ayrshire Key Fund Board;
- (iv) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to hold a meeting with the two new Directors to identify options for the SIP Board's continued participation in the Ayrshire Key Fund and to report back to a future meeting with recommendations; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager advising of progress made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2004/05 together with Appendix I: Programme of Projects - Progress Towards Agreed Performance Targets 2004/05 which was circulated at the meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the revised Project Review Process;
- (ii) to note the progress made by the projects against the agreed set targets for 2004/05; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 10 March 2005 at 1400 hours within the Former Council Chambers, Lugar.

The meeting terminated at 1533 hours.

