

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2005 AT 1400 HOURS  
IN THE FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, LUGAR**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies and William Crawford; Joyce Black, Senior Executive (Skills and Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Sergeant Alister Kelly, 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; Coalfield Communities Federation: Jean Smith, Ian Smith and John Weir, and Community Representatives: Jack Campbell, Edward Torrance and Alex Torrance.

**ATTENDING:** Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Kirstin Nichols, Financial Services Manager; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Lawrie Milwain, Social Inclusion Team Leader; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Sheila White (Co-opted Member); 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 Ronnie Hamilton, Coalfield Communities Federation.

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

**REGENERATION OF COALFIELD AREA**

1. Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation, indicated that if the review by the Scottish Executive of NPPG16 resulted in a downturn in opencast coal extraction in the area, the Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust Fund income might be dramatically reduced, which would have a parallel effect on the regeneration of the Coalfield Area.

The Chair indicated that he had asked for clarification of the Scottish Executive's position and would pass any information on to Ian Smith.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2004.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 East Ayrshire Community Health and Well-being Profile**

It was agreed to note that a presentation on the above had already been made to the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative and Coalfield Area SIP Joint Board meeting held on 3 February 2005.

**3.2 Co-ordinated Approach to Youth Work Provision**

Noted that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager would invite Bobby McPherson, Team Leader, Dialogue Youth to give a presentation to a future meeting.

### **3.3 Absentee Landlords**

With regard to arranging a meeting with Communities Scotland and the Scottish Executive, it was noted that Katie Chan, Communities Scotland, would help identify a contact.

## **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 6 FEBRUARY 2005 (PERIOD 11)**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 March 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected outturn for the year for the services within the remit of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership for the period ended 6 February 2005 (Period 11).

## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **5.1 Declaration of Interest**

Ian Smith, Coalfield Communities Federation, declared an indirect pecuniary interest in the following item.

### **5.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2005 (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 re-allocate the SIP Support Team underspend to Muirkirk Enterprise Group;
- (ii) to note the allocation made from the Project Development Fund as detailed in the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

## **SIP TRANSITION/INTEGRATION UPDATE REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

6. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2005 (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 (ROA).

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 submission of the ROA and associated programme of projects to the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland for consideration;
- (iii) to note that East Ayrshire Council had agreed to underwrite the 2005/06 Community Regeneration Fund allocation which would allow continuity of service for existing projects until the ROA receives Ministerial "sign off";

- (iv) to note that a meeting with representatives from the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland had been convened for 7 March 2005 to provide feedback on the content of the ROA, prior to final submission of the document for Ministerial "sign off";
- (v) to note the proposed review of the existing SIP operating structure and to receive a further report on the outcome of the review at a future Board meeting;
- (vi) to note that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager would endeavour to keep Board members informed of progress in relation to resolving the ROA issues for Ministerial "sign-off"; and
- (vii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

### **SIP PUBLICATION SCHEME**

7. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of the requirements placed on Social Inclusion Partnerships by the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, including the development of an approved Publication Scheme.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Coalfield Area SIP was classified as a public authority under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2004;
- (ii) to note the requirement of the SIP to comply with the Act, and to develop and maintain a Publication Scheme;
- (iii) to endorse the SIP Publication Scheme and to remit to the Chair of the SIP Board to confirm that the "Model" developed by the Communities Scotland had been adopted by the Coalfield Area SIP Board; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

### **FUTURE OF AYRSHIRE KEY FUND**

8. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which provided for consideration and approval, proposals in respect of the future development of the Ayrshire Key Fund.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress and achievements of the Ayrshire Key Fund in relation to supporting a range of community activity throughout Ayrshire;
- (ii) to endorse continued East Ayrshire participation in the Ayrshire Key Fund and to approve "in principle" support for a Phase 2 application to Strathclyde European Partnership from Ayrshire Key Fund Limited;
- (iii) to support a maximum financial contribution of £50,000 from the Community Regeneration Fund in 2005/06 to provide match-funding for a Phase 2 European application;
- (iv) to note the potential for change to the existing target areas, from SIP designated areas to 0-15% SIMD04 areas, subject to the Regeneration Outcome Agreement receiving Scottish Executive approval;

- (v) to note the times and delivery of the Ayrshire Key Fund Phase 2 programme as detailed in the report;
- (vi) to receive further updates in respect of the progress in the development and operation of the Ayrshire Key Fund; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **STAFFING REPORT**

### **9.1 Confidential Report**

Due to the confidential nature of the report, the Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer and the Social Inclusion Team Leader left the meeting at this point.

### **9.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a report date 8 March 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which sought approval for minor amendments to the staffing structure of the Community Planning and Partnership Unit, subject to consultation with the trade unions.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to extend the temporary contracts of the four posts as detailed within the report until 31 March 2008; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

At this point both officers were re-admitted to the meeting.

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- 10.** The Chair indicated that in view of the transition to Community Planning it was necessary to consider a successor to the East Ayrshire Coalfield SIP Board. Moreover, the Chair reflected on the success of the East Ayrshire Coalfield SIP Board and thanked Board Members for their contributions.

It was agreed to extend congratulations to Councillor Menzies for chairing the East Ayrshire Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership Board.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.