

**EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE AND COALFIELD
AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP JOINT BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2005 AT 1400 HOURS IN
THE DEAN SUITE, PARK HOTEL, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, Provost Jane Darnbrough, and Councillors Daniel Coffey, and William Crawford, East Ayrshire Council; Joyce Black, Senior Executive (Skills and Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Mary-Grace Burinski, Health Promotion Manager, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Chief Inspector Douglas Robertson, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Bob Gardiner, Director of Life Long Learning, Ayr College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, Community Health Partnership; Katie Chan, Social Justice Co-ordinator, Communities Scotland; and Coalfield Communities Federation Representatives: Jean Smith, Ian Smith, Ronnie Hamilton and John Weir; Coalfield Community Representatives: Jack Campbell, Edward Torrance and Lillian Goudie and North Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Graham Piggott and Maurice Ashbridge.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey and 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); Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus; and North Community Representatives: Jimmy Miller, Linda Thomson and Kenneth Stewart.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Board Members to the Joint Board Meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted (circulated) approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting of the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board held on 3 February 2005.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE
FUND**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current outturn position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund, in respect of the North Social Inclusion Initiative for 2004/05.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of progress made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2004/2005.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress and achievements that had been made in respect of the projects and initiatives funded by the North Social Inclusion Initiative in 2004/05;
- (ii) to note the progress of the Young Person's Alcohol Information and 'Energiser Plus' Initiatives and to authorise the release of the balance of funds to Ayrshire Council on Alcohol and Momentum as detailed in the report;
- (iii) to receive a further progress report in relation to project's continuing activity into 2005/2006;
- (iv) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager provide Councillor D Coffey with details of the venues utilised for the delivery of Sports Night League activity in the north of East Ayrshire; and the number of people securing work through accessing grants from the North Area Individual Employment Fund who have sustained employment; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented for information and approval, the draft North Social Inclusion Initiative Annual Report for 2004/2005.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the draft Annual Report, subject to minor textual changes; and
- (ii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to issue the Report to the Stakeholders and other interested parties; and
- (iii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager provide Councillor D Coffey with examples of positive outcomes from the projects funded under the North Board's aim of promoting positive health and social wellbeing, particularly for those dependent on alcohol and drugs, and specifically the Young Person's Alcohol Information Initiative.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND (PHASE 1) – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented for information a summary of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Phase 1 Independent Evaluation.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the positive evaluation of the BNSF activity and its impact in the Pathfinder Communities of North West Kilmarnock and Shortlees/Riccanton;

- (ii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager clarify for Councillor D Coffey what is meant by the reference in the report to 'contact with older people'; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT UPDATE

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which provided an update in respect of the Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) and associated programme of Funding from the new Community Regeneration Fund (CRF), together with a schedule (tabled) detailing the revised data zones.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the issues raised by the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland in respect of East Ayrshire's ROA which was submitted for consideration in February 2005;
- (ii) to note the issues of targeting imposed by the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland;
- (iii) to note the actions progressed by Community Planning Partners to address the issues raised in respect of targeting areas outwith the worst 0-15% data zones identified by the SIMD04;
- (iv) to endorse the proposals in the revised ROA to meet the requirements of the Guidance;
- (v) to note that the Terms and Conditions of Grant for the Community Regeneration Fund and Community Voices Programme had been issued by the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland;
- (vi) to note Communities Scotland's approval of 2005/06 new Community Regeneration Fund Projects: Transport for Netherthird Nursery and Family Centre; Research Officer; and Logan Development; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIP – REVIEW OF OPERATING STRUCTURES

8. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented for consideration proposals to establish a Community Planning Partnership, thus dissolving the Coalfield Area SIP and North Social Inclusion Initiative Boards, all designed to meet the future requirements of the Community Planning process in East Ayrshire.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to establish the Community Planning and Partnership to deliver the regeneration priorities across East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to approve membership of the Community Planning and Partnership detailed at paragraph 4.6 and to request that Planning Partners write to the

Community Planning and Partnership Manager with confirmation of nominations to the Partnership;

- (iii) to approve the arrangements regarding community representation on the Community Planning Partnership detailed at paragraph 4.9; and to establish a sub-group to consider options in respect of wider community representation;
- (iv) to establish a sub-group remitted to make urgent decisions out with the Community Planning and Partnership meeting cycle detailed at paragraph 4.11;
- (v) to nominate a representative from each of the Communities Federations to sit on the Community Planning Core Partners' Group detailed at paragraph 4.12;
- (vi) that the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership is the Chair of Social Inclusion and that two Vice-Chairs are nominated;
- (vii) that the Leader of the Council, the Executive Head of Finance and Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council, are appointed ex-officio members of the Community Planning and Partnership;
- (viii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to arrange a Working Together Learning Together Workshop during summer 2005;
- (ix) to formally adopt the constitution for the new Community Planning Partnership as set out at Appendix 1 to the report;
- (x) to formally dissolve the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Board; and
- (xi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Thereafter, the Chair, in terms of paragraph 7 of the procedural notes for the conduct of meetings of both Boards, established that the significant majority of representatives had endorsed the proposal that East Ayrshire be represented on the new Community Planning Partnership by one Officer and one political representative and this became the decision of the Joint Board, Councillor Daniel Coffey dissenting.

North Social Inclusion Initiative Representatives considered a recommendation to dissolve the North Board and the significant majority of representatives endorsed the recommendation, but without the support of Councillor Daniel Coffey and Community Representative Matt Donnelly, who requested that their dissent be recorded in the Minutes.

On further consideration of the constitution and due to the number of apologies, the required level of 50% of Community Representatives was not achieved in support of the proposals to dissolve the North Board in terms of paragraph 11 of the current constitution.

Following the meeting, the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chair, arranged to convene a further North Social Inclusion Initiative Board Meeting at 1330 hours on Thursday 23 June 2005 in the Council Chambers, Lugar to address this specific issue only.

The meeting terminated at 1725 hours.