

## **EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies (Chair) and Daniel Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Joyce Black, Senior Executive, Skills and Learning, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; April Bryson, Assistant Director of Health Improvement, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Chief Inspector Michael Scally, Strathclyde Police; June Baillie, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Linda Thomson, Graham Piggot and Maurice Ashbridge.

**ATTENDING:** John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Helen Strainger, Monitoring and Evaluation Co-ordinator; Kirstin Nichols, Accountant; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Aileen McBride, Director, Ayrshire Council on Alcohol; Les Aitchison, Assistant Principal Trading Standards Officer, Neighbourhood Services; and Jean Duff, Money Advisor, Educational and Social Services.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Jane Darnbrough, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; and Community Representatives Jimmy Millar, Kenneth Stewart and Beryl Graham.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minute of the meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2004.

#### **1.1 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **1.1.1 Momentum Project Proposal**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager confirmed that a package of support, to the value of £28,150, to Momentum had now been finalised.

##### **1.1.2 Re-election of Community Representatives/Board Members**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that Community Representative Beryl Graham had agreed to continue as a Community Representative for the period until 31 March 2006.

It was agreed to re-appoint Beryl Graham for the period until 2006.

Chief Inspector Michael Scally joined the meeting at this point.

##### **1.1.3 East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative - Constitution**

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager circulated at the meeting, the amended Constitution for the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative, which was agreed at the Board Meeting held on 5 February 2004.

It was agreed to formally adopt the amended Constitution for the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative.

### **TACKLING FINANCIAL EXCLUSION**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 May 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented for consideration, information regarding the service provision available in East Ayrshire in respect of debt management and credit unions, and the problems encountered by individuals around illegal money lending.

Community Representative Matt Donnelly joined the meeting at this point.

### **PRESENTATION BY EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

3. There was received a presentation by Jean Duff, Money Advisor, Educational and Social Services, on the Money Advice Service provided by East Ayrshire Council.

The Board then had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair thanked Jean Duff for her presentation.

Arising from the discussion, it was agreed that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager contacts the Procurator Fiscal's office to establish whether information exists in relation to the history of illegal money lending in East Ayrshire.

Jean Duff and Les Aitchison then left the meeting.

### **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE – CHALLENGE FUND**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund, in respect of the North, for 2004/2005 and the year end position for 2003/2004.

### **WORK PLAN UPDATE**

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 May 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented the updated North Social Inclusion Initiative Work Plan for 2004/2005.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in respect of the actions detailed within Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to advise the Working Group of potential projects/actions for implementation in relation to Environmental Improvements and Community Learning;
- (iii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager investigates the possibility of incorporating the North Social Inclusion Initiative Work Plan onto the East Ayrshire Council Website; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ADDICTION UPDATE – AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND MOMENTUM**

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 May 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which updated on the progress of the Ayrshire Council on Alcohol (ACA) 'Young Persons Alcohol Information Initiative' and Momentum's 'Energiser Plus Project'.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note, the progress of the two addiction related projects as identified within the report;
- (ii) that comprehensive performance reports in relation to each of the addiction projects highlighted within the report are presented to the next meeting of the Board; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Aileen McBride left the meeting at this point.

### **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004**

7. There was submitted a report dated 26 May 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented for information and approval the draft North Social Inclusion Initiative Annual Report for 2003/2004.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the draft Annual Report, subject to minor textual changes;
- (ii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager investigates the possibility of incorporating the Annual Report for 2003/2004 onto the East Ayrshire Council Website; and
- (iii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to issue the finalised report to the Initiative's stakeholders and other interested parties.

### **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - UPDATE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 26 May 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented for information, proposals to utilise the additional Better Neighbourhood Services Fund financial allocation from the Scottish Executive for 2004/2005.

Following discussion, it was agreed that in relation to Shortlees Street Lighting, and in particular, the installation of High Pressure Sodium Lighting, the Community Planning and Partnership Manager liaises with the relevant Council Departments to discuss the possibility of installation at the planning stage of future developments.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 12 August 2004 at 1400 hours in the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club, Kilmarnock and that the networking session, which includes a buffet lunch, would commence at 1315 hours prior to the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.