

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1404 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillor William Menzies (Chair), East Ayrshire Council; April Bryson, Assistant Director of Health Improvement, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police; Mike Lopez, Chairperson and Catriona Feely, Development Worker, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Jimmy Miller, Graham Piggott and Maurice Ashbridge.

**ATTENDING:** Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Helen Sinclair, Community Planning Officer; Tom Merry, Senior Policy Advisor; Laurie Milwain, Social Inclusion Team Leader; Kirstin Nichols, Senior Accountant; Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator; Fiona Ferrans, Resource Worker; Jane Smith, Manager and Laura Bennie, Project Development Officer, East Ayrshire Carers Centre and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Jane Darnbrough, Councillor Daniel Coffey; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; Joyce Black, Senior Executive, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Bob Gardiner, Director of Lifelong Learning, Ayr College East; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; and Community Representatives Gerard Cassidy, Linda Thomson and Kenneth Stewart.

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

#### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed Catriona Feely, recently appointed as a Development Worker for the Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire), Dawn Watson, Consultation and Engagement Co-ordinator and Fiona Ferrans, Resource Worker, Community Planning and Partnership Unit, East Ayrshire Council; and Jane Smith, Manager and Laura Bennie, Project Development Officer from East Ayrshire Carers Centre. The Chair also agreed to take the report on Project Proposals as item 5.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minute of the meeting held on Thursday 12 August 2004.

#### **2.1 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **2.1.1 Work Plan and Draft Annual Report**

It was noted that the North Social Inclusion Initiative Work Plan and the North Social Inclusion Initiative Annual Report for 2003/04 would shortly be able to be accessed from East Ayrshire Council's Website.

### **2.1.2 Employment Seminar and Employment Event Update**

Noted that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager would ensure a meeting would be convened with the Careers Scotland Client Liaison Group, and agreed actions included in the Board's Work Plan.

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

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

At this point April Bryson joined the meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND**

4. The Community Planning and Partnership Manager gave a presentation on the following matters:-
  - the background to the creation of the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF);
  - provided details of available funding from the CRF for 05/06 and the Scottish Executive's intention to fund for a further two years;
  - advised of ongoing discussions with the Scottish Executive about targeting funding to the worst 0-15% of deprived neighbourhoods but with flexibility also to operate in the worst 15-30%; and
  - highlighted the potential change in designation of the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board to become a local Community Planning Forum.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Community Planning and Partnership Manager for the presentation.

Following discussion, it was agreed to note the presentation and to request that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager distribute to all Board members a copy of the PowerPoint slides.

#### **COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND AND DRAFT REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented for consideration and discussion the Draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) submitted by East Ayrshire Community Planning Partners to Communities Scotland in October 2004.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Draft ROA submitted to Communities Scotland in October 2004;
- (ii) to note the proposals to re-designate the North Board as a Local Community Planning Forum;
- (iii) to note the Working Together Learning Together Session on 30 November 2004 to further consider the Draft ROA prior to final submission to Communities Scotland; and

- (iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

## **PROJECT PROPOSALS**

### **6.1 Declaration of Interest**

**6.1.1** Community Representative Graham Piggott declared a non pecuniary interest in the following item.

**6.1.2** There was submitted a report dated 2 November 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented for consideration applications for funding received from East Ayrshire Carers Centre to refurbish a 'Carers Cottage'; Kilmarnock College to part fund the Future Steps Project; and CONDUIT ILM to part fund the refurbishment of a project base in Kilmarnock town centre.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the development of the 'Carers Cottage' facility in the North of East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to support the funding proposals identified in paragraph 2.5 for £12,000 to part fund the refurbishment of the 'Carers Cottage'; at paragraph 3.4 to allocate £9,900 to support the Future Steps Project; and at paragraph 4.5 to award £28,450 to part fund the establishment of a project base for CONDUIT in the centre of Kilmarnock subject to consultation with the Chair that the target groups link to the Board's Work Plan;
- (iii) to note the development of the 'Working for Families Fund' by the Scottish Executive; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

## **WORK PLAN UPDATE**

**7.** There was submitted a report dated 2 November 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which updated on the North Social Inclusion Initiative Work Plan for 2004/05.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in respect of the actions as detailed within the Work Plan at Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to endorse the nomination of Gerard Cassidy to Momentum's 'Energiser Plus' Monitoring Group;
- (iii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to convene a meeting to establish a working group to develop a constitution for a Communities Federation for the North;
- (iv) to note that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager would be looking at a package of measures to improve the ICT provision to Community Representatives and would report progress to a future meeting; and
- (v) otherwise, note the content of the report.

## **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager for information and which provided a summary of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Annual Report 2004.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to circulate the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund Annual Report 2004 to Board members; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 3 February 2004 at 1400 hours in the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club, Kilmarnock and a networking session would commence at 1315 hours.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hours.