

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 1400  
HOURS IN THE DEAN SUITE, PARK HOTEL, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Provost Jane Darnbrough, and Councillor Daniel Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Inspector Ramsey McArthur, Strathclyde Police; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; Mike Lopez, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Catrina Feely, Development Worker, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Jean Smith, Ian Smith, Ronnie Hamilton and John Weir, Coalfield Communities Federation; and Community Representatives Edward Torrance, Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Linda Thomson, Maurice Ashbridge, and Ken Stewart.

**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; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors William Menzies, William Crawford, Willie Coffey, and Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Sheila White, Co-opted Member; and Community Representatives Graham Piggot and Jack Campbell.

**CHAIR:** Heather Knox, NHS, Ayrshire and Arran.

**CHAIRS REMARKS**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2004.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 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 2003/2004 are now available on East Ayrshire Council's Website.

**3.2 Employment Seminar and Employment Event update**

It was noted that the contact for Careers Scotland had been identified and that a meeting to discuss how actions identified at the Employment Event are to be taken forward would be arranged for the end of February.

### **3.3 Carers Cottage**

It was noted that the Carers Cottage would officially open on Friday 4 February 2004.

### **3.4 CONDUIT ILM Project**

It was noted that Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire had contributed £8,000 to the refurbishment of the CONDUIT ILM Project.

### **3.5 ICT Provision**

It was noted that the tender for upgrading the ICT Equipment for Community Representatives was nearly complete, and the new equipment would be purchased by the end of the financial year.

Following discussion on the provision of laptops, the Community Planning and Partnership Manager agreed to investigate the possibility of issuing laptops instead of PCs to Community Representatives if their individual needs required it.

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

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 January 2005 (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 of the Authority for 2004/2005.

## **REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED FUNDING**

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 January 2005 (circulated) and a copy of the revised Community Regeneration Fund (circulated at the meeting) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented, for consideration and endorsement, a summary of East Ayrshire's Regeneration Outcome Agreement and associated Programme of Funding from the New Community Regeneration Fund.

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that in relation to the review of existing operating structures for the North Social Inclusion Partnership and the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership, two Representatives from each Partnership was required to participate in the review, and requested nominations at the end of the meeting.

The Chair, on behalf of both Social Inclusion Partnership Boards, congratulated the Community Planning and Partnership Manager and her team on the work undertaken on the Regeneration Outcome Agreement.

Elizabeth Morton, [Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support](#), on behalf of the Council also extended congratulations to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager.

Provost Darnbrough joined the meeting at this point.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse East Ayrshire's Regeneration Outcome Agreement and associated package of projects for submission to Communities Scotland;

- (ii) to note that East Ayrshire Council had been requested to act as grant recipient for the Community Regeneration Fund;
- (iii) to note that East Ayrshire Council had been requested to underwrite the 2005/2006 Community Regeneration Fund allocation until the Regeneration Outcome Agreement had received Ministerial 'sign-off', to allow for continuity of service provision;
- (iv) to note the proposed review of existing operating structures for the North Social Inclusion Partnership and the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; to receive further reports on the outcome of this review at a future Board Meeting; and that 2 nominations from each Social Inclusion Partnership be given at the end of the meeting;
- (v) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager forward to Councillor D Coffey example copies of records kept in respect of project reviews; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **WORK PLAN UPDATE**

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented the updated North Social Inclusion Initiative Work Plan for 2004/2005.

Community Representative Jimmy Miller advised that in relation to promoting Community Learning within the North of East Ayrshire, there appeared to be two similar groups operating within the Stewarton Area, but one had difficulty in securing a venue for their group meetings. Arising from discussion, it was agreed that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support investigate the perceived duplication of activity and opportunities to merge activity, and if this is not possible, the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support would also investigate suitable venues for the group.

Following discussion, on the work plan update, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note, the progress made in respect of the work plan detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report, and, in particular, to note the progress in relation to the establishment of a Community Federation for the North of East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to receive progress reports, on a bi-annual basis, in respect of the programme of projects funded via the North Initiative;
- (iii) to receive further updates regarding the development of a Communities Federation for the North; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ORAL HEALTH IN NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK**

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2005 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which updated on the success of the application submitted by East Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative (LHCC), for NHS Ayrshire and Arran 'Change and Innovation Funding', to develop an oral health project in North West Kilmarnock.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the funding application submitted by the LHCC to NHS Ayrshire and Arran for 'Change and Innovation Funding', to develop an oral health project in North West Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to receive further updates in respect of the projects progress at future meetings of the Board; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **PRESENTATION - EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROFILE**

8. There was received a presentation by Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, on East Ayrshire's Community Health and Wellbeing Profile.

The Board then had the opportunity to ask questions.

Following on from the discussion on statistics relating to underage drinking, it was agreed:-

- (i) that Cathy Roarty Lead Public Health Practitioner, would obtain alcohol figures relating to under 18's and submit to a future board meeting; and
- (ii) that an update on the Piloted Young Persons Alcohol Programme be reported to the next Board Meeting.

The Chair thanked Cathy Roarty for her presentation.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 26 May 2005 at 1400 hours in the Dean Suite, Park Hotel, Rugby Park, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1513 hours.