

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 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 & Arran; Joyce Black, Senior Executive (Skills & Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; April Bryson, Assistant Director of Health Improvement, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; Sergeant Andy McInnes, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Jim Kelso, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Jimmy Miller, Linda Thomson, Graham Piggott, Maurice Ashbridge and Kenneth Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Laurie Milwain, Social Inclusion Team Leader; Kirstin Nichols, Senior Accountant; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Angie Bennett, Sport Development Manager, East Ayrshire Council; Dougie Taylor, Momentum; and Steve Robertson, Community Liaison Officer, East Ayrshire Woodlands.

**APOLOGIES:** Provost Jane Darnbrough; Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council; and Community Representative Gerard Cassidy.

### **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 3 June 2004.

#### **1.1 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **1.1.1 Tackling Financial Exclusion**

The Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer advised that the Procurator Fiscal had responded to the letter submitted by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager and had reported that the Fiscal's Office did not appear to be aware of any cases involving illegal money lending in East Ayrshire over the last two years.

##### **1.1.2 Work Plan**

It was noted that the North Social Inclusion Initiative Work Plan could be incorporated into East Ayrshire Council's website.

##### **1.1.3 Draft Annual Report**

The Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer advised that the North Social Inclusion Initiative Annual Report for 2003/04 would be ready for a first proof reading by 20 August 2004 and, in addition, arrangements would be made for the Annual Report to be incorporated into East Ayrshire Council's website.

#### **1.1.4 BNSF Street Lighting**

It was noted that Len Paget, Principal Engineer, Lighting and General, East Ayrshire Council had been contacted in respect of the co-ordination of yellow/white street lighting.

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

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 July 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.

#### **WORK PLAN UPDATE**

3. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 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) that all actions proposed in relation to Environmental Improvements and Community Learning should link to appropriate Community Plan Action Plans;
- (iii) to request that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager considers arrangements for Community Representatives to undertake fact finding visits to other projects; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **MOMENTUM - ENERGISER PLUS**

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which updated on progress of Momentum's Energiser Plus Project.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the Energiser Plus Project to date;
- (ii) to release the third quarter of the funding allocation totalling £7,000 in September 2004 and receive a further progress report at a future Board meeting, prior to release of the balance of funds;
- (iii) that Board Members contact Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer, regarding nominations for membership of the Monitoring Group; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **NEW SPORTING FUTURES**

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented to the Board for consideration an application received from East Ayrshire Council's Leisure Development Services to provide additional project funding as part of the "New Sporting Futures" initiative.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the "New Sporting Futures" project in the north of East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to approve the funding request of £12,000 for 2004/05 to provide the additional activity of the "New Sporting Futures" project in the north of the authority;
- (iii) to note that quarterly performance monitoring reports would be submitted as a condition of grant and reported routinely to future meetings of the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

### **COMMUNITY FACILITATION PROJECT**

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented to the Board for consideration a funding proposal received from the East Ayrshire Woodlands in respect of a community facilitation Initiative to support activity in Stewarton, with the possibility of extending provision to communities within the North Social Inclusion Initiative area.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the establishment of the pilot facilitation project operating in the Stewarton area;
- (ii) to approve funding Option B: to provide support to the Stewarton group and other communities in the North Social Inclusion Initiative area (minimum four communities) at a total cost of £4,000 in 2004/05;
- (iii) that the Board receives progress reports in respect of project activity and achievements; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

### **EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR AND EMPLOYMENT EVENT UPDATE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented a summary of findings in relation to the "Employment and Young People" seminar and the "Open Event on the Future Development of the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative".

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of both the "Young People and Employment" seminar, and the "Open Event on the Future Development of East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative";
- (ii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to convene a meeting with appropriate representatives to progress actions in relation to establishing a Community Federation for the North of East Ayrshire;
- (iii) that in relation to the "Young People and Employment" seminar, the development of an Action Plan be progressed jointly with the Careers Scotland Client Liaison Group, including proposed activity to support and co-ordinate service provision to assist vulnerable young people in the transition between school and employment; and

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

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which presented to the Board for noting a summary of an application, submitted by East Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative for "Change and Innovation Funding", to develop an oral health project in North West Kilmarnock.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the funding request submitted to NHS Ayrshire and Arran "Change and Innovation Funding" by East Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative" to develop an oral health project in North West Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to receive a further report from East Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative regarding progress in respect of the project application process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 18 November 2004 at 1400 hours in the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.