

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2004 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust; Joyce Black, Inclusion Manager, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Yohanna Dangata, Health Improvement Manager (East Team), Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Stuart Miller, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Graham Piggott, Maurice Ashbridge and Kenneth Stewart.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Kirstin Nichols, Accountant; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

ALSO ATTENDING: Dougie Taylor, Momentum and Tommy Burns, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

APOLOGIES: Provost Jane Darnbrough, East Ayrshire Council; and Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair agreed to alter the order of business and consider the presentation by Momentum and Agenda Item 4, Momentum Project Proposal as Items 2 and 3.

PRESENTATION BY MOMENTUM

2. There was received a presentation by Dougie Taylor, Momentum, on their request for funding from the North Social Inclusion Initiative.

Heather Knox joined the meeting at this point.

The Board then had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair thanked Dougie Taylor for his presentation.

MOMENTUM PROJECT PROPOSAL

3. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which updated on discussions that had taken place with Momentum in relation to addiction work that was due to commence in Kilmarnock during 2004, and which advised of the possibility of the North Board providing funding to increase service provision within the North of East Ayrshire.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the funding request from Momentum and the information provided via the presentation from the organisation;

- (ii) to support, in principle, the project, and to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to finalise a package of support to Momentum, in consultation with the Chair;
- (iii) to note that a quarterly monitoring report will be submitted to the North Social Inclusion Initiative; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Dougie Taylor then left the meeting.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minute of the meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2003.

4.1 MATTERS ARISING

4.1.1 Shout Out Loud Young Citizen's Pack

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that the Department of Educational and Social Services would formally evaluate the Young Citizen's Pack in August this year, and that a report on the evaluation would be submitted to a future Board meeting.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES 2003/2004 CHALLENGE FUND

- 5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current commitment position with regard to the North Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

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- 6. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented a draft work plan for 2004/2005 for the North Social Inclusion Initiative.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the action as detailed within the work plan;
- (ii) to note the analysis of deprivation, as contained in Appendix II of the report, and to ensure that future funding initiatives gave consideration to the identified priority areas;
- (iii) to note that Community Representative Graham Piggott had expressed his continued interest in participating in the Short-Term Working Group; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROJECT PROPOSAL NORTH AREA INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT FUND

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented an application for funding from

the East Ayrshire Employment Initiative (EAEI) in respect of the North Area Individual Employment Fund Project.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to part-fund the North Area Individual Employment Fund Project subject to confirmation that the North Board target areas do not overlap with the target areas for the Action Teams for Jobs;
- (ii) to note that a quarterly monitoring report will be submitted to the North Social Inclusion Initiative;
- (iii) that Dave Wilcock provide information to Community Representative Matt Donnelly on the closure of the Local Employment Initiative by Kilmarnock College; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROJECT PROPOSAL NORTH AREA DRAMA PROJECT

8. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which presented an application for funding from CONDUIT in respect of the North Area Drama Project.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to fund the North Area Drama Project;
- (ii) to note that a monitoring and evaluation report would be submitted to the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board on completion of the project; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY FEDERATION FOR THE NORTH

9. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which updated on proposals to establish a Community Federation for the North of East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to fund (a) the open event in May/June 2004; (b) the expenses associated with the staging of the 'Road Show'; (c) the continuation of the North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator post; and (d) the provision of ongoing support for Community Representatives on the Board;
- (ii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to write to all Board Members to seek nominations for the participation in the Working Group to drive forward the Community Federation for the North agenda;
- (iii) to support, in principle, the need to provide funding for administrative support, premises and running costs for a potential Community Federation for the North; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RE-ELECTION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/BOARD MEMBERS

10. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2004 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of the requirement to re-select Community Representatives to sit on the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board.

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported (i) that Community Representative Matt Donnelly had confirmed his desire to continue as a representative on the North Board; (ii) that despite numerous attempts, no response had been received from Community Representative Beryl Graham; and (iii) an additional recommendation to agree that the Constitution be amended as follows: "that unless Members attend a minimum of two meetings, and apologies submitted, they will be required to stand down from the Board".

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the requirement of the eight designated Community Representatives to stand down as of 31 March 2004;
- (ii) to re-appoint Graham Piggott, Linda Thomson, Jimmy Miller, Kenneth Stewart, Gerard Cassidy, Maurice Ashbridge and Matt Donnelly for the period until 31 March 2006;
- (iii) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to write once more to Community Representative Beryl Graham to confirm her desire to continue as a Community Representative, and, if required, to make arrangements to advertise her vacancy within the local press;
- (iv) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, if required, to seek nominations from the Core Partners and co-opted members, to sit on the selection panel;
- (v) that Core Partners and co-opted members reconfirm their nominations to the Board by the end of February 2004;
- (vi) to amend the Constitution as follows:
 - that unless Members attend a minimum of two meetings, and submit apologies, they will be required to stand down from the Board; and
- (vii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 3 June 2004 at 1400 hours in the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

12.1 East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advised that the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership were holding a National Showcase Event on Saturday 13 March 2004 in the Town Hall, Cumnock, and that formal invites would be sent to North Board Members.

12.2 Money Lending

Following discussion on the effects of money lending it was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.