

**EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP  
BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2001 AT 1502  
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, DALSALLOCH CENTRE, AUCHINLECK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Macrae, Elaine Dinwoodie and Julie Faulds; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities and Geraldine O'Donnell, Corporate Services Manager, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Steve Shanta, Manager (Inclusive Economy Team), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Business Partnership; Mairi McMenamin, Health Promotions Officer, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Superintendent Alistair McKie; Jim Gallacher, Ayr College; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager; Anne Ferguson, Development Worker, Council for Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Edward Torrance, Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Community Council; Billy Lees, New Cumnock Age Concern; Tony Foote, Older People's Welfare Group, Rankinston & Drongan; Billy Crawford, Ian Smith, Ronnie Hamilton, Jack Campbell and John Weir, Coalfield Communities Federation.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communications, East Ayrshire Council; Gwen Barker, Manager, Social Inclusion, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Dickson, Integrated Strategy Officer, East Ayrshire Council; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, East Ayrshire Council; Donna Chisholm, Museum and Arts Manager and Joanne Moore, Arts and Cultural Development Officer, East Ayrshire Council; Margaret Lindsay, External Facilitator; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**APOLOGIES:** Carolyn McBride, McClymont Court Residents Association.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

**WELCOME TO FIRST MEETING**

1. The Chair welcomed the Board Members and those in attendance to the first meeting.

**MINUTES OF EAST AYRSHIRE SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC  
PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

2. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group held on 9 November 2000.

**IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

3. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 8 January 2001 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council which advised of the arrangements to secure membership of the Board, obligations of Board Members and which detailed progress in relation to the preparation of a draft Constitution for the Board. Reference was also made to the draft Constitution which was issued under separate cover.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the membership as detailed in the report;

- (ii) to approve, in principle, the draft Constitution for consultation with partner organisations. In this respect, partner members were asked to consult their organisations on the draft Constitution and to submit any comments to the Head of Corporate Development and Communications by 8 March 2001 with a view to presenting a final version for adoption at the Board's March meeting;
- (iii) to note that detailed arrangements for the conduct of Board meetings would be prepared and issued in due course for consideration at the next meeting;
- (iv) that the remit of the Executive Group would be submitted to Board Members in due course;
- (v) that a report of decisions requiring taken by the Executive Group would be submitted to subsequent Board meetings;
- (vi) to consider the nomination of a Community Representative on the Executive Group at the next Board Meeting in March;
- (vii) to circulate to new Partnership Board Members a copy of the report which detailed the new decision-making arrangements as agreed by the Strategic Partnership Group on 9 November 2000;
- (viii) to submit details of the proposed remit and Standing Orders of the themed Sub-Groups to the next March Board Meeting;
- (ix) to approve Members' obligations in respect of receiving gifts and hospitality and declarations of interest as detailed in the report; and
- (x) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION AND THE ARTS**

4. The Board heard a presentation by Donna Chisholm, Museum and Arts Manager, East Ayrshire Council who gave details of the role of the arts in relation to social inclusion. Examples of Social Inclusion Partnerships which had already embraced the arts were highlighted and it was the considered view that there was an excellent funding opportunity for the Coalfield Area SIP Board to develop projects which made use of the arts.

There was also submitted (circulated) report dated 8 January 2001 by the Manager, Social Inclusion, which sought the endorsement of the Board of the principle of enhancing Social Inclusion activity through use of the arts and of the intention to submit an application to the Scottish Arts Council for funding in July 2001.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the principle of enhancing Social Inclusion through arts activity; and
- (ii) to remit to the Manager, Social Inclusion, in consultation with the relevant partners and established arts based organisations, to prepare an application to the Scottish Arts Council and report progress to the Board as appropriate.

### **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9)**

5. There was submitted (circulated) a report dated 8 January 2001 by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised Members of the current budgetary

control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the Social Inclusion Partnership Group for the period ended 15 December 2000 (Period 9).

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that the underspend projections related to Period 9 and not as shown in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

6. There was submitted (circulated) a report dated 6 January 2001 by the Manager, Social Inclusion, which advised on a range of financial matters pertinent to the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the allocation of £3,000 to Yipworld.com and £3,000 to purchase a full analysis of the MORI research, as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Group to ensure a full-spend of the remaining SIP budget of £29,000 for 2000/01, targeting resources where necessary at the undernoted projects:-

<b><u>GROUP</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u></b>
Rankinston Health Unit/Community Centre Environmental Improvements	Environmental improvements to car parking area at existing Community Centre and site of new Health Clinic
Cumnock Credit Union	To re-furbish premises in Cumnock Town Centre
East Ayrshire Carers' Centre	To secure premises for a base for the organisation within the south of the Authority

- (iii) to welcome the additional financial allocation by the Scottish Executive as detailed within the report;
- (iv) to endorse the initial budget allocation of projects and the support team in year 2001/02;
- (v) to remit to the Manager, Social Inclusion, in consultation with partners to prepare for the next meeting, outline proposals for expenditure for the remainder of the SIP funds for 2001/02;
- (vi) to endorse the proposed budget allocation of projects receiving financial support from the Drugs Misuse Fund, subject to confirmation of the award from the Scottish Executive; and
- (vii) to nominate the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, as the grant recipient for the Social Inclusion Partnership Fund.

### **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

7. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 5 January 2001 by the Manager, Social Inclusion, which sought approval from the Board to utilise Social Inclusion Partnership resources to match fund a bid to the Scottish Rural Transport Initiative and Coalfield Regeneration Trust, by the Coalfield Communities Federation, for a Community Transport Scheme.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the proposal to establish a Community Transport Scheme within the Coalfield Area;
- (ii) to the funding package as follows:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>SUPPORT IN KIND</u>
2000/01	-	£4,376 (in-kind support)
2001/02	£25,000	£4,951 (in-kind support)
2002/03	£25,000 (provisional)	£5,951 (in-kind support)

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- (iii) to welcome a decision by the Policy and Resources Committee of East Ayrshire Council on 30 November 2000 to transfer the balance of revenue funds from the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative, i.e. £20,750 to assist the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership with accommodation costs; and
- (iv) to seek approval of East Ayrshire Council that the former Cumnock and Doon Valley Initiative Funds be utilised for the purchase of a "People Carrier" for use in Social Inclusion projects as there was no longer a requirement for use of the funds for accommodation purposes.

### **PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

8. There was submitted (circulated) a report dated 10 January 2001 which advised of progress being made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2000/01.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to remove the community profile/social audit remit from the CONDUIT project to allow it to concentrate its efforts on its core business as detailed within the report;
- (ii) that the Manager, Social Inclusion, consider and report back on arrangements to identify the impact projects have made to reduce Social Exclusion within the Coalfield Area;
- (iii) to acknowledge the excellent support provided by the Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership Support Team to projects and to request the Manager, Social Inclusion, to consider an appropriate mechanism to ensure the targeting of resources and to report back with details to a future meeting; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **WORKING TOGETHER/LEARNING TOGETHER**

9. Margaret Lindsay, External Facilitator, from the Working Together/Learning Together Initiative supported by the Scottish Executive was introduced to the meeting.

Following a brief presentation, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that, due to the timescales involved, it had not been possible to run a workshop at this meeting; and
- (ii) to request that the Manager, Social Inclusion, liaise with the External Facilitator to arrange a separate training session on Working Together/Learning Together and to advise the Partnership Board of details of the training session in due course.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

10. The Chair invited comments on future meeting arrangements.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) that all future meetings of the Board be held within the Meeting Room, Dalsalloch Centre, Auchinleck, at 1500 hours; and
- (ii) to note that the next meetings be held on 15 March and 21 June 2001.

The meeting terminated at 1653 hours.

**AGENDA**