

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2001 AT 1104 HOURS WITHIN THE MORTON HALL, 123 MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Macrae, Jane Darnbrough and Willie Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; 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; Margaret Davidson, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Mairi McMenamin, Health Promotion Department, Ayrshire Central Hospital; Chief Inspector William Prendergast, Strathclyde Police; Bob Gardner, Director of Community Inclusion, Ayr College East; Mick Robuck, Principal, Kilmarnock College; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre; Anne Ferguson, Development Worker, East Ayrshire Council for Voluntary Organisations; and Community Representatives: Gerard Cassidy and Steve Brown, Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council; Charles Calman, Piersland and Bentinck Community Council; Jimmy Miller, Dunlop and Lugton Community Council; Beryl Graham, Northwest Kilmarnock Community Council; Peggy Shaw, PEACE; and Anne McRoberts, Shortlees Community Association.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gwen Barker, Social Inclusion Manager; Kirstin Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**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 16 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 proposed a draft Constitution for the Board for further consultation with partners.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the Head of Corporate Development and Communication would seek clarification on the following matters and amend the draft Constitution as appropriate:
  - to amend section 7.5 on ownership of property to allow the Initiative to own equipment and intellectual property, but not buildings;

- to explain further the future arrangements for appointment of Community Representatives and clarify voting rights of Partner Members and Community Representatives in relation to alterations to the Constitution;
  - consider renaming the Executive Group as an “Implementation Group” and to clarify its role;
- (ii) to approve, in principle, the draft Constitution for consultation with Partner Members. 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 Communication by 28 February 2001 with a view to presenting a final version for adoption at the next meeting of the Board;
- (iii) to note that detailed arrangements for the conduct of Board meetings and remit of the Implementation Group would be prepared and issued in due course for consideration at the next meeting;
- (iv) to note that the Manager, Social Inclusion, would be in touch with Community Representatives in due course to facilitate the nomination process of a Community Representative to the Implementation Group;
- (v) to approve Members’ obligations in respect of receiving gifts and hospitality and declarations of interests as detailed within the report; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE FUND AND SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current commitment position regarding the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire Funding, in respect of the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the committed allocation of spend so far from the £65,000 Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for 2000/01, amounted to £36,500 as follows:-

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>£</u>
Shortlees Local Office	6,000
Out-of-School Hours Care	15,000
Drugs and Alcohol Support Project	7,000
Shopmobility Feasibility Study	2,000
Shortlees Youth Shelter	4,000
Outreach Youth Project - Catrine	1,300
Across the Age Divide	1,200

- (ii) to note that the balance available for future bids was £28,500. Further proposals for spend against the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund was the subject of a separate report to the Board and a full spend against this budget was anticipated;

- (iii) to welcome the £30,000 from Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire for 2001/2002, allocated as £20,000 to the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative Board and £10,000 to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership;
- (iv) to note that the Head of Corporate Development and Communication anticipated the Scottish Executive would provide clarification of the definition of "Neighbourhood" and the funding conditions of the "Better Neighbourhood Services Fund" award and would report back on the implications of the award in relation to Social Inclusion Initiatives;
- (v) to note that the Chair, would write on behalf of the Initiative, to the Scottish Executive seeking maximum flexibility for council's to direct the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund resources to areas of greatest need; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **PROJECT BIDS TO THE SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND**

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion, of East Ayrshire Council which sought endorsement on a range of bids for funding from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund for 2000/01.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Challenge Fund Bids as detailed below:-

<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b>£</b>
Healthy Lifestyles Project (Kilmarnock North and Central)	10,000
Irvine Valley Youth Project	10,000
Kilmaurs Spring Youth Project (Northern Area)	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,000</b>

and;

- (ii) to note that the Manager, Social Inclusion, would link back to the Kilmaurs Spring Youth Project Team on the concerns raised regarding the suitability of the upper age limit set at 21 years and ensure that the project established links with the Ayrshire Electronic Community, Kilmarnock College and Strathclyde Police.

### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP TRAINING**

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion of East Ayrshire Council, which sought the Board's agreement to participate in a training session designed to facilitate effective partnership working.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Manager, Social Inclusion, had written to the Scottish Executive requesting that the Working Together/Learning Together Initiative be made available to the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative;
- (ii) to participate in an initial training session and to remit to the Social Inclusion Manager to make the necessary arrangements;

- (iii) to request the Manager, Social Inclusion, to investigate the potential for securing alternative training funding sources e.g. Individual Learning Accounts and to explore the possibility of Kilmarnock College assisting with training initiatives; and
- (iv) to request that the Manager, Social Inclusion, identify future training needs of the Initiative and to report back in due course.

### **PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2001 (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion, which advised of progress being made against the identified themes for 2000/01.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the main themes identified for action across the Local Committee's within the North Social Inclusion Initiative area and that future reporting in respect of these actions also be presented to Local Committees in due course;
- (ii) to note the concerns that were raised in relation to the progress in implementing some elements of the action plan; and
- (iii) that the partnership training course be utilised as a vehicle to assist with the identification and prioritisation of the core themes for the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

8. Having heard the Chair request consideration of future meeting arrangements, it was agreed to advise the Initiative Board Members of future meeting dates for 2001/2002.

The meeting terminated at 1220 hours.

**AGENDA**