

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2003 AT 1410
HOURS IN THE FORMER CHAMBERS, LUGAR**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies and William Crawford, East Ayrshire Council; Sheila White (Co-opted Member); Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; Bob Gardiner, Director of Lifelong Learning, Ayr College; Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre Plus; Mike Lopez, Council of Voluntary Organisation (East Ayrshire); Coalfield Community Federation: Jean Smith, Ian Smith and John Weir; and Community Representatives: Jack Campbell and Edward Torrance.

OBSERVING: Katie Chan, Social Justice Co-ordinator, Communities Scotland.

ATTENDING: John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Kirstin Nichols, Senior Accountant; Helen Sinclair, Community Planning Officer; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, Ayrshire & Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust; Yohanna Dangata, Health Improvement Manager (East Ayrshire), Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; Ronny Hamilton, Coalfield Community Federation; and Alex Torrance, Community Representative.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 September 2003.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION
PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 16 NOVEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 8)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 November 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for 2003/2004 for the services within the remit of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) for the period ended 16 November 2003 (Period 8).

FINANCE REPORT

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which reported on a range of financial issues pertinent to the projects supported by funding available to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP).

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to reclaim the anticipated underspend of £5,000 from the Community Learning Opportunities Project;
- (ii) to remit the Implementation Group to take any necessary action to ensure the full spend of SIP finance related to the Dalrymple Youth Provision Project;

- (iii) to note the allocation of £1,200 to the EASY Project from the SIP Project Development Fund;
- (iv) to approve the allocations for 2004/2005, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, and to receive further reports on future project applications;
- (v) to note the recommendations for support made on behalf of the SIP to Strathclyde European Partnership;
- (vi) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to review the longer term requirements for the SIP Support Team reporting her findings to the Implementation Group to ensure all necessary action is taken to establish effective operating structures as early as possible in the New Year; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of progress in respect of the independent assessment commissioned by the SIP Board in relation to the sustainability of three identified projects, namely, Coalfield Community Transport, East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY) and Investment in Drama.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to receive a further update on the proposed response to the issues contained within the sustainability reports at a future meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REPORT BY EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 November 2003 (circulated) by the Chairperson, Employment Working Group which updated on the activity of the Employment Working Group in progressing initiatives in respect of barriers to employment within the Coalfield area.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 November 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which advised of progress made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2003/2004.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made by the report against their set targets for 2003/2004; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 21 January 2004 at 1400 hours and that the venue would be determined in consultation with the Chair.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.