

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE  
DUMFRIES ARMS HOTEL, 54 GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors William Menzies; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Joyce Black, Executive (Schools & Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White (Co-opted member); Bob Gardiner, Ayr College; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Local Health Care Co-operative; and Community Representatives: Edward Torrance, Caroline McBride, Billy Lees, Tony Foote, Billy Crawford, Ian Smith, Jack Campbell and John Weir.

**ATTENDING:** Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant; Sandra McLatchie, Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Mary Chadwick, Kilmarnock College.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Julie Faulds, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager; and Community Representative Ronnie Hamilton.

**CHAIR:** Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM**

1. The Chair requested and the Board agreed to take an additional item in relation to External Funding Awards as Item 2 on the Agenda.

**EXTERNAL FUNDING AWARDS**

2. The Chair highlighted that substantial financial awards from the Scottish Executive and External Funders including SportsScotland and the European Social Fund totalling in excess of £2.73M, had been secured by a number of SIP funded projects and initiatives as follows:-

Public Transport	£2.1M
Sport and Social Inclusion	£113,000
CONDUIT	£172,100
East Ayrshire Woodlands	£154,500
Jobrotation	£165,400
Business Technology Training Centre	£27,900

In addition, the Chair also advised that the Social Inclusion Partnership had secured the involvement of the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation for a "one-stop shop" in Auchinleck.

Following discussion, the Board welcomed these funding awards.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2002.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **4.1 Review of the Transport Network for the Coalfield Area**

The Manager Social Inclusion advised that the £2.1M towards the public transport would secure the upgrade of the Public Transport Corridor, however, that the rail transport link had been rejected and it was noted East Ayrshire Council would be raising this matter with the Scottish Executive.

### **4.2 Annual Report**

The Manager Social Inclusion advised that the publication of the Annual Report in local newspapers would be an expensive exercise and indicated that a more cost effect means of providing information on projects funded by the Board and the funding arrangements for circulating the information to residents was currently being developed and these would be put into effect in due course.

### **4.3 Young People - Active Citizens**

The Manager Social Inclusion advised that a meeting would take place on Monday 9 December 2002 with Billy Crawford and Ian Smith to finalise proposals.

## **PRESENTATION: GLAISNOCK HOUSE CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE**

5. The Board received a presentation from Mary Chadwick, who has been seconded by Kilmarnock College to work up the proposal to develop a new European community funded learning project targeting young people aged 13-25 who are living in disadvantaged areas. It was noted that the project aimed to encourage citizenship and to raise aspirations of young people in Scotland, support and nurture entrepreneurship, and the project would provide major financial investment in an area where such investment is unlikely and with the aim to create 60 new jobs.

Mary, on behalf of the Glaisnock Trust invited a nomination from the SIP Board to participate on the Project Board.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board thanked Mary Chadwick for her presentation and wished the project every success. Community Representatives were requested to contact the Manager Social Inclusion if they wished further information on the project outline.

## **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 17 NOVEMBER 2002 (PERIOD 8)**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 November 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership for the period ended 17 November 2002 (Period 8).

## **FINANCE REPORT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised on a range of financial issues pertinent to the projects supported by funding available to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP and which advised of proposals for expenditure in the current and future financial years.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the projected underspend total of £41,400 for 2002/03 and to approve the re-allocation of these resources to the SIP's unallocated balance totalling £72,779 for 2002/03;
- (ii) to endorse the proposed budget allocation against projects for 2003/04 as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to approve the quickspend proposals as detailed in the report, subject to noting that the Implementation Group had approved the Investment in Drama Project - £3,950 and to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to ensure a full spend on all SIP budgets;
- (iv) to endorse the recommendations relating to financial and project performance as detailed within the report;
- (v) generally, to endorse the ongoing management proposals:-
  - to relax the conditions placed on the Cumnock Swimming Pool;
  - to note the anticipated full spend on the Tackling Drugs Misuse, Community Empowerment and KICKSTART budgets;
  - to commission a review of various projects as detailed in the report;
  - to defer a decision on the Credit Union financial settlement until February 2003 to allow full consideration of the guidance in respect of state aid;
  - to ring-fence £156,000 to ensure sufficient resources are available to respond to the outcome of the project reviews for CONDUIT, Business Technology and Training Centre and Ayrshire ICT Social Enterprise;
  - to ring-fence an additional £20,000 to respond to yipworld.com's mid-year financial review; and
  - to note the comments submitted to Strathclyde European Partnership on behalf of the SIP;
- (vi) to refuse the Job Coaching ILM Project and the Environmental ILM Project, SIP applications for the reasons detailed within the report; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **RESTORING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME**

8. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which provided an update on the progress of the Restoring Communities Programme (RCP) which was being co-ordinated, on behalf of the SIP, by the Policy and Projects Section of East Ayrshire Council's Planning and Building Control Division.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made regarding the development of the Restoring Communities Programme;
- (ii) to seek support from their partner agencies to participate in the Restoring Communities Programme; and
- (iii) to request that the Manager Social Inclusion investigate the implications of addressing absentee landlords and to report back further to a future meeting of the Board.

### **SPORTSCOTLAND - SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which updated on the progress of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area SIP application to Sportscotland's SIP Lottery Programme.

Following discussion the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the bid to Sportscotland;
- (ii) that the Manager Social Inclusion report to a future meeting of the Board on the outcome of the New Opportunities Funding application; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

10. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of progress made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2002/03.

Following discussion the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made by the projects against their set targets for 2002/03; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

### **REPORT BY EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 November 2002 (circulated) by the Chairperson of the Employment Working Group which updated on the activity of the Employment Working Group.

Bob Gardiner left the meeting at this point.

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING PRESENTATION**

12. The Board received a presentation from the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council on Community Planning.

Thereafter, it was agreed to note the presentation and that further information could be obtained by contacting the Manager Social Inclusion.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13. The Administrative Officer advised that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 6 March 2003 at 1400 hours within the Council Chambers, Lugar.

### **ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION OF REPORTS**

14. The Administrative Officer requested Community Representatives to advise the Administrative Officer of their particular requirements in relation to receiving the Agenda and reports by electronic means or through the regular mail distribution.

The meeting terminated at 1540 hours.