

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies and Provost Jane Darnbrough, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust; Joyce Black, Inclusion Manager, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Greg Dinnie, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcox, Community Development Manager, Kilmarnock College; and Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Graham Piggott, Maurice Ashbridge and Kenneth Stewart.

ALSO PRESENT: John Spooner, Business Development Manager, East Ayrshire Council; George Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative; Pauline Craig, Advisor Manager, East Ayrshire Action Team; Laura Grents, CONDUIT Programme Manager; Dawn Watson, Temporary CONDUIT Programme Manager; and Thomas Moan, Inclusiveness Co-ordinator, Careers Scotland.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Angie Bennett, Sports Development Manager, Department of Community Services; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, Department of Finance; Ann Robertson, Community Partnership and Regeneration Officer; Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Ciss McCreadie, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); Cathy Roarty, East Ayrshire LHCC; Superintendent Jim Thomson, Divisional Commander, Strathclyde Police; Dr Yohanna Dongata, Health Improvement Manager; and Community Representative Linda Thomson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2003.

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1.1 Shout Out Loud Young Citizens' Pack

The Community Planning and Partnership Manager reported, and it was noted, that feedback from users of the Young Citizens' Pack was still ongoing, and that a report on the views of the users would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

2. NOTE OF PLANNING SESSION

There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the note of the planning session held on 14 August 2003.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE FUND

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund.

SPORT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Dave Wilcox and Heather Knox joined the meeting at this point.

4. There was submitted a report dated 3 November 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which advised of the progress to date, of the New Sporting Futures Project.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the most recent developments that had been undertaken through the New Sporting Futures Project; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADDICTION UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which updated on the actions taken, following the announcement that the North Initiative was unsuccessful in its application to the New Opportunities Funding (NOF) under the Better Off Programme in relation to after care/rehabilitation for substance users.

The North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator reported and it was noted, that Momentum had been successful in a bid to the European Social Fund to expand their proposed programme in Kilmarnock and Ayr.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to further explore the possibility of working in partnership with Momentum;
- (ii) to note that a meeting had been arranged for Monday 1 December 2003 with Mr Douglas Taylor from Momentum and that Members of the Board on the Addiction Working Group would be invited to attend;
- (iii) to clarify that the Social Inclusion priority on "positive health and social wellbeing" should include a reference particularly to alcohol and drugs and that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager amend the priority statement discussed at item 2 accordingly; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 October 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager which provided for information, a summary of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Annual Report 2003. It was further noted that a full copy of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund Annual Report 2003 was made available to Board members at the meeting.

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7. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2003 (circulated) by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, which advised of actions taken as a result of the North Social Inclusion Initiative Planning Event that took place on 14 August 2003 and which sought approval for future developments.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) that as a result of the planning event, the North Initiative objectives would remain the same, with the priority being employment related programmes;
- (ii) to work towards the development of a Community Federation for the North;
- (iii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager prepare an outline brief on the proposed remit of a Community Federation as part of the future presentation cycle to Community Council's and Community Groups in the North Social Inclusion area;
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to write to all Board Members to seek nominations for the participation in the short-term Working Group; and
- (v) to note that Community Representative Graham Piggott had expressed an interest in participating in the short-term Working Group;
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EMPLOYMENT SHOWCASE

Provost Darnbrough, Gerard Cassidy and Matt Donnelly left the meeting at this point.

8. The Board received presentations by: (i) John Spooner, Business Development Manager, East Ayrshire Council; (ii) George Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative; (iii) Pauline Craig, Advisor Manager, East Ayrshire Action Team; (iv) Laura Grents, CONDUIT Programme Manager; and (v) Thomas Moan, Inclusiveness Co-ordinator, Ayrshire, Careers Scotland.

The Board then had the opportunity to ask questions.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to investigate the possibility of the Board making a financial contribution to the East Ayrshire Employment Initiative to strengthen delivery of programmes in the Stewarton/Dunlop/Lugton areas and to the CONDUIT Programme. These proposals should be included as part of the Board's work plan; and
- (ii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Manager report back on this issue to the next Board meeting.

The Chair then thanked all the speakers for their presentations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 5 February 2004 at 1400 hours in the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club and that the networking session, which included a buffet lunch, would commence at 1315 hours prior to the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.