

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Joyce Black, Manager (Inclusion), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Linda McFadzean, Health Improvement Department, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; and Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Beryl Graham, Linda Thomson, and Kenneth Stewart.

ATTENDING: Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Laurie Milwain, Social Inclusion Co-ordinator (East Ayrshire North); Helen Sinclair, Service Officer, Development; Kirstin Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; Angie Bennett, Sports Development Manager and Sandra Marshall, Development Officer (Projects); and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Willie Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre; Ciss McCreadie, East Ayrshire Council of Voluntary Organisations and Community Representatives: Jimmy Miller, Graham Piggott, and Maurice Ashbridge.

INTRODUCTION AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair welcomed Laurie Milwain, Co-ordinator, East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative who took up post on 16 December 2002. The Chair also agreed to take the Addiction Report as item 3 on the Agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted (circulated) and agreed as correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 November 2002.

MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Annual Report

The Manager Social Inclusion advised that the finalised version of the Annual Report was currently at the printers and copies would be circulated in due course to Board Members.

ADDICTION REPORT

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which updated on activity to address issues in relation to substance misuse in the North of East Ayrshire.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the timescale for the decision of the New Opportunities Funding Better Off Programme Project Bid to address a gap in service provision in relation to aftercare/rehabilitation for substance users;
- (ii) to note that the bid to the Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Team for a Project Worker (Alcohol) had been unsuccessful;
- (iii) to approve the use of the £15,000 match fund for 2002/03 for the initiative to address issues of problematic alcohol use among young people, particularly between the ages of 13 and 15 years; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council, Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College and Community Representative Kenneth Stewart arrived during discussion of the above item.

Superintendent Jim Thomson left the meeting at this point.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND 2002

5. The Board received a presentation from Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation, East Ayrshire Council which outlined the Council's Transportation Strategy and the nature of bids made against the Public Transport Fund; there was also submitted a report dated 27 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the outcome of this year's application by East Ayrshire Council, to the fifth and final round of the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund. Jim Kane thanked the Board for their funding allocation which contributed to the overall cost of developing the successful PTF(5) bid.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the presentation by the Head of Roads and Transportation, East Ayrshire Council;
- (ii) that the North Board participate in the consultation process associated with the successful Public Transport Fund Bid; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire funding, in respect of the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board.

SPORT IN SOCIAL INCLUSION

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2003 (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion which advised of a submission to the New Opportunities Fund for the North of the Authority to complement Sportscotland's SIP Lottery Programme for communities in the South of the Authority.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the bid to Sportscotland which covers the south of the Authority, as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to request the Manager Social Inclusion to report to a future meeting of the Board on the outcome of the New Opportunities Fund application; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the work undertaken to implement the recommendations of the feasibility study to establish a Shopmobility Scheme based in Kilmarnock.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made to establish a local Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to request that the Director of Development Services, East Ayrshire Council update the Board on a regular basis of current progress regarding the Shopmobility Scheme; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CO-ORDINATION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION/REGENERATION FUNDING

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion advising on the steps taken to ensure a strategic approach to Social Inclusion and regeneration funding across East Ayrshire.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the steps taken by East Ayrshire Council and its Community Planning Partners to ensure a co-ordinated approach to Social Inclusion and regeneration funding programme; and
- (ii) to receive a further report on the impact of Community Planning on these existing structures to a future meeting of the Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. The Administrative Officer advised and it was noted that the next meeting of the Board would take place on Thursday 22 May 2003 at 1400 hours in the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club, Rugby Park, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.