

**EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 MAY 2003 AT 1400 HOURS IN  
THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillor William Menzies; Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillor Danny Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Facilities, Ayrshire & Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Joyce Black, Senior Executive (Skills & Learning), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Constable Greg Dinnie, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Ciss McCreadie, Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire); and Community Representatives Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Linda Thomson, Graham Piggott, Maurice Ashbridge; and Kenneth Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Laurie Milwain, North Social Inclusion Co-ordinator; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer, Development; Kirstin Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**APOLOGIES:** Jim Burns, Business Development Manager, Job Centre; Bob Gardiner, Ayr College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCC; and Matt Donnelly, Community Representative.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 February 2003.

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

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the North Initiative's year end position for 2002-03 and current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire funding for 2003-04.

**SPORT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

3. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of the result of the funding bid submitted 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 the New Opportunities Fund;
- (ii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to provide annual progress reports relating to the performance of the project;
- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to report to the Board on how this project will engage with sports clubs/organisations and local communities; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ADDICTION REPORT**

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which updated Members on the progress of the bid to the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) Better Off Programme in relation to after care/rehabilitation for substance users.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the application to the NOF Better Off Programme had been unsuccessful;
- (ii) to remit Manager Social Inclusion, in consultation with the Chair, to write to the New Opportunities Fund to clarify the reasons for the project being unsuccessful; and
- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to submit a further report on the outcome of any learning points arising from the follow-up meeting with NOF as detailed in the report;
- (iv) to reconvene the Working Group to seek alternative funding for the after care initiatives;
- (v) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to enter into discussions with the successful pan-Ayrshire project; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ASPIRATIONAL LEARNING**

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which updated on the pilot exercise for the Aspirational Learning Programme.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to explore the possibilities for delivering the Aspirational Learning Programme within Schools; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **PILOT GP INITIATIVE REPORT**

6. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of the progress in respect of the Pilot GP Initiative.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion, in consultation with the Administration Manager to ensure that information on trust funds administered by East Ayrshire had been circulated to local GPs
- (ii) to note the content of the report.

### **SHOUT OUT LOUD YOUNG CITIZENS' PACK**

7. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which updated Members on the completion of the Shout Out Loud Young Citizen's Pack, the development of which was endorsed by the Board at its meeting

of 15 August 2003, as part of a range of projects to secure young people's involvement as active citizens.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to develop feedback mechanisms from users of the Young Citizens Pack and to report their views to a future meeting of the Board.

### **BIO-DIVERSITY OPERA**

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which informed on a proposal received by the Department of Educational and Social Services for financial support for the staging of a Bio-Diversity Opera aimed at pre-school children.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contribution of £500 towards the staging of the Bio-Diversity Opera in East Ayrshire, with a contribution being paid only if other required resources were secured; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2002-03**

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2003 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which presented to the Board for information and approval the draft North Social Inclusion Initiative Annual Report for 2002/03.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the draft Annual Report;
- (ii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to develop presentation materials for circulation to Community Representatives; and
- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to issue the report to Initiative Stakeholders and other interested parties.

### **NETWORKING**

10. The Manager Social Inclusion gave a verbal report and suggested that Board Members meet one hour before every second Board meeting with the aim of building relationships a fostering greater partnership working.

Following discussion, it was agreed to approve the above proposal and that the Administrative Officer would make appropriate catering arrangements.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.