

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, Jane Darnbrough and Willie Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Linda McFadzean, Health Promotions Department, Ayrshire & Arran Health Board; Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; and Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Linda Thomson, Graeme Piggott, Maurice Ashbridge and Kenneth Stewart.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Bill Eadie, Principal Officer, Children, Families & Criminal Justice; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer (Development); Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

ALSO ATTENDING: Ruth Shepherd, Co-ordinator, Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Team.

APOLOGIES: Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre; Ciss McCreadie, East Ayrshire Council of Voluntary Organisations; and Beryl Graham, Community Representative.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 August 2002.

MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Staffing

The Manager Social Inclusion reported that Community Representative Graeme Piggott and herself had interviewed candidates on 1 November 2002 for the post of Social Inclusion Co-ordinator for the North Board and had appointed Laurie Milwain to the position. Laurie will take up post on 16 December 2002.

2.2 Computers

The Manager Social Inclusion advised that computer training would take place on 19 November 2002 and asked Community Representatives to get in contact for further details.

AYRSHIRE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TEAM - PRESENTATION

3. The Chair introduced Ruth Shepherd, Co-ordinator for Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Team who then gave a presentation on the strategic issues identified by the Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Team.

There then followed a question and answer session.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the presentation;
- (ii) to note the general concerns in relation to alcohol misuse in East Ayrshire and in particular, to the effects of alcohol misuse in the North Board area; and
- (iii) to request that Ruth Shepherd register the Board's interest to be consulted by the Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Team in the development of their local strategy to deal with alcohol and drug abuse.

Ruth Shepherd, Co-ordinator, Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Team left the meeting at this point.

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

- 4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 October 2002 (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's funding in respect of the North Social Inclusion Initiative.

ADDICTION REPORT

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which updated Members on the progress of the Addiction Sub-Group in relation to the development of an addiction initiative in the north of East Ayrshire.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress on the application to the New Opportunities Funding Better Off Programme;
- (ii) to endorse the decision of the Addiction Sub-Group to submit an application to Ayrshire Drugs and Alcohol Team for a Project Worker (Alcohol);
- (iii) to the use of the match fund for 2002/03 as detailed in the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which presented a summary of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Annual Report 2002 and the revised Local Outcome Agreement.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in meeting targets set within the overall local outcome agreement; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

ANNUAL REPORT

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 29 October 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which presented for information and approval the North Social Inclusion Initiative Annual Report for 2001/02.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to investigate proposals to promote the annual report to residents in the North Board area;
- (ii) to request the Manager Social Inclusion to consider a strategic approach to Social Inclusion that meets the needs of all the various excluded communities within East Ayrshire;
- (iii) to endorse the Annual Report; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PRESENTATION

8. The Board received a presentation from Helen Sinclair, Service Officer (Development) on the Council's proposals for Community Planning.

Following discussion, it was agreed to note the presentation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. It was proposed that the next meeting be held on Thursday 6 February 2003 at 1400 hours within the Park Suite.

The meeting terminated at 1530 hours.