

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor Tommy Farrell, East Ayrshire Council; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion, Social Work Department; Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Project; Ian Gemmell, Head of Anti-Poverty; Andy Brown, Accountancy Assistant, Finance Department; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, Community Services; Alistair McKee and James Thompson, Strathclyde Police; Mike Roebuck, Principal, Kilmarnock College; Joanne Sharp, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust; Steve Shanta, Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White, East Ayrshire Business Partnership; Gillian Russell, Ayr College; and Gerry Cassidy (Irvine Valley), Agnes Gallagher (Kilmarnock Central), and Edward Torrance (Doon Valley), Local Committee Representatives.

ATTENDING: Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae; Jean Smith (Cumnock Area); George Fraser, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative; and Grace Moore, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 October 1999 (circulated) were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

2. An update of the matters arising were given and are summarised below:-
 - **Involvement of a Voluntary Sector Representative** - The Senior Depute Director of Social Work advised that no further nominations had been received in relation to the Involvement of a Voluntary Sector Representative and it was agreed to request that NCH Action for Children be invited to participate in future meetings;
 - **Presentation by East Ayrshire Housing Partnership on Committee Participation and Tenant Involvement** - Noted that due to current difficulties with the Housing Partnership that a presentation would not be made on this matter; and
 - **Strategic Partnership Group Resource Budget - Request for contribution from Partners** - Steve Shanta advised that Enterprise Ayrshire would be able to make a contribution to the Resource Budget for Social Inclusion to fund strategy development, innovative working practices and performance reporting.

Accordingly, £10,000 would be allocated for East Ayrshire Wide projects and a further £10,000 would be allocated for the Coalfield Area in the South of the Authority both for the financial year 2000/2001.

The Chair welcomed the pledge of a financial contribution from Enterprise Ayrshire. It was agreed that the Senior Depute Director of Social Work be asked to liaise with Enterprise Ayrshire and to bring forward a report to a future meeting on the funding criteria and funding arrangements in connection with this additional expenditure.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 19 NOVEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 8)

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the Social Inclusion Partnership Group for the period ended 19 November 1999 (Period 8).

WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

4. There was introduced to the meeting Ian Gemmell, Head of Anti-Poverty, East Ayrshire Council, who gave a presentation on the background of the Working Families Tax Credit and outlined the implementation work East Ayrshire Council had done to publicise with staff the benefits of the Government initiative.

Following discussion the Head of the Anti-Poverty was asked to liaise with the East Ayrshire Business Partnership to tailor a leaflet targeting employers and their employees within East Ayrshire.

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 December 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of (a) the outcome of an "Awareness Day" for project leaders and other staff associated with the implementation of projects including the current programme of Social Inclusion Partnership Projects which was held at Cumnock Town Hall on Thursday 25 November 1999 and (b) progress in the implementation of the current programme of projects funded from within the Social Inclusion Submission approved by the Scottish Executive.

COALFIELD COMMUNITIES FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

6. The Executive Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership reported and it was noted that the inaugural meeting of the Coalfield Communities Federation of Community Groups was held on 16 December 1999 and the following Office Bearers were elected:-

Chair: Billy Crawford; Vice-Chair: John Wilson; Treasurer: James Brown; and Secretary: Jean Smith.

In addition, Jack Campbell from the Federation of Community Groups was appointed as a representative on the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership. Accordingly, the Constitution of the Coalfield Communities Federation of Community Groups was also approved and a bank account established and auditors appointed.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROPOSALS

7. The Manager, Social Inclusion, Social Work Department of East Ayrshire Council advised and it was noted that in conjunction with Volunteer Development Scotland the proposed establishment of a Local Volunteer Development Agency was being considered. It was intended to hold a Workshop in the new year and to invite a wide number of interested organisations to attend. Representatives of the Partnership Organisations were invited to consider their involvement either on the Management Committee of the proposed Volunteer Development Agency or by providing funding for such.

PROPOSED USE OF THE BALANCE OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE BUDGET

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of a package of potential projects to be funded from the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Resource Budget.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the projects recommended for funding: -

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| Zero Tolerance Drama Initiative - £4,200 | Kilmarnock, Irvine Valley and Northern Area SIP Team |
| Social Support and Youth Initiative - £4,700 | Northern Area SIP Team |
| Youth Diversion Project - £6,000 | Irvine Valley SIP Team |
| Social Inclusion Public Information - £2,000 | East Ayrshire Wide |

- (ii) to request the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council to present these proposals to the Council for consideration;
- (iii) to endorse the procedures for the approval of future funding proposals;
- (iv) that the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council review organisational arrangements for the award of grant in respect of the Irvine Valley Youth Diversion Project as due to operational arrangements, it was inappropriate for Strathclyde Police to be awarded a grant;
- (v) to note that appropriate Officers from East Ayrshire Council would be examining the potential funding support which might be available from the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations Ayrshire Wide Social Capital Fund whose launch was expected to be announced in January 2000; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

COALFIELD REGENERATION TRUST

9. There was submitted a report dated 3 December 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which detailed the process followed to bring forward possible applications for funding to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust and provide a summary of applications which East Ayrshire Council proposed to submit as an initial package.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the initial programme of projects identified by East Ayrshire Council;
- (ii) to note that further applications would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership Group for information and discussion; and
- (iii) to note that further work was being undertaken to support and assist community and voluntary organisation who make applications to the Trust direct.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.** It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 30 March 2000 at 1400 hours within East Ayrshire Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.