

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2000 AT 1405 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors David Macrae, Willie Coffey, and Elaine Dinwoodie; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council; Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication (Designate), East Ayrshire Council; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager, Social Work, East Ayrshire Council; Gwen Barker, Social Inclusion Manager, East Ayrshire Council; David Hewet, Executive Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; Ann Robertson, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council; Mairi McMenamin, Health Promotions Manager, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Heather Knox and Joanne Sharp, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust; Jim Gallacher, Ayr College; Sheila White, East Ayrshire Council Business Partnership; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Steve Shanta, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Alistair McKie and James Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Jack Campbell, Coalfield Communities Federation; Community Representatives: Charles Calman, Kilmarnock Central Local Committee; Matt Donnelly, Kilmarnock North Local Committee; Caroline McBride, Cumnock Area Local Committee; Gerard Cassidy, Irvine Valley Local Committee; and James Miller, Northern Area Local Committee.

ALSO ATTENDING: Jim Burns, Action Team Project Manager, Employment Service.

APOLOGIES: Eddie Torrance, Doon Valley Local Committee; Beryl Graham (Substitute), Kilmarnock North Local Committee; and George Fraser, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

CHAIR: Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

ACTION TEAM EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE WITHIN THE SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP AREA

1. The Action Team Project Manager gave a verbal presentation on the background to the Action Team Employment Initiative.

Group members asked questions of the Action Team Manager.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the creation of the Action Team Employment Initiative which would be piloted in the Shortlees/Riccarron and Muirkirk areas of East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Employment Service be invited to become a member of the Strategic Partnership Group; and
- (iii) to note the details of the presentation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2000 (circulated) were submitted and approved as a correct record.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

3. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of a review that the Council was undertaking of its implementation arrangements for securing Social Inclusion.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the review that East Ayrshire Council was undertaking of its arrangements for Social Inclusion;
- (ii) to note that the monitoring and evaluation arrangements would form part of East Ayrshire Council's review of Social Inclusion arrangements; and
- (iii) to note that an update report on the review would be presented to the next Partnership meeting.

FINAL OUT-TURN SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR THE SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 31 MARCH 2000

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance of East Ayrshire Council which advised of the final out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group for the year ended 31 March 2000.

SOCIAL INCLUSION BUDGET 2000/2001

5. There was submitted a report dated 19 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of the Social Inclusion budget for 2000/2001 and sought agreement on the amounts available to projects in the Coalfield Area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend approval of the expenditure proposals for the Coalfield Area projects in the financial year 2000/2001 as detailed within Appendix I;
- (ii) to note that proposals for financial year 2001/2002 would be presented to a future meeting in advance of the current financial year end;
- (iii) to note that monitoring reports would be presented to future Partnership Group meetings;
- (iv) to submit the recommendations for endorsement to East Ayrshire Council as the Social Inclusion grant recipient; and
- (v) to request that Officers raise with the Scottish Executive the possibility of varying the guidelines in respect of any funds remaining unallocated, to enable other priority areas within East Ayrshire Council to receive funding.

SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND - PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF FUNDING BIDS

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which informed of two projects awarded funding by East Ayrshire Council from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and of the process for the development and submission of future bids to the Challenge Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the awards of £6,000 to the Kilmarnock Local Social Inclusion Area Team and £15,000 to support Out-of-School-Care provision within the Kilmarnock and Northern areas; and
- (ii) to continue consideration of the process for the development and submission of future bids to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund pending the results of East Ayrshire Council's review of Social Inclusion Arrangements.

Matt Donnelly left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE - TACKLING DRUG MISUSE FUND

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which (a) informed of a provisional funding allocation to the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership in order to tackle drug misuse; (b) highlighted the action taken by the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership in response to the opportunity; and (c) presented outline proposals for the use of the funds.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the range of priority issues as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) to request that the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council, in consultation with representatives of the local Drugs Action Team, ensure that an appropriate package of projects was prepared and subsequently presented to the Scottish Executive by 30 June 2000.

EXTERNAL FUNDING SUPPORT

8. There was submitted a joint report dated 15 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council and Scottish Enterprise on arrangements to consider requests for expenditure from Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's contribution to the Social Inclusion Resource Budget and proposed that a contribution be made towards the initial cost of an External Funding Support Officer.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the implementation arrangements for Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's contribution to the Social Inclusion Resource Budget; and
- (ii) to make a contribution of £5,000 towards the cost of an External Funding Support Officer from Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's contribution to the Social Inclusion Resource Budget.

COALFIELD REGENERATION TRUST

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which outlined progress to date in applications to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust and provided a summary of applications which East Ayrshire Council and the Coalfield Communities Federation had made or intended to make in the near future.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress to date of applications submitted by East Ayrshire Council to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) formally, to endorse applications to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust in respect of the Dalmellington Area Centre, the Restoring Communities Programme and the resubmission of the Income Maximisation and Ill Health Project as detailed within the report.

SOCIAL INCLUSION EARLY ACTION PLANS PREPARED BY AREA TEAMS

10. The Social Inclusion Manager, Social Work, gave a verbal presentation on the establishment of Early Action Plans for Social Inclusion Area Teams.

Group members asked questions of the Social Inclusion Manager.

It was agreed to note the progress of Early Action Plans for Social Inclusion Area Teams.

UPDATE ON THE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME OF PROJECTS 1999-2000

11. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of progress in respect of projects funded via the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership during the financial year 1999/2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the content of this report;
- (ii) to note that Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire, in conjunction with Kilmarnock College, had offered to assist community and voluntary groups involved in Social Inclusion projects with an assessment of the sustainability of the projects; and
- (iii) to note that Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust had secured funding for the Health Centre element of the "One Stop" Shop at Dalmellington, and following the tender stage, it was anticipated that construction would commence in mid September 2000.

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000 AND MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

- 12.1 There was submitted a report dated 19 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which submitted for approval the narrative for the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Annual Report 1999-2000.

12.2 There was submitted a report dated 9 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which presented the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership for approval and outlined proposals to establish a Research and Intelligence Group.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the narrative for the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Annual Report 1999-2000;
- (ii) to remit to the Head of Public Relations and Marketing of East Ayrshire Council the publication of the Annual Report in an appropriate form and to thereafter submit it timeously to the Scottish Executive;
- (iii) to endorse the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership; and
- (iv) to note the establishment of a Research and Intelligence Group by East Ayrshire Council, which would assist in the implementation of the monitoring framework.

The meeting terminated at 1545 hours.

APPENDIX 1

**SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP
SPENDING PROPOSALS 2000/2001**

The Scottish Executive has confirmed that the allocation to East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership for financial year 2000/01 will be £1.007m (£94,000 Capital and £913,000 Revenue).

The following expenditure is proposed for projects in the coalfield area for financial year 2000/2001:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget (£)</u>
Older People Day Car User Group	38,084
Community Learning Opportunities	59,237
Connected Youth Project/YIPWorld.Com	133,250
Community Profiling/Social Audit/ILM Projects	83,000
Focal Point Development Centre Upgrading	5,000
Dalmellington Industrial Estate Refurbishment	44,000
East Ayrshire Woodlands	80,534
Community Environmental Improvement Project	50,000
Health Hit Squad	40,000
Kids Club Network	67,255
East Ayrshire Works <i>(reduced from indicative 2000/2001 to reflect late year start)</i>	100,000
Personal Development Fund <i>(reduced from indicative 2000/2001 to reflect late year start)</i>	30,000
Youth Development Project/EASY	36,060
Community Food Initiative	20,000
Coalfield Federation	10,000
Cumnock/Auchinleck Credit Union <i>(Reduced from indicative 2000/2001 to reflect purchase of premises)</i>	12,500
Anti-Poverty Initiative <i>(Proposed match funding for Coalfield Regeneration Trust bid)</i>	12,500
Young Carers Initiative	15,375
Alternatives to Addiction	<u>38,558</u>
TOTAL	875,353

In addition to the above projects, the estimated budget for the Coalfield Area Support Team is £116,647.

If the above expenditure plans are approved, an Unallocated Balance of £15,000 would remain. It is suggested that this be held back to provide the Partnership with some flexibility later in the financial year to deal with any contingencies that may arise.