

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2000 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, DALSALLOCH HOUSE, AUCHINLECK

PRESENT: Councillors David Macrae and Willie Coffey; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work, East Ayrshire Council; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager, Social Work Department, East Ayrshire Council; Kristin Nichols, Accountant, East Ayrshire Council; Dave Hewet, Executive Officer, East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Project; Alistair McKee and James Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Frank Burns, Principal, Ayr College; Grace Moore, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Alan Gunning, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care, NHS Trust; Mike Roebuck, Principal, Kilmarnock College; Steve Shanta, Enterprise Ayrshire; Sheila White, East Ayrshire Business Partnership; George Fraser, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative; and Colin Flinn, NCH Action for Children; Community Representatives: Jean Smith and Caroline McBride (Substitute), Cumnock Area Local Committee; Edward Torrance, Doon Valley Local Committee; Matt Donnelly, Kilmarnock North Local Committee; Margaret Shaw and Anne McRoberts, Kilmarnock South Local Committee; and Cathrine Currie, Northern Area Local Committee.

CHAIR: Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE AYRSHIRE ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY PROJECT (AEC)

1. The Programme Manager gave a verbal presentation on the background to the Ayrshire Electronic Community Project and in addition there was submitted a report dated 20 March 2000 (circulated) by the Programme Manager advising of the implementation of the project which was subject to funding from the European Social Fund.

Group members asked questions of the Programme Manager.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the Ayrshire Electronic Community Project to date;
- (ii) to note the Ayrshire Electronic Community Project's contribution to the Social Inclusion Agenda; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the details of the presentation.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

2. The Chair agreed to take a report on the Citizen's Jury as an additional item under Item 9.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 December 1999 (circulated) were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

4. **Strategic Partnership Group Resource Budget - Request Report on Financial Contribution from Partners** - Noted that Enterprise Ayrshire had agreed £20,000 as its contribution to the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership: £10,000 of which would be allocated to Cumnock and Doon Valley Coalfield SIP and the other £10,000 to support Council wide strategic developments for the 2000/2001 financial year. The money allocated would assist with development related expenditure such as research, planning, monitoring and evaluation work and project surveys etc.

It was noted that access to these funds would be by application to the Strategic Partnership Group.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP TO 10 MARCH 2000 (PERIOD 12)

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance of East Ayrshire Council which advised 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 10 March 2000 (Period 12).

SOCIAL INCLUSION RESOURCE BUDGET 1999/2000

6. There was submitted a report dated 21 March 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of 3 projects approved for funding from the Social Inclusion Resource Budget by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee of 10 February 2000 and which provided an overview of all projects funded from the Resource Budget during 1999/2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the award of £15,000 to the children's holiday project;
- (ii) to note the award of £3,000 to fund the Darvel ICT project;
- (iii) to note the award of £2,000 to the Kilmarnock Family Support Group;
- (iv) to note the Council's intention to allocate £65,000 in the next financial year to the Strategic Resource Budget; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CUMNOCK DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

7. The Depute Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council reported and it was noted of a decision by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee of 28 March 2000 which provided support to the Cumnock District Credit Union through Social Inclusion Partnership Funds by the purchase of suitable premises for their project at 11 The Square, Cumnock.

PROCESS AND TIMESCALE FOR ESTABLISHING LOCAL SOCIAL INCLUSION AREA TEAM - COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 March 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which informed of the process and timescale for the establishment of local Social Inclusion Teams Action Plans.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the process and timescales for the production of early action plans;
- (ii) to request local Social Inclusion Team Leaders to report to the next meeting on the content of their team's early action plan; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 March 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of progress made in respect of projects funded via the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Programme for the financial year 1999/2000 and in particular provision for a lottery funding officer.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the opportunity to discuss further with Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire and Kilmarnock College and any other partner/member to progress funding of a Lottery Funding Officer post and also to explore the possibility of accessing existing funding expertise of partners/members; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

CITIZENS JURY

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 March 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current position regarding the holding of a people's jury within the East Ayrshire Coalfield Social Inclusion Partnership area.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

10. The Chair advised that future meetings of the group would be held on 22 June 2000; 21 September 2000; 7 December 2000; 15 March 2001; and 21 June 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the series of dates as outlined above;
- (ii) to request that partnership members consider making a presentation on their services contribution to Social Inclusion to be programmed for future meetings; and
- (iii) to note that the Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council would be in touch shortly to finalise arrangements for the presentations.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.