

EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE DUMFRIES ARMS HOTEL, 54 GLAISNOCK STREET, CUMNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors David Macrae and Julie Faulds, East Ayrshire Council; Sheila White, Co-opted Member; Margaret McWilliam, Senior Health Promotion Officer, Ayrshire & Arran Health Board; Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Bob Gardiner, Ayr College; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre; and Community Representatives: Edward Torrance, Caroline McBride; Billy Lees; Tony Foote; Billy Crawford; Ian Smith; Ronnie Hamilton; Jack Campbell; and John Weir.

ATTENDING: John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer Development; Lorraine Dick, Recreation Partnership Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire & Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Steve Shanta, Manager (Inclusive Economy Team), Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; and Ciss McCreadie, Development Worker, East Ayrshire Council for Voluntary Organisations.

CHAIR: Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced John Clayton, recently appointed Head of Corporate Development and Communication, East Ayrshire Council and welcomed John as an observer to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of previous meeting held on 17 January 2002.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING

2.1.1 Staffing Report

Noted that interviews for the post of Social Inclusion Co-ordinator have taken place and that the Panel had not recommended an appointment. Accordingly, arrangements were being made to re-advertise the post and a representative from the Coalfield Communities Federation was again being sought for representation on the Panel and in this regard nominations be submitted to the Manager Social Inclusion.

2.1.2 Tackling Drug Misuse

Noted that the Scottish Executive had confirmed verbally of a successful submission to Phase 2 of the Tackling Drug Misuse Fund and confirmation was awaited in writing.

2.1.3 Staffing Issues

Noted that the staffing review paper would be presented to a future meeting. Additionally, noted that the contracts for the Staff Support Group have been extended until 31 March 2004.

2.1.4 Working Together Learning Together

Noted that the next module of the Working Together Learning Together would take place on Wednesday 20 March 2002 at the Railway Inn, Auchinleck and would be facilitated by Margaret Lindsay.

2.1.5 Ayrshire Key Fund

Noted that the nominations of Sheila White and Ian Smith had been forwarded to the Organisers and they would expect to be invited to the first Board meeting in early April.

PROJECT PRESENTATION - RECREATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

3. Lorraine Dick, Recreation Partnership Officer, Recreation Partnership Project gave a verbal Presentation on the overall aims of the project which is:

- to promote the general well-being of children, to improve the diet of children;
- improve the lifestyles via the development of positive attitudes.

The meeting was also advised of the projects core activities which include:-

- to deliver schools programme;
- to maintain and develop extensive community programme; and
- to recruit and train sessional workers and volunteers.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Manager Social Inclusion to investigate the development of a stand-alone project to complete the painting of School playgrounds within the SIP area; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the Presentation.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 10 FEBRUARY 2002 (PERIOD 11)

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated February 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year in respect of the services within the remit of the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership for the period ended 10 February 2002 (Period 11).

FINANCE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised on a range of financial issues pertinent to the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decisions arising from the Implementation Group in relation to the SIP's core budget and community empowerment budget which ensured a full and appropriate spend of the budget allocations for 2001/02;
- (ii) to note the Projects which had received funding from the SIP Project Development budget, as detailed within the report;
- (iii) to note the funding allocations, as detailed within the report, in respect of the Tackling Drugs Misuse Budget;
- (iv) to endorse the recommendation from the Implementation Group to refuse yipworld.com's application for continued funding from the Tackling Drugs Misuse Project;
- (v) to note the award from Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire for 2002/03;
- (vi) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion and the Action Team Manager to take forward the initiative at (v) to ensure a full spend of the budget; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ASPIRATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 February 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of the activity to date in relation to the Aspirational Learning Programme.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the report;
- (ii) to recognise the commitment of Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire to this initiative;
- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to present an evaluation report to the Board in March 2003; and
- (iv) to request the Manager Social Inclusion to evaluate the cost of rolling-out the Aspirational Learning Programme to Primary Schools within the area.

SPORTSCOTLAND - SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 February 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which informed of a new funding stream announced by the National Lottery and which sought permission for the SIP Support Team to work in partnership with relevant organisations to bid for these funds.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Programme launch;
- (ii) to note the allocated budget for the Coalfield SIP;
- (iii) to progress partnership working as detailed within the report;
- (iv) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to ensure appropriate returns to SportScotland as part of the formal assessment process;
- (v) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to provide information to the Chair to write to the Scottish Executive and SportsScotland to request that the oversight of using inaccurate population figures to calculate the SIP's financial allocation be rectified, and

(vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. The Chair advised the next meeting would take place on Thursday 20 June 2002 within the Council Chambers in Lugar and the request to hold future meetings of the SIP Board in various locations within the Coalfield area would be taken on board in planning future meetings.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.

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