

**EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2001 AT 1402 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, DALSALLOCH CENTRE, AUCHINLECK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Macrae, Elaine Dinwoodie; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities and Geraldine O'Donnell, Corporate Services Manager, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police; Bob Gardiner, Ayr College; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Employment Service; Community Representatives: Edward Torrance, Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Community Council; Caroline McBride, McClymont Court Residents' Association; Billy Lees, New Cumnock Age Concern; Billy Crawford, Ian Smith, Ronnie Hamilton, Jack Campbell and John Weir, Coalfield Community Federation.

**ATTENDING:** Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Dickson, Integrated Strategies Officer, Coalfield SIP; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, East Ayrshire Council; Ann Robertson, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Coalfield SIP; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Julie Faulds, East Ayrshire Council; Sheila White, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Business Partnership; and Tony Foote, Older People's Welfare Group, Rankinston & Drongan.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed, as observers to the meeting, Suzanne Henderson from the Scottish Executive's Area Regeneration Division and Lynn Wilson, Social Science Student at Caledonian University.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of the previous meeting of 16 January 2001.

**MATTERS ARISING**

3. The following matters arising were raised:-

- 3.1 **Community Transport**

It was noted that East Ayrshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 22 February 2001 had given approval for the transfer of resources to the Coalfield SIP of £20,849 to be used for the purchase of a people carrier for use in Social Inclusion projects and the resources would be committed in 2001/2002. It was further noted that discussion would be held at the Implementation Group to explore the possibility of identifying match funding for the project with the Ayrshire & Arran Health Board.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION**

4. There was submitted (circulated) report dated 9 March 2001 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council that proposed a

draft constitution for adoption, commented on responses received during the consultation period, set out procedural notes for the conduct of meetings and described the remit for the proposed Implementation Group.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to approve and adopt the constitution for the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership and the arrangements for regulating meetings and proceedings of the Partnership, its Board and Sub-groups, subject to minor amendments, as set out in Annex I and II to this Minute; and
- (ii) to confirm its commitment to decision making by consensus.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP FUND TO 9 FEBRUARY 2001 (PERIOD 11 )**

5. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council that advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Board for the period ended 9 February 2001 (Period 11 ).

Following discussion, the Board agreed:- (

- i) to request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to report back, in due course, on the implications for the Coalfield SIP of the Review by East Ayrshire Council of its funding support for community activities; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the report.

**FINANCE REPORT**

6. There was submitted a report dated March 2001 (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion that advised on a range of financial issues pertinent to projects supported by the Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership Board funds and recommended a range of proposals for expenditure in the current and future financial years.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to allocate additional funding (£65,500) from 2000101 to the undernoted existing projects:-

Project	Allocation
Rankinston Health Unit/Community Centre -environmental improvements project	£10,000
East Ayrshire Carers' Centre -to establish project premises within Cumnock area	£20,500
EASY Project - to purchase additional computers for youth development project	£6,000
Business Technology and Training Centre -furnishings and fittings for new centre in Dalmellington	£5,500
Yipworld.com -refurbishment of kitchen additional costs	£11 ,000



Internet Cafe & Older People - to purchase computers	£9,000
<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Purchase of multi-media projector - for use by the SIP and projects to make high quality presentations	£3,500

- (ii) to note that Cumnock Credit Union had been successful in securing approximately £30,000 of funding from the Coalfield Regeneration Trust and, therefore, no additional funding for 2000/01 was required from the Social Inclusion Partnership. It was also noted that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council would follow up any funding opportunities announced by the Scottish Executive in respect of Credit Unions;

- (iii) to allocate funding (£85,000) from 2001/02 to the undernoted projects:-

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Yipworld.com -undertake detached youth work in the Doon Valley	£30,000
Kids Club Network -promotion within local primary schools and community libraries and after school care session clubs.	£30,000
Older People's Day Care Project -to establish two "internet Cafes" to encourage interaction between older and young people.	£15,000
Coalfield Communities Federation -to produce a promotional video for the SIP	£10,000

- (iv) to request the Manager, Social Inclusion to report to the next meeting on the additional funding requirements for the following existing projects: EASY Project and Young Carers' Initiative;

- (v) to allocate funding (£33,100) from 2001/02 in respect of new requests for funding:-

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Children's Holiday Project*	£3,100 per annum (for a 3 year period)
East Ayrshire Works -to allow the project to operate to March 2002.	£30,000

\* to note that a further report would be made on the expansion proposals and any additional funding requirements.

- (vi) to request the Manager, Social Inclusion to report to the next meeting on assessment of the following new projects: Art for Adults with Disabilities, Creative Skills Programme and Business Technology Centre;

- (vii) to note that the post of Funding/Lottery Officer had been filled and that staffing costs of £25,000 required to be met from the 2001/02 budget;

- {viii) to approve the additional funding allocation of £15,000 from the 2001/02 budget to meet the revised operating costs of the Coalfield SIP Team;
- {ix) to remit to the Manager, Social Inclusion to convene a series of workshops to identify future project activity;

At this point representatives of the Coalfield Communities Federation declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Paragraph {x).

- {x) to approve the provisional allocation of £853,500 {leaving a balance of £872,500) to projects for 2002/03 as follows:-

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
CONDUIT	£46,500
EASY	£38,000
East Ayrshire Works	Allocation would be subject to consideration after decision on ESF bid.
Business Technology Centre	£16,500
Personal Development Fund	£20,000
Health Hit Squad	£41,500
Community Food Initiative	£21,000
Community Learning Opportunity	£60,000
East Ayrshire Woodlands	£85,000
Yipworld.com	£140,000
Kids Club Network	£72,000
Older People's Day Care Users Group	£42,000
Cumnock Credit Union	£13,000
Young Carers' Initiative	£15,000
Alternatives to Addiction	£41,000
Coalfield Community Federation	£11,000
Community Transport Initiative	£26,000
SIP Staff Support Team and associated costs	£165,000

- {xi) otherwise, to note the report.

### **PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

7. There was submitted report dated 28 February 2001 {circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion that advised of progress being made by projects in meeting their agreed targets for 2000/01.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made by projects against their set targets;

- (ii) to establish a Working Group on the theme excluded from work;
- (iii) to request the Manager, Social Inclusion to seek representation from Board Members to the Working Group in addition to the nominations received at the meeting from Sheila White, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Business Partnership and Jim Burns, Team Manager, Action for Jobs;
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting at this point.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY**

8. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2001 (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion that provided an overview of the national Social Inclusion Strategic Framework and sought approval to establish a short-term Working Group to update the Coalfield SIP's strategy.

Following discussion the Board agreed:-

- (i) to update the Social Inclusion Partnership's strategic document;
- (ii) to remit to the Manager, Social Inclusion to convene a short-term Working Group to prepare a draft strategy document; and (iii) to report back on progress.

### **MORI COALFIELD SIP RESIDENTS SURVEY 2000**

9. The Head of Corporate Development and Communication together with the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Coalfield SIP gave a presentation on the Residents survey undertaken between May-June 2000. The principal findings were given and copies of the survey objectives and supporting computer tables were issued at the meeting.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) that the survey results gave a valuable insight into local opinion as at May-June 2000 on a wide range of issues affecting the Coalfield area which future survey work could be assessed against;
- (ii) that the short term Working Group on the Coalfield Area" SIP strategy also include, as part of its remit, the preparation of a marketing strategy for the Coalfield SIP;
- (iii) to note that creation of a website for the Coalfield Community Federation and for the Coalfield SIP was being considered and further developments were anticipated; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the presentation.

### **TACKLING DRUG MISUSE**

10. There was submitted report dated 28 February 2001 (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion that advised of progress made by projects funded from Scottish Executive Tackling Drug Misuse funds.

**SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES IN AREA BASED SIP'S:  
RESPONSE PAPER**

11. There was submitted report dated 27 February 2001 (circulated) by the Manager, Social Inclusion that advised of key elements in a response to the Scottish Executive on support to Community Representatives within SIP's in general and recommended support to Community Representatives within the Coalfield SIP Board.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the Manager, Social Inclusion would reply to the Scottish Executive in terms of the issues detailed within the report; and
- (ii) to approve the terms of the report and in particular to note that the Implementation Group would shortly discuss with Community Representatives opportunities of increasing their participation in the decision making activity and further support arrangements.

**ASPIRATIONAL LEARNING**

12. It was agreed to continue this item to the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13. It was agreed that the meeting commence at the earlier time of 1400 hours on 21 June 2001 within the Meeting Room, Dalsalloch Centre, Auchinleck.

The meeting terminated at 1658 hours.