

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2001 AT 1302 HOURS WITHIN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors David Macrae, Jane Darnbrough and Willie Coffey, East Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Margaret Davison, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police; Mick Roebuck, Principal, Kilmarnock College; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller and Beryl Graham.

IN ATTENDANCE: Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gwen Barker, Manager, Social Inclusion; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Officer; Matthew Lowther, Health Development Manager; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities; Geraldine O'Donnell, Corporate Services Manager, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Mairi McMenamin, Health Promotion Department, Ayrshire Central Hospital; and Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre.

CHAIR: Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair intimated that Items 4 and 7 shown on the Agenda would be taken together at Item 6.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There was submitted (circulated) and noted the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 January 2001 and agreed as a correct record.
- 3.1 **MATTERS ARISING - Page 3, Item 6, Paragraph (iii) and (iv)** - Noted that the Manager, Social Inclusion, would conclude shortly on the possibility of making use of individual learning account funds to part-fund training activities and noted that information on "Learning Direct" had been circulated to Community Representatives with a view to organising a planning session for June 2001.

CONSTITUTION

4. There was submitted (circulated) a report dated 17 April 2001 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council which proposed a Constitution for adoption by the Initiative, along with procedural notes for the conduct of meetings, and a remit for a proposed Implementation Group.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to approve and adopt the Constitution for the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative (shown as Annex 1) which was subject to minor amendments as follows:-

- that the role and responsibilities of Community Representatives be clarified and that a meeting be held with Community Representatives to discuss their role and support arrangements available; and communication/consultation with Implementation Group; and
 - to approve that in principle, the Community should be regarded as a core member of the Initiative and to request that the Head of Corporate Development and Communication amend the Constitution to reflect this principle;
- (ii) to confirm its commitment to decision-making by consensus;
 - (iii) to approve and adopt the procedural note for the conduct of meetings as detailed within the report;
 - (iv) to approve the procedures for the appointment of Community Representatives as detailed within the report; and
 - (v) to approve the appointment of Linda Thomson as a Community Representative and to note the resignation of Steve Brown as a Community Representative.

EAST AYRSHIRE HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE AND RECREATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

5. The Health Development Manager, East Ayrshire Council, gave a presentation on the East Ayrshire Healthy Living Centre Project which received five year funding and would target 17 areas across East Ayrshire Council (areas within the North Partnership Initiative: Stewarton, Northwest Kilmarnock, New Farm Loch, Shortlees, Riccarton, Hurlford and Newmilns). The main aim of the project is to develop local Health Action Plans encompassing a GP Referral Scheme, food co-ops/healthy eating workshops, health programme for schools, taster sessions, awareness raising/health library/information point/referral point and a long-term aim of establishing community health forums.

Thereafter, the Leisure Development Officer, East Ayrshire Council, gave a presentation on the Recreation Partnership Project which is a three year funded project and will provide outreach support across East Ayrshire Council, particularly the North Area. The Initiative will promote and develop physical activity and healthy eating initiatives within schools and the community adding value to existing work with young people and building on the already successful work of the project focused in the Coalfield Area of East Ayrshire.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to note the presentations and recognise that the use of a Mobile Healthy Living Centre would assist in targeting a number of areas within the North Board's area and that the Recreation Partnership Project would raise awareness about recreation within schools and communities.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE FUND AND SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE - SOCIAL INCLUSION FUND

6. There was submitted (circulated) reports dated 10 and 17 April 2001 by the Director of Finance and the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council which advised of the current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire funding, in respect

of the North Initiative and requested approval to utilise the main balance of Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's Social Inclusion Fund for 2000/2001.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the award of £7,500 to the new Community School at Hillhead Primary, Kilmarnock, to assist with the development of an Information Communication Technology Suite; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

7. There was submitted (circulated) a report dated 18 April 2001 by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources of East Ayrshire Council which updated on the arrangements for expenditure within East Ayrshire from the new Better Neighbourhood Services Fund.

Following discussion, it was agreed to note, the acceptance of Shortlees/Riccarron and North West Kilmarnock as the neighbourhoods for the pathfinders funded from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund and that proposals were currently being developed by East Ayrshire Council for discussion with its community planning partners, the local communities and the Scottish Executive.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS

8. The Board received a presentation from the Head of Corporate Development and Communication on the range of funding available for Information Communication Technology projects in the North Board area.

During discussion, the Head of Corporate Development and Communication answered questions and noted points made by Board Members.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the new Initiative to establish new Information Communication Technology Projects to improve services to those living in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the additional resources allocated to East Ayrshire Council within the Modernising Government Fund and the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund;
- (iii) to welcome the commitment to consult Community Representatives to identify implementation issues in relation to the types of projects envisaged; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the presentation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. Having heard the Chair request that, future Board Meetings be held within the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club, it was agreed to advise the Initiative Board Members of future meeting dates for 2001/2002 in due course.

The meeting terminated at 1625 hours.

AGENDA