

## **EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 MAY 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire & Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Margaret McWilliam, Health Improvement Department, Chief Inspector Stuart Miller and Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police; Lindsay McQuater, East Ayrshire Action Team for Jobs; Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller and Linda Thomson.

**ATTENDING:** Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer (Development); Elaine Caldwell, Public Health Co-ordinator and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Tommy Burns and Sharon Barclay, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Willie Coffey; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre; Ciss McCreddie, East Ayrshire Council for Voluntary Organisations; Steve Shanta, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire; and Beryl Graham, Community Representative.

**CHAIR:** Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire & Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There were submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of previous meeting held on 14 March 2002.

##### **1.1 Matters Arising**

###### **1.1.1 Community Participation**

The Manager Social Inclusion, reported and it was noted that work was continuing with regard to the appointment of a worker to support the development of the Federation of Community Groups and that in the meantime, arrangements had been put in place for East Ayrshire Council's Support to Communities Team to provide support and assistance.

###### **1.1.2 Addiction Planning: Short Term Working Group**

The Service Officer (Development) reported and it was noted:-

- that the Short-Term Working Group had recently met for the first time and had identified the main issues for consideration and had examined potential funding sources including the New Opportunities Fund and Lloyds TSB; and
- that the Group was examining a proposal for the establishment of an alcohol/drugs addiction worker in respect of which further information had been sought from the Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Team and from Allies and that a further update report on progress would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

### **1.1.3 Appointment of Community Representatives**

The Manager Social Inclusion reported and it was noted that following advertisement in the Kilmarnock Standard, three nominations had been received for the three vacancies for Community Representatives on the Board and that she would be arranging to meet with the nominees within the near future to provide a briefing on the role of Community Representatives and to determine the extent of their interest.

Members agreed that the Manager be remitted to invite these individuals to become Board members.

#### **STEP-UP PROGRAMME**

2. The Board received a presentation from Tommy Burns, East Ayrshire Employment Initiative regarding the Step-Up Programme.

Their then followed a general discussion during which Mr Burns answered questions put by Members of the Board.

The Chair thanked Mr Burns for the presentation which had been both interesting and informative.

Mr Burns and Sharon Barclay then left the meeting.

#### **FINANCE REPORT - FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES - CHALLENGE FUND AND SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE CONTRIBUTION**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 May 2002 (circulated) which advised of the current commitment position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's funding, in respect of the North Initiative and also the out-turn position for 2001/02 of both funding sources.

#### **ASPIRATIONAL LEARNING**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of the Aspirational Learning Programme and its potential for building capacity in communities.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to progress the implementation of the Aspirational Learning Programme;
- (ii) to approve funding of £2,500.00 for the initial phase; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **YOUNG PEOPLE - ACTIVE CITIZENS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of work currently underway to ensure young people are actively involved in shaping services, both at local and national level, and highlighted proposals to enhance these programmes to ensure young people are aware of and involved in the Social Inclusion Agenda.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the principles contained within East Ayrshire's Children's Charter;
- (ii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to work up a project proposal to encourage young people to become active citizens; and
- (iii) that a paper on the proposal be submitted to a future meeting.

### **STAFFING**

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which sought approval to utilise Social Inclusion Challenge Funding to employ a temporary worker to support the establishment of a Federation of Community Groups in the North of the Authority and drive forward the actions and priorities of the North Social Inclusion Board.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to utilise funds from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to establish a temporary post within the North of the Authority; and
- (ii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to carry out all necessary actions to take forward this proposal.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Nomination to Board: Cathy Roarty, Local Health Care Council**

The Manager Social Inclusion indicated that a request to be nominated to the Board had been received from Cathy Roarty, Local Health Care Council and following discussion, it was agreed that Cathy Roarty be appointed to the Board.

#### **7.2 Computers for Community Representatives**

The Manager Social Inclusion reported that computers for Community Representatives on the Board had been ordered and that it was anticipated that these would be installed at the homes of the Community Representatives within the next two weeks or so; and that, in addition, arrangements have been put in place to enable the Community Representatives to access training, further information on this to be advised in due course.

#### **7.3 Chief Inspector Stewart Miller**

The Chair formally introduced, and welcomed, Chief Inspector Stewart Miller, Strathclyde Police to this his first meeting of the Board.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8. It was agreed to note that the next meeting of the Board would take place on Thursday 15 August 2002 at 1400 hours.

The meeting terminated at 1442 hours.

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