

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors David Macrae; Jane Darnbrough and Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire & Arran Primary Health Care Trust; Margaret McWilliam, Health Improvement Department, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre; and Community Representatives Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Beryl Graham and Linda Thomson.

ATTENDING: John Clayton, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Kirsten Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

OBSERVING: Cathy Roarty, Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire Local Health Co-operative Council.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey, East Ayrshire Council and Ciss McCreadie, East Ayrshire Council for Voluntary Organisations.

CHAIR: Councillor David Macrae, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of previous meeting held on 8 November 2001.

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1.1 Community Participation

Noted that a funding source had not yet been identified to employ a worker to support the development of the Federation of Community Groups, however, work was ongoing with the Council's External Funding Officer in this regard. It was agreed that a short meeting be held with Community Representatives regarding the proposed establishment of a Federation of Community Groups. A date to be set at the end of the Board meeting.

1.1.2 Community Empowerment

Noted that the Manager Social Inclusion had circulated expense claim forms to Community Representatives and encouraged Community Representatives to claim for legitimate expenses.

1.1.3 Funding Report

Following a request from Matt Donnelly for further information regarding the KULOC Chinese Community Association grant of £16,000.00 it was noted that the Manager Social Inclusion would request a proposed programme of events from the organisation and circulate it to the Community Representatives.

PRINCESS ROYAL CARERS TRUST - PRESENTATION

2. The Chair welcomed Jane Smith, of the East Ayrshire Carers Princess Royal Trust who then gave a Presentation on the work funded by the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board.

The Chair thanked Jane and her team for the excellent work carried out by the Carers Centre.

It was agreed to note the Presentation.

Heather Knox arrived during discussion of the above item.

SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND AND SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE FUND - BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 February 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, 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.

SOCIAL INCLUSION CHALLENGE FUND AND SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AYRSHIRE ALLOCATION

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised on a range of financial issues pertinent to the North Social Inclusion Initiative.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to reallocate £2,000.00 from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund allocation for Public Information to assist with the purchase of computers for Community Representatives;
- (ii) to carry forward the balance of the allocation for Community Representatives' expenses to the next financial year 2002/03;
- (iii) to note the allocation of £65,000.00 for 2002/03 from East Ayrshire Council;
- (iv) to note the allocation of £5,000.00 from Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire and to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to accept this offer and carry out the necessary work to take forward this initiative; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMPUTERS FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

5. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of proposals to provide computers in the homes of the Community Representatives participating on the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to approve funding of £17,000.00 to purchase computers, equipment and associated resources, utilising the £15,000.00 balance of Scottish Enterprise

Ayrshire's allocation to the Initiative and £2,000.00 from the Challenge Fund;
and

- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to take the initiative forward.

ADDICTION PLANNING EVENT

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which provided an update on the outcome of the Addiction Planning Event held at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock on 21 January 2002 and presented a proposal to take forward this Agenda.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to approve match funding of £30,000.00;
- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to establish the short-term working group to prepare an appropriate funding bid; and
- (iv) to note that the short-term working group would be established comprising representatives of the North Board and Core Partners: Nominations were; Beryl Graham, Dave Wilcox (or representative from Kilmarnock College), Jim Burns, Linda Thomson, Jimmy Miller and Gerard Cassidy.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - UPDATE

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which provided a Progress Report on the establishment of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Programme within the Northwest Kilmarnock and Shortlees/Riccarton area.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to pass on the thanks of the Board to Officers from the Community Planning Partners in recognition of the work in preparing the successful funding bid;
- (ii) to note that further feedback would be obtained from the planning event being held on Saturday 16 March 2002 within Council Headquarters which would provide feedback on potential projects for the area; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- 8. The Manager Social Inclusion advised that five nominations had been received for the appointment of Community Representatives. In addition, Peggy Shaw had tendered her resignation, no response had been received from Anne McRoberts and it was assumed that she had resigned. Accordingly, there were now three vacancies for Community Representatives on the Board.

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) to re-appoint Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Beryl Graham and Linda Thomson for a period of two years until 31 March 2004;
- (ii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to make arrangements to advertise the three vacancies for Community Representatives within the local press; and

(iii) to report on progress in due course.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. The Chair advised the next meeting would take place on Thursday 23 May 2002 at 1400 hours within the Park Suite, Kilmarnock Football Club.

The meeting terminated at 1446 hours.

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