

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2002 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE PARK SUITE, KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, RUGBY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council; Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust; Margaret McWilliam and Linda McFadzean, Health Improvement Department, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Chief Inspector Stewart Miller, Strathclyde Police; Dave Wilcock, Kilmarnock College; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire LHCCS; and Community Representatives: Matt Donnelly, Gerard Cassidy, Jimmy Miller, Linda Thomson, Graham Piggott, Mr Ashbridge and Kenneth Stewart.

ATTENDING: Gwen Barker, Manager Social Inclusion; Helen Sinclair, Service Officer (Development); Kirstin Nichols, Accountant, Finance Department; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, and Willie Coffey; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, East Ayrshire Council; and Jim Burns, Action Team Manager, Kilmarnock Job Centre.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, East Ayrshire Council, Chair.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. The Administrative Officer introduced Councillor William Menzies who had been appointed by East Ayrshire Council as the Chair of Social Inclusion.

Councillor Menzies then took the chair and introduced Mr Graham Piggott, Mr Ashbridge and Mr Kenneth Stewart, who had responded to the three vacancies for Community Representatives on the Board from an advertisement in the Kilmarnock Standard.

It was agreed that the above nominees be appointed to the Board to serve until 31 March 2004

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There was submitted (circulated) and agreed as a correct record, the Minutes of previous meeting held on 23 May 2002.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING

2.1.1 Community Participation

The Manager Social Inclusion, reported and it was noted that a meeting had been arranged for 20 August 2002 with Helen Sinclair and Leigh Blackie to hold a session with Community Representatives to discuss support measures and to consider future needs.

2.1.2 Staffing

The Manager Social Inclusion reported that arrangements were being made to recruit the North Social Inclusion Initiative Co-ordinator and sought nominations for (a) Community Representative to be appointed to the Selection Panel and that

interested Community Representatives should contact the Manager Social Inclusion direct.

2.1.3 Computers for Community Representatives

The Manager Social Inclusion reported that computers for Community Representatives were being installed at the homes of the Community Representatives and apologised for the delay in putting arrangements in place and advised that the three new Community Representatives would also be included within this initiative.

“CONSULTING ON SERVICES” - AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN WIDE PROPERTY STRATEGY

3. There was submitted a questionnaire (circulated) prepared by the Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust seeking the participation of Board Members to complete the questionnaire on “Consulting on Services” - Ayrshire and Arran Wide Property Strategy.

Following discussion led by Heather Knox, Director of Estates and Facilities, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care NHS Trust it was agreed to request Board Members to complete the questionnaire and return it in the self-addressed envelope provided by 20 August 2002.

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

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council, which advised of the current position with regard to the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire's funding, in respect of the North Social Inclusion Initiative.

ADDICTION INITIATIVE

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 August 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which advised of the progress of the Addiction Sub-group in relation to the development of an addiction initiative in the north of East Ayrshire.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the basis of the application to the New Opportunities Fund Better Off Programme;
- (ii) to the use of the challenge fund allocation for 2002/2003 for Phase 1 of the Initiative as detailed in the report;
- (iii) in principle, to receive a further application funding for this Initiative for 2003/2004;
- (iv) in response to the Board's concerns to provide a balanced approach between drug addiction and alcoholic addiction, that the Manager Social Inclusion be remitted:
 - (a) to promote a wider discussion of alcohol addiction by inviting organisations in the alcohol addiction field to a future Board meeting;

- (b) to bring forward proposals to address alcohol addiction issues in the north initiative area;
- (v) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

YOUNG PEOPLE - ACTIVE CITIZENS

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 5 August 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion and the Head of Support to Communities, East Ayrshire Council, which advised Members of a range of planned projects to secure young people's involvement as active citizens.

Following discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the project proposals which would encourage young people to become active citizens as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to contribute £5,000 from the Challenge Fund budget to part fund this Initiative;
- (iii) to remit the Manager Social Inclusion to take forward these proposals in consultation with the Head of the Council's Support to Communities Team; to include the commitment that young people particularly members of the Scottish Youth Parliament who participate in initiatives be encouraged to feedback their experience to other young people in the community;
- (iv) to request that the Manager Social Inclusion provide the three new Community Representatives with background information on the Young People - Citizen's Charter; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - UPDATE

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 August 2002 (circulated) by the Manager Social Inclusion which provided a progress report on the establishment of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Programme within North-West Kilmarnock and Shortlees/Riccarton.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - TRAVEL EXPENSES

9. The Manager Social Inclusion advised that the current mileage rate of 42 p per mile would now incur income tax due to changes in legislation and suggested that Community Representatives may wish to consider submitting claims based on a 40 p per mile rate.

It was agreed to note the position.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. The Chair advised that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 7 November 2002 at 1400 hours within the Park Suite.

The meeting terminated at 1505 hours.