

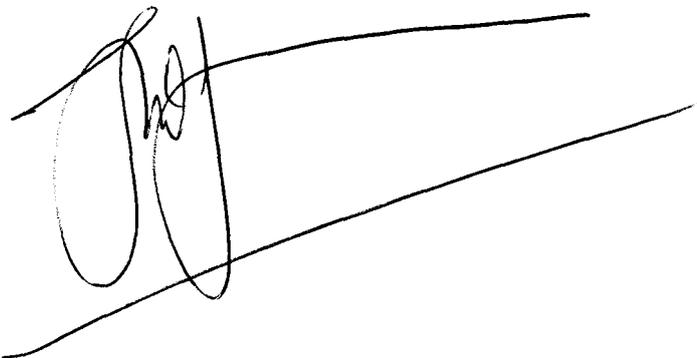
To: NORTH AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM	
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Date: 2 MAY 2002	Ref: BP/MF	

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to submit the minute of the Cumbernauld Community Forum meeting to the Area Committee. The minute of 6 March 2002 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Area Committee is requested to note the minute of the meeting held by the Cumbernauld Community Forum.



Cumbernauld Community Forum

Minutes of meeting 6th March 2002

Present: - Mrs A Sneddon – Condorrat Community Council
S McCrae – Cumbernauld YM-YWCA
A Sneddon – Cumbernauld Civic Trust
Isobel Chisholm from Abronhill Housing Association.
Betty McNeil Cumbernauld Victim Support & Beaver Scouts

Also Mrs B Philliben North Lanarkshire Council
Robert McHarg North Lanarkshire Council

Cumbernauld Housing Partnership nomination was brought up as an Agenda item. Stewart explained that a nomination would be needed from the Community Forum as we had that right. The person would become a Director of the Partnership.

Mr McHarg explained about North Lanarkshire Council's Youth Strategy going through a presentation explaining the various factors involved in the problem and the way that it might be improved. He explained that a Youth Conference was to be held in the near future in Cumbernauld and that the feedback from that would be taken into account too. He was thanked for a very interesting presentation.

The problem of loitering and alcohol was mentioned, the Youth Shelter which had been talked about at the Crime Prevention Panel was thought to be a problem in that it would need staffing and there might be transport problems depending on where it was located.

Attendance at Community Forum It was felt that since the attendance at meetings was so low in general that the Forum needed to look at ways of bringing people back or introducing them to the Forum. It was felt that perhaps the CVS overlapped what we do and that they also have access to the Scottish Office. They also have the most up to date list of organisations. It was felt that North Lanarkshire Council had driven the Forum in the beginning but the enthusiasm seemed to be lacking now. Although kept supporting Fora but it was felt that it was not giving them anything to do. It was felt that Cclr Jones should be contacted about our feelings and formal concerns for her to take forward.

All members are to be contacted and asked what values they are looking for from the Area Forum and what they are looking for as the way ahead.

A Youth Conference report was thought to be worthwhile for the Autumn and Cclr Jones & Richard Teale would be asked to attend.