

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

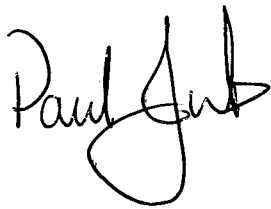
To: NORTH AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Date: 9 MARCH 2005	Ref: BP/MF

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 11 January 2005 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**  
**Meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2005**

<b>In Attendance</b>	Hugh Gough	Carbrain Learning Centre Trust
	Alice Homer	Carbrain & Hillcrest Community Council
	Ramsay Kyle	Balloch Eastfield CC
	Alan J Sneddon	JAG
	Mae Hardy	Kenilworth Patient Partner Group
	ChristineMcNeil	Cumbernauld Women's Watershed Group
	Robert Towart	CL&D
	Tom Reily	CACE
	Chris Kay	Craigmarloch CC
	Ailsa Clunie	Craigmarloch CC
	Jim Watson	NLC Planning & Environment
	Cllr Bob Chadha	Elected Member
	Angi Inch	G & MFR Association
	Sam Mitchell	JAG

<b>Apologies</b>	Stewart McCrae	YMCA
	Lesley Fishleigh	Princess Royal Lanarkshire Carers
	Rose Bowie	CTA
	Ian Thorn	CTA
	Jim Clark	CACE
	Maureen Hendry	NLN CVS
	Yvonne McDermott	Poverty Alliance

**2. Chair Opening Remarks**

- 2.1. Tom Reilly wished everyone season's greetings and welcomed them to the meeting. He intimated that representatives from Poverty Alliance were unable to attend due to the adverse weather conditions. Tom stated that he would like to highlight some points; bus trip (taken under matters arising), new shopping development, wheelie bins and M80
- 2.1. New shopping development: Tom tried to contact a representative to come along to tonight's meeting. Jim Watson suggested that Ian Nesbit would be the appropriate contact. Jim Watson will e-mail Mr Nesbit to invite him to next meeting
- 2.2. Wheelie bins: All areas in Cumbernauld have had blue wheelie bins delivered. The delivery is part of the recycling programme for Cumbernauld. It was noted that there was no consultation and that not all housing in Cumbernauld can accommodate wheelie bins. Provision for glass and tins has been discontinued. Householders are being asked make their own arrangements to re-cycle tins and glass.  
Cllr. Chadha stated that a pilot scheme regarding re-cycling is being carried out in Balloch/Eastfield.  
The degree of feeling regarding this matter was sufficiently strong that members were advised to write to Community Services.
- 2.4. Tom stated that consultation is taking place regarding M80 upgrade. He encouraged everyone to send their views to:  
Chief Road Engineer  
Scottish Executive Enterprise  
Transport and Lifelong Learning Department  
Trunk Road Design and Construction Division

Design Team1  
Mailpoint 23

3. **Adoption of minutes of previous meeting.**

Proposed – Ailsa Clunie, Seconded – Hugh Gough.

4. **Matters Arising.**

4.1. Tom invited Jim Watson to give an update on the bus tour. Jim Watson stated that all changes or amendments to notes were approved at the last meeting. He has now passed all notes from tour to relevant Departments and will provide updates regarding progress at future meetings.

4.2. Tom highlighted the following points from the minute regarding the Local Plan:

- Lobbying Local Councillors
- M80 route
- Housing areas being planned without all the necessary local facilities
- Need for properly planned play areas
- Flooding risk
- Revitalising of Town Centre and implication of Ravenscraig development
- Local planning is a process and this was a first step.

He expressed his concern regarding the level of notice that has been taken of the Forum discussion.

Cllr Chadha gave a list of dates set for Joint Convenors meetings that will discuss the five 'key topics' identified in the Local Plan. The dates are as follows:

15 April – Housing

22 April – Environment

29 April – Town Centre/ Retail

6 May – Business and the economy

He indicated that the remaining topic – Transport and accessibility would be discussed as an integral part of each of the listed topics.

He suggested that the views of the Forum should be included in the discussion.

A discussion followed regarding the appropriate mechanism to feed in the views of the Forum.

Ailsa Cunie and Jim Watson both referred to the previous meeting and indicated that there had been agreement based on the proposal from Stephen Keegan that members consult their group to identify any additional issues to add to or develop 'Key Topics'

Ailsa and Angi Inch had undertaken this exercise and had brought along papers expressing the views of their group.

The Forum decided on two courses of action:

- a) Each group was asked to complete the consultation exercise and bring the findings to the next meeting.
- b) The forum will organise a Local Plan Open Day. The event will be workshop based and open to all interested parties.

Jim Watson suggested that David Jones and his staff could act as facilitators at the open day. He will contact David Jones.

Tom will form a sub-group to take the open day forward.

4.3. A80.

Tom made comment on the special planning meeting of the council that had taken place on the previous Monday evening to respond to the consultation process on the M80. He was concerned that the issue had gone to the committee without consultation from the Forum.

He suggested that it would have been better if there had been consultation with the Forum prior to any decisions being made.

It was reported that the minister responsible for the routing of the A80 has made a U-turn and the public enquiry will consider alternative routes including the Kelvin Valley.

JAG has lobbied councillors to review position regarding A80. A group of former CDC officials will present case to public enquiry.

It was noted that objections should be submitted before 21 Jan.

Cllr Chadha asked why this date specifically.

Jim Watson stated that line orders have gone out which require objections to be in by Jan21.

Tom and Angi were asked to draft an objection on behalf of the Forum. Copy should be e-mailed to all N.L.Cllrs.

## 5. **AOCB**

### 5.1. Mobile phone masts.

Ailsa raised concerned at the proposed siting of mobile phone masts in Craigmarloch. She was not sure whether formal objections could be made

Cllr Murray indicated those while objections can be made there are little grounds for objection.

Jim Watson stated that Councils have to be careful as appeals that are upheld could result in huge costs.

### 5.2. Health Board consultation.

Concern was expressed that the public meetings were scheduled over the holiday period and that Community Councils were not informed.

### 5.3. Date of next Area Committee meeting is 27 Jan at Chryston High School. The main item will be the presentation of the finance process.

### 5.4. Tsunami Appeal.

Hugh Gough asked if the Forum could make a donation. This item was deferred to the next meeting. Robert will consult with Barbara re this matter.

## 6.0. **Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22 February at 7.30 in the District Court Room Cumbernauld and tea and coffee will be provided.