

NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 21 January 2010

Court Room, Bron Way, Cumbernauld, 21 January 2010 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Billy Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum; Geraldine Queen, NHS Lanarkshire; Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillors Carrigan, Chadha, Goldie, Grant, Griffin, Homer, Irvine, Jones, McCulloch, McElroy, McGlinchey, Murray, O'Brien and Wallace, North Lanarkshire Council; John Rose, Northern Community Forum; Gerry MacMillan and John Lubanski, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector Brian Connell, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

C. Johnstone, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services); Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; M. Dickson, Regeneration Manager; J. Ashcroft, Technical Officer; J. Marran, Business Manager (Roads Strategy and Assets); D. O'Kane, Planning Officer and D. Sutton, Built Heritage and Design Team Leader.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Key, McElroy and Shaw.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

M. Rennie, Transport Scotland and Bryan Tennant, Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

OPENING REMARKS

The Convener welcomed all members of the public to the meeting of the Partnership including those present who opposed the proposed closure of the St. Francis of Assisi Primary School.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. There were no declarations received.

SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

2. The Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, North Lanarkshire Council, provided a detailed presentation on the budget process of the Council and the public expenditure allocation arrangements and highlighted the (1) budget position including long term planning; (2) Scottish Government proposals; (3) sources of income and proposed expenditure; (4) additional cost pressures facing the Council beyond 2010/2011; (5) key aims of the financial plan, and (6) key dates in the 2010/2011 budget process.
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Thereon, the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services responded to the questions raised.

Decided: that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services and the comments raised be noted.

A80 UPDATE - PRESENTATION

3. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 13 August 2009, the Convener introduced M. Rennie, Transport Scotland, who provided a detailed presentation on the progress of the construction of the M80 Steps to Hags and answered any questions raised.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that representatives from Highway Maintenance Scotland (HMS), Jacobs Designers/Consultants and Highway Maintenance Contracts (HMC) be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to provide a further update on the progress of the contract, and
- (2) that the presentation be otherwise noted.

PROVISION OF BUS SERVICES IN CUMBERNAULD - STRATHCLYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPORT

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 8 October 2009, the Convener introduced Bryan Tennant from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport who provided a detailed presentation outlining (1) the responsibility of Strathclyde Passenger Transport in relation to the operation of bus services in Cumbernauld; (2) the bus services and SPT subsidised and commercial bus services within the Cumbernauld area, and (3) details of current operating issues and problems.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2009

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 8 October 2009.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 8 October 2009 be noted.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 10 November 2009.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 10 November 2009 be noted.

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MINUTE OF MEETING OF KILSYTH AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

7. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 7 September 2009.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 7 September 2009 be noted.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM

8. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 18 August 2009.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 18 August 2009 be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUMS – UPDATE

(1) CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM

9. There was submitted a report by Cumbernauld Community Forum (1) providing an overview of the Community Forum activities and actions, and (2) summarising (a) issues which had been highlighted by Community Forum members, and (b) outstanding issues which had been raised at a previous meeting of the Partnership. The Partnership then heard B. Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum update the members on the activities of the Forum.

Decided: that the report and update be noted.

(2) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

10. There was submitted a report by Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum (1) providing an overview of the Community Forum activities and actions; (2) outlining the issues which had been highlighted by Community Forum members, and (3) summarising the Community Forum achievements and new developments.

Decided: that the report and update be noted.

The Convener intimated that no report had been received from Northern Corridor Community Forum and invited John Rose, Northern Corridor Community Forum to provide an oral update on the activities of the Northern Corridor Community Forum.

NORTH CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM - ORAL UPDATE

11. Thereon, the Partnership heard J. Rose, Northern Corridor Community Forum (1) provide an overview of the Community Forum activities and actions; (2) outline any issues which had been highlighted by the Community Forum members, and (3) summarise the Community Forum achievements and new developments.

Decided: that the oral update be noted.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

12. There was submitted a joint report prepared by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Strathclyde Police and Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council advising of initiatives and measures taken in partnership with local agencies to minimise the level of crime in the area and providing details thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - NORTH LOCALITY

13. There was submitted a report by Geraldine Queen, NHS Lanarkshire providing an update in relation to (1) winter planning for local health services; (2) the bowel screening programme; (3) the provision of NHS uniforms; (4) the launch of the mental health improvement social marketing campaign; (5) the impact of the H1N1 virus in the locality; (6) the diabetic retinal screening/diabetes service, and (7) recent health improvement initiatives.

Arising from discussion thereon it was proposed that a presentation be provided to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership in relation to the Stroke Thrombolysis Pilot.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that a presentation be provided at the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee regarding the Stoke Thrombolysis Pilot, and
- (2) that the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

14. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 October 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of projects of the Local Development Programme; (2) providing, in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, an update on the delivery of various projects identified for investment in the financial years 2008/2009 and 2009/2010, and (3) seeking approval of projects as outlined in Appendix 3 anticipated for delivery in the period 2010/2011.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects in 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 as detailed in the Appendix to the report by the Head of Planning and Development be noted;
- (2) that the projects as listed within Appendix 3 to the report for delivery in the period 2010/2011 be approved, and
- (3) that the progress in delivering projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH TOWN CENTRES

15. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 October 2009, there was submitted a report dated 21 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and
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Development, North Lanarkshire Council providing an update in relation to the progress being made regarding the regeneration of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth town centres.

Thereon the Partnership heard D. O'Kane, Planning Officer and D. Sutton, Built Heritage and Design Team Leader provide an update in relation to the progress within Cumbernauld and Kilsyth town centres.

Decided: that the report and update be noted.

NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT CONSULTATION UPDATE

16. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Roads and Transportation, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update in respect of development of the new Local Transport Strategy Document (2) outlining the background to the updated Local Transport Strategy Document which would be linked to the Council's Corporate and Community Plans and cover the period up to 2012; (3) setting out details of the key aims and objectives contained within the document, and (4) seeking views on the consultative draft after which the Local Transport Strategy would be re-examined and revised as necessary.

Thereon, J. Marran, Business Manager (Roads Strategy and Assets), North Lanarkshire Council intimated that the consultation period had been extended until mid February 2010.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES

17. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 11 December 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 21 January 2010 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) outlining the Estate Based Initiative projects that had been identified for 2009/2010 financial year; (2) advising that a sum of £18,068 had been made available within the Housing Revenue Account budget for the implementation of Estate Based Initiative projects designed to upgrade the local environment within the Kilsyth, Cumbernauld and Moodiesburn areas; (3) outlining, in the Appendix to the report, details of four projects which had been identified by the Local Area Housing Officer for implementation under the scheme for 2009/10, and (4) seeking approval of initiatives as detailed in the report.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the four Estate Based Initiatives at a total cost of £18,060 as described in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE AND REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AREAS

18. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council (1) seeking comments/representations on the second batch of draft supplementary planning guidance and the review of conservation areas both of which were linked to the emerging North Lanarkshire Local Plan (2) intimating that a Programme of Community Engagement and Consultation was planned to run until Monday, 15 February 2010, after which the Council would move to adopt the guidance; (3) setting out, in the report, details of the draft supplementary documents which would be available for consultation, and (4) advising that the Council was carrying out a review of the conservation areas within North Lanarkshire and had a duty to
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investigate whether there were other existing areas which may be worthy of further consideration as possible future conservation areas.

Thereon D. O'Kane, Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council intimated that the consultation period had been extended until 1 March 2010.

Decided: that the consultation on the second batch of draft supplementary planning guidance and review of conservation areas be noted.

ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND CONSULTATION – TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT

19. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of North Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 11 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of a consultation paper issued by the Interim Election Management Board for Scotland canvassing the possibility of moving the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election from overnight commencing immediately following the close of poll until the following day; (2) intimating that the Board had identified that the results of overnight counts for the forthcoming General Election were likely to be later than has been the case in previous elections due principally to the increase in the number of electors using postal votes and the new statutory requirement to check signatures of postal voters; (3) informing that the consultation process sought the views of political parties, the media and other stakeholders including Returning Officers by 25 January 2010; (4) intimating that, in North Lanarkshire, the counting of votes would take place in three separate count locations across North Lanarkshire as detailed therein, and (5) advising that, should the counting of votes commence immediately following the close of poll, the declaration of results would not be unduly delayed, however, it was accepted there would be some savings in terms of costs if the counting of votes was delayed until the morning of the day following polling day.

Decided: that the consultation exercise being undertaken by the Election Board for Scotland, canvassing the possibility of moving the counting of the votes in the forthcoming General Election from overnight, commencing immediately following the close of poll, until the following day be noted.

The Chair being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant and competent authorised its consideration.

MEETING OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE DURING APRIL AND OCTOBER 2010

20. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 24 September 2009, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services (1) informing that there was a difficulty with the scheduled dates for the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership/Area Committee to be held on 15 April and 14 October 2010, and (2) seeking approval for the dates of the meetings to be scheduled to take place on 15 April and 14 October 2010 to be held on 22 April and 7 October 2010 respectively.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the dates for the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership/Area Committee change from 15 April and 14 October to 22 April and 7 October 2010.

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PRESENT

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CHAIR

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Technical Officer; Business Manager (Roads Strategy and Assets); Planning Officer and Built Heritage and Design Team Leader, Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Key, McElroy, O'Brien and Shaw.

OPENING REMARKS

The Convener welcomed all members of the public to the meeting of the Area Committee.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Decided: There were no declarations received.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2010

The Committee gave consideration to recommendations made by the North Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 21 January 2010 and agreed, in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

Decided: that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services and the comments raised be noted.

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(2) A80 UPDATE - PRESENTATION

Decided:

- (1) that representatives from Highway Maintenance Scotland (HMS), Jacobs Designers/Consultants and Highway Maintenance Contracts (HMC) be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to provide a further update on the progress of the contract, and
- (2) that the presentation be otherwise noted.

(3) PROVISION OF BUS SERVICES IN CUMBERNAULD - STRATHCLYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPORT

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

(4) MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2009

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(9) NORTH CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM - ORAL UPDATE

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(10) COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

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