

Cumbernauld Community Forum

Minutes of Meeting held on 9th February 2010

1 Present:

Billy Lees, Chairman
 Alice Homer, Vice-Chairman
 Anne Macdonald, Secretary
 Stewart Darar, Esse Dee Comm Ent
 Maureen Davidson, CACE
 John Gibb, Village CC
 Pastor Jim Gibson
 Mae Hardy Kennelworth, PP
 John Hennessy, FOC
 Bobby Johnstone, Condorrat CC
 Wilma Knox, CHP Tenant's Forum

Donald Masterton, Esse-Dee Comm Ent
 Christine McNeil, Wms Wshed/Cult Forum
 Sam Mitchell, Ass. Comm. Clls
 David McArthur, Now You're Talking
 Gerry Murphy, NLAP
 Peter Murphy, NLAP
 Charlie McCarry, Recap
 Mike Ogden, Cum. Comm. Park
 Brian O'Neil, Alpha Project
 Tom Reilly, CACE
 Iain Sinclair, YMCA
 Gordon Wright, W/wood CC

Apologies: C. Oliver Allen, Village CC
 Rose Bowie, KCCT
 Jackie Cowx, Treasurer
 Fiona Inrig
 Campbell Kinloch, CHP
 Barney Kinsler, Friends of Cum Com Park
 Douglas Logan, W/wood CC
 Louise Rimmer, CHP
 Alan Sneddon, NLDAP

In Attendance: Ros Griffith, NLC
 Councilor Gordon Murray
 Nick Dekker

2 Chairman's remarks: The Chairman informed the forum of the death of James Hunt who was well-known to forum members. Funeral at the Holy Cross Church, Croy on Wednesday at 10.00am.

There was discussion on the Local Area Partnership the chair advised that he has approached the convener before the meeting started and asked if the school representatives could speak to the councilors but he was told no. This meant that the schools Representatives were not allowed to challenge the councilors at the LAP meeting. The chair stated that at the fora network meeting all forum like they are not equal partners. There followed a lengthy discussion about how effective the LAP was and it was decided that a letter should be written to the Chief Executive to inform him of how the forum feels about the LAP.

The Chairman stated he would meet with Martin Dickson to discuss the matter as the LAP was being challenged by all in the Fora Network. The LAP is the main item on the agenda for the next Fora Network meeting on the 25th February.

SPT: The chair felt that the SPT presentation was a waste of time they fobbed off questions saying that it was up to the individual bus companies. Billy asked why 1st bus was allowed to put on extra busses just to push out the small local bus company.

ST Enoch clock: Billy asked Ros to contact the new Town centre initiative Manager NLC will come back to the forum with an update on the condition of the clock.

3 **Minutes of previous meeting:** The Minutes were proposed by Christine McNeil and seconded by Alice Homer

4 **Matters Arising:** John Gibb asked for the first paragraph in the Village CC report to be Deleted as this was not reported at the CC meeting. This was agreed.

5 **Group Reports: Village Community Council:** The presentation by the Village Care Home Management was well received by members. There was still some resentment at the Care Home being in the Village and the money that had been spent but also acceptance that it had happened and we needed to go forward. The Management team agreed that facilities were lacking for the youth of the Village and would work with the Community Council and CVAC to try to make improvements in that area.
Following the resignation of our long-standing Chairman, Chic Archibald, due to health issues, Neil McCallum was elected Chairman.
Members were annoyed to hear that the LAP meeting had been such a waste of time as far as our rep, John Gibb, was concerned.
Progress with the redevelopment of the Langriggs is gathering speed.
We will be discussing our Conservation area boundary and the rules affecting conservation areas at our meeting on 11th February. C O Allen, Secretary

6 **Sub-groups - Environmental Updates:** After discussion on the presentation by Keith Vernon at their meeting members agreed that we should all work together. We need a master plan and a maintenance plan. Keith also sent an update on Beautiful Scotland setting out the format for this year. A copy of his report will be available at the Forum meeting.

Health: Donald stated that they are nearing their goal with Diabetics and the NHS Lanarkshire Diabetes UK have expressed an interest in working with the forum to support setting up a support group in the local area.

Women's group: The Cumbernauld Theatre are hosting an International Womens Art Exhibition from 5th - 12th March 2010 which will open at 6.30 pm on Friday 5th in the Theatre Bar to which Forum members are invited. Events are still being organised for the Forums' Day on 10 March. 29 Groups will participate. Come and enjoy what's on offer and promote whatever your group does.

PR Group:

7 **Community Engagement:** Rosalyn explained to the forum that her roles was not to do things for the forum but to enable the forum to develop in a manner that enabled them to take charge of their own forum. Billy reminded the forum that the Community Engagement Officer was not his personal assistant and was not there to provide admin support to the forum. When asked who would carry out letter writing on behalf of the groups they were asked speak to the Secretary of the groups as that was part of her role. Rosalyn also advised that her role was more of a strategic role and was about supporting groups to work in partnership with the council and other groups in the area. In addition to this to help the groups consult with their community on local issues.

- 8 **School and Nursery Closures:** Billy informed the Forum that a special meeting will be held in March
- 9 **Gala Day:** The site of the activities etc will be the Southern Boulevard with the stalls and café in the New Town Hall. A risk assessment has to be done with the Police and Fire Departments by 16th March 2010. Task list sheets will be handed out at the next meeting on 18th February at 7pm in the Link Centre.
- 10 **Logo:** New logo has now been confirmed
- 11 **Treasurers' Report:** The Treasurer was not present at the meeting but sent a report via Ros - Bank balance £289.87 cash £59.81.
- 12 **Correspondence:** Letter from Environmental Services regarding their Town Centre Signing Strategy giving information on a display in Fleming House on Monday 1st February.
- 13 **AOCB: Venue for future meetings:**
- 14 **Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 9th March 2010 at 7.00 pm in Cumbernauld College, Mezzanine Floor.**