



## **Cumbernauld Community Forum** **Report to Local Area Partnership**

### **Background**

This paper aims to give LAP members an update on Cumbernauld Community Forum activity over the past few weeks

If you would like more information on any of the forum activities please contact the Billy Lees the chairperson whose phone number is at the bottom of the report.

### **Community Forum Update**

#### **Environmental Protection Sub-group**

This group now meets regularly in the Cumbernauld College and brings together a large number of the environmental groups in the local area.

#### **Food co-op – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The forum has been working in partnership with the Freedom City Church, NHS and local groups to develop a Food co-op in the local area. The Inaugural meeting will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Link Community Centre. On the night there will be a fruit tasting stall and an opportunity to register your support for this type of local project.

#### **Health sub group – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

The Health Sub Group has been working in partnership with NHS to organise an evening to consult with the community to establish if there is a need for a Diabetes Support group in the North Locality Area. This event is being held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April in the Cumbernauld New town Hall. The event is on from 5.30pm with a light buffet and everyone is welcome to come along and take part in the discussion.

#### **Cumbernauld Gala Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010**

Preparations are under way for this event there are regular sub groups meetings to pull together the whole event. The YMCA youth Committee has also taken on the role of organising entertainment for the day and will carry out a piece of consultation with Young People on the day. If your groups or organisations would like to be involved please contact Billy Lees.

#### **Womens sub group**

Held their International Women's Day Event on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Town Hall. It was a great day and the forum would like to thank the Cumbernauld Housing and the Local Councillors for supporting the event.

#### **PR sub group**

The forum now has its new logo and letter head which will be used on future forum paperwork, presentation and local publications. The Forum is now designing its new Banner for use at community events.

### **Issues for consideration at LAP**

**M80** – The forum would like confirmation that the new road speed limit will remain at 50 miles per hour on the new road and not 70 miles per hour.

**SPT** – this presentation was not helpful as they were unable to answer any of our questions could the Convener please invite First Bus to a future meeting as perhaps they could answer some of the questions around the service that they provide in the area of Cumbernauld.

### **Outstanding LAP Issues**

#### **School/Nursery Closure**

Why has the council re zoned the school catchment areas for Smithstone and Blackwood as Westfield for non denominational children and Holy Cross for Catholic children?

The forum is mentioned in the new Community Engagement Strategy as the Key conduit for consultation in the Cumbernauld area so why did the council not inform either the forum or the Westfield Community Council of the consultation process.

#### **Village children's home**

Local residents and a shop keeper have complained about harassment and intimidation by some of the young people living in the new home. The forum would like social work to investigate the incidents and speak to the workers at the home.

#### **Shop Mobility**

Forum would like to know why the town Centre does not have shop mobility. This facility would enable people with mobility issues to make better use of the centre.

#### **Phone Masts**

The forum would like to register it's concern about the proposed phone mast for the Condorrat and Cumbernauld area. In Condorrat the mast will be put next to the Library which in the forums opinion is the wrong place for this mast to go.

#### **Future housing plans for the area**

The forum would like a list of proposed housing development in the Cumbernauld area

**New Link bridge between phase 4 and Tryst Road** Can we please have a timescale for this work to be completed? Also can we have information on the proposed disability access to the bridge and the size of the proposed lift for wheelchair access?

**St Enoch clock** – Forum would like the centre to consider moving the clock to a more prominent place where it will be free from vandalism and people can see the workings of the clock the way it used to be displayed.

### **Community Forum Meetings**

The date of the next Community Forum meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in Cumbernauld College

**For further information on the Community Forum, or the contents of this report please contact: Billy Lees (Chairperson) 01236-736342**