

Northern Corridor Community Forum

Minutes of Meeting held 22nd March 2011

At Stepps Cultural Centre

Present

Norman Lancaster	(Moodiesburn Senior Citizens) Secretary
Marvyn MacKay	(Stepps and District Community Council) Chairperson
David McArthur	(Now You're Talking) Vice Chair
John Rose	(Chryston Community Council) Treasurer
Norrie Mills	(Moodiesburn Community Council)
Cathy Paton	(Spark Initiative – Honeypot Nursery)
David Murray	(Chryston Community Council)
John Barr	(Chryston Boys' Brigade)

In Attendance

Rosalyn Griffith	(North Lanarkshire Council)
Martin Dickson	(North Lanarkshire Council)

Apologies Anne Tobia, George McArthur

Welcome Marvyn welcomed everyone to the meeting

Presentation Martin Dickson Regeneration Manager for North Lanarkshire Council
 Martin Dickson gave a presentation on the Reduction of Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) from 6 to 3 and the options around the structure of the new LAPs and how that would impact on the Forum areas and which LAP they would attend.

Following questions and discussion the Northern Corridor Community Forum moved strongly and unanimously in favour of Option 1. There are good reasons for this position given the way strong links have developed between the Northern Corridor and Cumbernauld and Kilsyth over many years. Together with Cumbernauld, Strathkelvin is one of the Council's planned growth areas and is already the fastest growing and now the largest Ward in North Lanarkshire. Nearly all infrastructure services - police, health, utilities and services, local, Scottish and Westminster government functions are based on a Cumbernauld geographical area. All transport routes are direct between the Northern Corridor Communities and Cumbernauld with few such links with Coatbridge and Bellshill.

Minutes on the minutes of the last meeting 25th January 2011 were not available but will be available at the next meeting

Matters Arising Youth Health Event Marvyn Mackay reported on the Youth Health Event held in Chryston High School on Saturday 26th February and thanked all the other agencies i.e NHS Lanarkshire, Chryston High School – staff, parents and pupils and NLC who ensured the success of the event. Over 170 young people attended and as many were accompanied by parents or carers the number at the event was well in excess of 200.

Regeneration Projects Marvyn Mackay reported that the project details and costings had to be worked on with Martin Dickson for inclusion in the next round of funding applications. The projects were the upgrading of various rights of way paths across the Northern Corridor and street realm works in the main community shopping areas

Forum Leaflet 1,200 copies of the Forum Leaflet been printed and these available for distribution at the Youth health Event. The Forum was only charged for 1,000 and the printers, Cowan print, had been very helpful.

North Lanarkshire News Marvyn Mackay reported that this publication was no longer available for Forum news due to cuts by NLC. The Forum would need to find other ways to publicize its meetings and activities. Various suggestions were made such a local posters, local press and publications such 'Stepps on the Level'.

Report from Local Area Partnership

Marvyn Mackay reported that he had attended the last LAP for a short time to present the Forum's Report. This had included references to the NLC Budget Consultation; the Youth Health Event, Regeneration Projects; Road Safety issues in Moodiesburn and Chryston in connection with bus stops; A80 de-trunking and Frankfield Loch Nature reserve. Lap report has been submitted for the next meeting due to be held on Thursday 7th April in Stepps Cultural Centre

Chair's Report Marvyn Mackay advised that all the items in his report had been covered in his report to the AGM and in Matters Arising above,

Treasurer's Report

John provided an update on the finance of the Forum. He also tabled a suggestion to the members that the accounting period should end at the end of December to allow time for the accounts to be checked for the March AGM. This was proposed by John Rose and seconded by Cathy Paton. Accounts were proposed by Norman Lancaster Seconded by John Barr.

Other Competent Business

Due to the fact that Norrie Mills has decided to step down as minute secretary the Forum asked if the Forum could access the service of VANL to support taking the minutes of future Forum meeting

Ros to send updated mailing list to Yvonne at VANL

Norman advised the Forum of his attendance at the Gala Day meetings. The Forum agreed to get a long banner produced for the event to promote the work of the Forum. In addition to this the Forum will also fund the climbing wall and a stall on day. Ros will liaise with CLAD about the Wall

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 17th May at 7pm, venue to be The Pivot Community Centre.

This minute approved (Date) (Chair)