

## Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum Report to Local Area Partnership

### Background

The Forum has held one AGM & one Executive meeting since the last LAP meeting. This paper aims to give the LAP members an update on the activities of the forum in 2011

### Community Forum achievements/new developments

#### Friends of Kelvin Valley Park - Environmental Sub Group

- Kelvin Valley Park Summer newsletter contains a feature about the forum as part of our partnership and publicity campaign
- The group are concerned that a section of the climbing wall at Auchinstarry on the car park area is still fenced off and no work seems to have been done on this. Contact has been made but little information is being given about who is responsible for the area and the reason for it being fenced off for nearly a year.

#### Annual General Meeting- Special Agenda item

#### Housing and Development issue's within Kilsyth & Surrounding villages

The forum held their AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at The Old Library, Burngreen, Kilsyth. The meeting was attended by Shirley Linton NLC and Pamela Humphries NLC. Both gave a presentation on Housing and Development plans for 2011 and the next few years.

From this meeting, there was some issue's that the public had raised. The most problems were development issues.

#### Burngreen Brae

- Are Dawn homes allowed to quarry on site?
- No one seems to be taking responsibility or ownership in controlling this site.

#### Cavalry Park

People who objected to Cavalry park received a letter with conditions of the building work going ahead. Condition number 2 of 27 states

"that No development of any description shall be carried out within the application site until the approved flood risk mitigation scheme has been constructed and fully operational to the satisfaction of North Lanarkshire council as Planning authority (in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection and British waterways as appropriate) Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority". It would seem that this is not the case. As work has begun and this issue is still on going.

### **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

- For Kilsyth Civic week on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the forum had a stall. We took this opportunity to advertise the forum.
- 28<sup>th</sup> June, the Kilsyth & Villages forum will be attending Cumbernauld Forums' Diabetes awareness event. Kilsyth & Villages will have a stall at the event.
- The next Forum meeting will take place in the Old Library, Burngreen, Kilsyth on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm. Included in the agenda will be Kilsyth Health Centre.

### **Outstanding issues**

Kilsyth & Villages forum are still waiting on a response from NHS Lanarkshire regarding the issues' we raised following our public meeting about X-ray equipment being removed from Cumbernauld & Kilsyth.

### **Future Plans**

We recently created a questionnaire on Facebook regarding the Kilsyth Health Centre. We received numerous issues, the most common were;

- The appointment system
- The telephone number; people calling at 8am to try and get an appointment only to be told that they are 30+ in the queue to be answered, Once they do finally get through to speak to some one, they are told there is no appointments left and they need to call back at 8am again tomorrow.
- Along with Issue 2, people have to wait so long to be answered, on hold to a premium rate phone number, only to be told that there are no appointments left. This was costing a lot of money for the person calling.
- The appointments' not being flexible enough for those who are in full time employment.

The forum is now looking to arrange a meeting with the practice manager to discuss solving these issues'.

### **Partnership**

As always we are continuing to develop new partnerships to promote the work of the Forum and insure we reach as many local people as possible.

**If you would like to find out more about the work of  
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