

# Northern Corridor Community Forum

## Report to Local Area Partnership – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014

### 1.0 Background

**1.0** This report provides LAP members with an update on the Northern Corridor Community Forum activities since the last meeting of the LAP and highlights issues of interest and concern to the Forum and the local communities in the Northern Corridor.

### 2.0 Community Forum Update

**2.1** The Forum was represented at the meetings of NHS Lanarkshire PPF Reference Group, Moodiesburn Community Development Trust, Voice of Experience, Reshaping Care for Older People Consortium, 'SeeMe' Campaign, the Community Forums Network, the North Area Crime Prevention Panel, the Local Voluntary Organisations Network Meeting and a Briefing Meeting for the Commonwealth Games Road Trials Event in 2014.

**2.2** The planning and preparatory work for environmental improvements to the public space adjacent to Cumbernauld Road in Muirhead funded by the Regeneration Fund is continuing, the works have now commenced and will continue for completion early in 2014. However, the Roads Department has advised that there is no funding available to undertake the provision of additional parking bays on Cumbernauld Road, an issue raised with the Forum by local shopkeepers during consultation on this project and so better enforcement of the existing parking restrictions is required.

**2.3** As a member of the North Area Consortium for Reshaping Care for Older People the Forum participated in October in an Open Day at Chryston Cultural Centre for older people's organisations. This was to promote awareness of the availability of funding for new and additional capacity for existing groups and activities to enhance the quality of life for older people. Whilst the number who attended was not great, the outcome has seen new applications being submitted and other groups planning to make applications next year.

**2.4** On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November the Forum sponsored a Family Health Event in Chryston High School. Using funding from NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Fund and its own funding from NLC, this free event featured a wide range of healthy living activities raising awareness of and encouraged greater participation in sports, physical and leisure activities as well as promoting healthy life-styles in eating, drinking and leisure pursuits. North Lanarkshire Leisure, Community Learning and Development, voluntary and charitable organisation as well as local sports clubs and groups were there giving demonstrations and offered taster sessions on a wide and diverse range of such activities. Teachers and pupils from the XL Group in the school assisted in planning, promoting and helping to stage the event which clearly demonstrated the value of the asset the community has in the new Chryston High School as a community as well as educational resource.

**2.5** The Forum attended briefing session presented by North Lanarkshire Council and Glasgow 2014 on the planning and staging of the Commonwealth Games Road Tine Trials Event to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 through the Northern Corridor. The Forum is keen to be involved in planning, organisation and local events in support of and to contribute to community engagement and ultimate success of this major event which will hopefully be a great boost to the local area in so many ways. However, the Forum is disappointed at what appears to be some partners forging ahead with planning supporting events and have not formally engaged with or invited the Forum to attend planning

meetings The Forum will be attending further briefing meetings and hopes to be actively involved in the further planning and preparations for staging this event. The Forum also appreciates the improvements to the local infrastructure such as roads which will come from having this event.

### 3.0 Issues for consideration of the LAP

**3.1** The Chair of the Forum continues to attend meetings of the Health Board Boundary Changes Working Group as the representative from the North Lanarkshire NHS Public Partnership Forum. It has now become clear that due to the absence of an adequate infrastructure for health service provision within the Northern Corridor many of the community health services which should transfer from Glasgow to NHS Lanarkshire on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 will not be able to do so and will continue to be provided by Glasgow on the basis of Service Level Agreements. As indicated in the last report, there is an opportunity here for the NHS and the Council to undertake a joint review of health and social care provision in the Northern Corridor with options for working together to develop a service base around the redevelopment/refurbishment of Chilterns Care Home for which the Council has already made provision for a major investment. However, in the meantime these interim arrangements, which we should be aware could be for a long time, may still impinge negatively on the provision of integrated health and social care services in the Northern Corridor as this is very similar to the current arrangement and does not provide the intended outcome of the health board boundary changes that these services are managed and provided by a single agency working within its own boundaries. The Forum believes this adds urgency and priority to proposal made above in regard to a joint investment in infrastructure development in Chryston.

### 4.0 Outstanding LAP Issues

**4.1** The Forum remains concerned regarding the safety of pedestrians and road users in Glenmanor Road, Moodiesburn and Chryston Road, Muirhead due to bus stops located opposite junctions, not set back in laybys and one in Chryston Road being used as a terminus opposite a junction.

**4.2** The issue of the need for a pedestrian crossing on Lindsaybeg Road at or near its junction with Chryston Main Street was raised by the Forum at the meeting of the LAP on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013. It was agreed to request officers to carry out another investigation to assess this need for and to report to the LAP. This Report is still awaited and the need, in the view of the Forum has not diminished in the meantime, rather the opposite.

### 5.0 Community Forum Meetings

**5.1** The next Meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm in Chryston Cultural Centre, Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston.

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