

**Northern Corridor
COMMUNITY FORUM**
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Report to Local Area Partnership – 10th April 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, the Community Forums Network, the North Area Crime Prevention Panel, the Local Voluntary Organisations Network Meeting, Briefing Meetings for the Commonwealth Games Cycling Time Trials Event in 2014 and local Gala Day Committees.

2.2 Phase 1 of the environmental improvement work to the public space adjacent to Cumbernauld Road in Muirhead funded by the Regeneration Fund is continuing and will be completed shortly. A meeting with the landscape architect is to be arranged to consider how the additional monies allocated this financial year can be best used to complete this project in Muirhead and Chryston.

2.3 The North Area Consortium for Reshaping Care for Older People, of which the Forum is a member, disbursed the whole of its allocation of £15k for 2013/14 to local voluntary groups for older people and the Northern Corridor received a proportionate this funding. This funding from the Change Fund is to assist voluntary groups to develop new and additional capacity and activities for older people to enhance their quality of life and to assist them to remain in their own homes for longer by prevention of the need for social and health care services.

2.4 The Forum continues to be involved in the local planning and preparation meetings for local activities to be staged alongside the Commonwealth Games Cycling Time Trials Event to be held on 31st July 2014 through the Northern Corridor. The opportunity will be taken to promote and raise the profile of the Forum in the local community. In addition, the Forum is promoting awareness of the North Lanarkshire Stage of the Queen's Baton Relay starting in Stepps on Monday 23rd June 2014 by providing official bunting and hand held flags with Glasgow 2014 logos for local primary schools prior to this event to help promote the children and parents' recognition of this event going taking place in the area.

2.5 The Forum is supporting local Gala Days by participation in the local organising committees, namely Moodiesburn and Muirhead and Chryston Gala Days being held on Saturday 21st June and Saturday 30th August respectively. This will also involve the Forum in funding activities, specifically those which promote healthy lifestyles and greater awareness of healthy living and positive awareness of mental health through the 'Seeme' Campaign of which the Forum remains an active member.

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. These changes were implemented on 1st April 2014 but as reported previously, will have minimal impact on the way community health services are provided in the Northern Corridor due to the inadequate health infrastructure in the area which NHS Lanarkshire inherited from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. As suggested previously, this would be an opportune time for NHS Lanarkshire and the North Lanarkshire 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 of Chilterns Care Home for which the Council has already made provision for a major investment. The Forum believes there is an urgent and priority imperative for these partners to identify or source adequate joint investment funding for joint health and social care infrastructure development in the Northern Corridor area, preferably in Chryston, and recommends that the LAP request a report from these partners on this matter for the next meeting.

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.

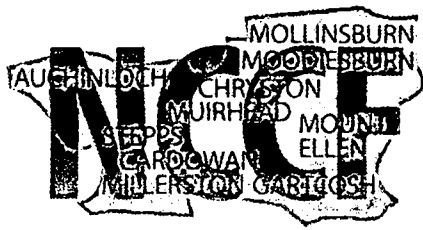
4.2 The issue of the need for a pedestrian crossing on Lindsaybeg Road at or near its junction with Chryston Main Street was raised by the Forum at the meeting of the LAP on 25th October 2013. The LAP requested officers to carry out another investigation to assess the need for a pedestrian crossing at this location 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.

4.3 The Forum remains concerned about the poor and unreliable public transport provision in the area and the lack of through and integrated services with neighbouring communities. It is understood that a meeting is to be arranged with senior managers of local public transport providers to discuss these issues but it appears that officers of the Council are having difficulty engaging with and getting the providers to make a commitment to such a meeting. The Forum recommends that the LAP supports the setting up of this meeting and uses whatever measures deemed appropriate to ensure this meeting to takes place. This meeting would be an opportunity for representatives of the local Community Forums and other partners to raise issues and seek answers from the public transport providers in the area on what needs to be done to improve public transport services.

5.0 Community Forum Meetings

5.1 The next Meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum is on Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Stepps Cultural Centre, St Andrews Way, Blenheim Avenue, Stepps.

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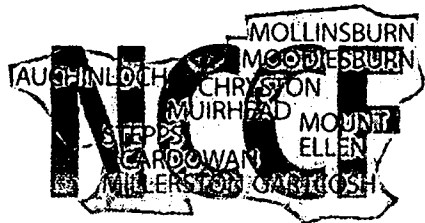
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<p>able to share the lunch. The feedback from the evaluation forms was not available nor was the budget breakdown in terms of expenditure incurred by the Forum and from the Health Improvement Budget. This to be made available for the next meeting. Despite these points it was felt to have been a worthwhile event and one which could be repeated. Next time however, take more time in planning, advertising and promotion, have a café and ensure greater commitment from stall holders so that they actually turn up on the day.</p>	<p>Linda, Ros and NHS</p>
<p>John Barr reported that the Boys' Brigade had completed the First Aid training as approved for 12 persons but that he had been oversubscribed and now had another 12 persons keen to do the training. He asked if further funding of £500 could be requested from the Health Improvement Budget to which the Forum readily agreed so long as there were still funds available this year. Marvyn to make enquiries with the NHS.</p>	<p>Marvyn</p>
<p>6. Paths and Rights of Way Project: Nothing to report</p>	<p>Cath and Marvyn</p>
<p>7. Crime Prevention Panel: Nothing to report. Marvyn noted that we do not have a representative on the Panel now and asked for volunteers. Cath Paton said she would be the Forum's representative if the time of the meetings did not clash with her other activities. Marvyn thanked Cath for volunteering to take on this role and said ne would get information about the schedule of meetings</p>	
<p>8. Local Area Partnership: The last meeting was on 24th October and the main interest for the Northern Corridor was the proposal to allocate another £20k to the Muirhead Environmental Improvement which would ensure completion of all the items highlighted in the original and subsequent surveys. The other outstanding issues viz. the meeting with public transport providers which had still to be arranged and a report the roads issues in Chryston and Moodiesburn was not yet available.</p>	
<p>9. See Me Campaign: The Signing-up Event had taken place on Wednesday 9th October in Cumbernauld and John Barr had been present with pipers from the 1st Chryston Boys' Brigade. He had signed the pledge on behalf of the Company along with five other local organisations. The other star</p>	

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	<p>attraction was a band whose membership was drawn from Abronhill High School. They performed several numbers and gave a premiere of a song they had composed about the 'Seeme Campaign' and issues relating to mental health. It was an excellent performance and the lyrics showed a depth of understanding of the issues involved. John Barr said that as result of networking at the event, 'Well Informed' was coming to the give a talk and presentation to the BB Company.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>7.</p>	<p>Chairperson's Report:</p> <p>Marvyn reported that, in addition to the other activities already discussed and on the Agenda, he and Linda had attended a meeting arranged by North Lanarkshire Learning and Leisure and Glasgow 2014. This meeting was to brief local Councillors and community representative about the arrangements for the Cycling Road Time Trials event which would be held on Thursday 31st July 2014 through the Northern Corridor. Lindsaybeg Road would be a major staging post with a time checkpoint and the return to Glasgow for both the men's and women's events. NLC and Glasgow 2014 hoped to engage local communities in supporting and promoting the event which would involve major road closures for the day. There were some ideas already and a little concern raised about an apparent lack of co-ordination and involvement of the whole community. It was hoped that this would be sorted out and allow full engagement by any interested bodies in a co-ordinated and well managed response. Marvyn and Linda would be invited to attend future meetings to contribute to and to hear of the developing plans</p> <p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Linda reported that the balance in account is £1,243.30 after paying for most of the Family Health Events items agreed by the Forum. There were still some outstanding payments and clarification was required as to which budget would be charged but nothing to be concerned about.</p> <p>The Forum is now registered for online banking and this has made it much easier to make payments and keep track of the Forum's funds.</p>	<p>Marvyn and Linda</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>No report. Position vacant.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Report from NHS Lanarkshire North PPF:</p> <p>Marvyn reported that the health board boundary changes steering group had concluded that due to the lack of accommodation in the Northern Corridor, many of the services for which the responsibility would pass from Glasgow to Lanarkshire could not be carried through at this time and instead the services would continue to be provided by Glasgow on the basis of Service Level Agreements. The Accommodation Sub-Group had not been able to identify any premises or alternative short term solutions to this problem, although there was</p>	<p>Marvyn</p>



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	<p>still a possibility that an approach might be made to the Council to discuss using or extending the development of the replacement facility for Chilterns Home to include accommodation for community health services. The Forum agreed this was a sensible option to investigate and to make enquiries with the relevant authorities about taking this proposal forward.</p>	Marvyn
10.	<p>Report from Community Forum network:</p> <p>Marvyn advised that he had been unable to attend the meeting on 27th November.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>Norman Lancaster updated the Forum on the work of the Discharge Co-ordinator working at Monklands General, saying that the post was funded through Reshaping Care for Older People and he had enquired about the remit being extended to the Northern Corridor. This was not possible at present since it was for discharges from Monklands only and not for discharges from Glasgow hospitals.</p> <p>Alastair Moodie updated the Forum on the current developments in relation to the residential housing development at Auchinloch where the Community Council had learned that the construction would extend to an area larger than the development and encroach on wetlands, part of the local parkland and a public right of way which would be closed for the duration of the construction. The Community Council still objected to the development in principle and this further information strengthened their resolve to fight this all the way. There would be a site visit and a Committee Hearing due to the Community Council's objections and there were now added grounds for objection. He expected the hearing to be in January.</p>	
12.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm in Chryston Cultural Centre, Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston.</p>	

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