

REPORT

To: NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Date:	Ref: BP/MF

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to submit the minute of the Northern Corridor Community Forum meeting to the Local Area Partnership. The minute of 16 January 2007 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The North Local Area Partnership is requested to note the minute of the meeting held by the Northern Corridor Community Forum.

Paul Ginties

THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 16 January 2007



PRESENT: A. Sougall, J Rose, A Tobia, N Mills, M Oliver, J Barr, N. Lancaster.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Chadha, Councillor Hogg.

APOLOGIES: John Barton (NLC), June McHugh (Secretary/Treasurer)

WELCOME:

John Rose welcomed those present, wishing them a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He explained that as both John Barton and June McHugh were absent it would be difficult to chair the meeting and record the proceedings. Norrie Mills volunteered to act as Minute Secretary *pro tem*, this was agreed. John also pointed out that June Mc Hugh had said that she would not be in a position to attend future meetings due to a change in her employment, however she would be willing to continue with the secretary/treasurer duties during the daytime if this would assist the Forum in the immediate future. It was agreed that this offer would be accepted in the meantime, and thanks were extended to June for this offer.

PREVIOUS MINUTE:

John Rose confirmed that the notes recording the proceedings of the last meeting had been approved, prior to circulation, by the representatives of the two Health Boards who gave the Presentation and he proposed that this document be taken as the Minute of the meeting as the Presentation was the only business of the meeting. This was agreed.

These notes had been sent to "The Kirkintilloch Herald" with a request that they be published as part of the proceedings of the Forum, to date they had not been published. He therefore sought approval to write to the Editor a letter of complaint on the grounds that the Forum needed the improvement in its profile that such publication would have provided. Approval was given.

MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Hogg noted that there was to be a new Minor Injuries Unit in Cumbernauld by the end of this year and asked if there should not be such a Unit in the Northern Corridor located in Muirhead together with Social Work and Housing. It was agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John Rose apologised for having omitted to bring with him the emailed report that the Treasurer had sent him. *The Balance at the 15 January 07 was £576.62 and £50 Petty Cash*

PROPOSED M80:

John Rose confirmed that he had raised the question of the control of construction traffic with Mr Binks of Transport Scotland at the last North Area Partnership meeting and had written to Mr Binks on these points. He had now received a reply which outlined the proposed conditions of contract in respect of traffic control and future M80 maintenance.

A80 PRESENT AND FUTURE CONDITIONS:

John Rose advised that he had written to Amey regarding the sequencing of the Crowwood traffic lights at Muirhead, following the recent fatal accident to a pedestrian. He had received a reply from them, which still left a number of concerns unresolved and again requested the meetings approval to write again to Amey. He was asked to raise at the same time the matter of a traffic facility at the Moodiesburn Cross lights.

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On completion of the M80 the existing A80 between Stepps and Auchinkilns should down graded so that it is not used as an alternative route to the M80. The meeting agreed that a letter be written to North Lanarkshire Roads Department to ascertain what road calming measures will be taken to this section of road.

LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS:

John Rose advised that at a meeting of The Northern Corridor Health Partnership they had proposed that they be disbanded and that their members join the Forum who will take the Health Partnership's matters within their remit, thus avoiding a duplication of responsibility. Martin A explained to the meeting the function of the Health Partnership and this amalgamation was agreed. John Rose agreed to Liaise with JP of the Health Partnership to ensure that all the Partnership's contact details with the members and the Health Boards were passed to the Secretary.

John Rose advised that The Lanarkshire Health Partnership require one representative to represent all the Lanarkshire Forums and that they are holding an election by the 16 represented Forums and that he had put his name forward as a nominee, there are now 6 on the ballot paper. The election will be by post and will take place on the 7 February, (16 to elect 1).

LICENSING FORUM:

John Rose advised that this Forum is being constituted and have asked that the Area Forums nominate a representative onto this Forum. This Forum's function is to monitor and advice the Licensing Board on its operation and possible policy changes. Its function does not include comment nor influence on individual applications. He volunteered himself on a pro tem basis. This was agreed.

OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

There will be a Forum meeting on Saturday 27 January 2007 at the Pivot Centre at 10.00am when Dr A Barr will give a presentation on the Development of Forums. Members were asked to attend and to remind other members to attend where possible to what should be a presentation of interest to everyone.

The next North Area Partnership meeting will be on the 25 January 2007 at Kilsyth Primary School at 06.00pm when the main speaker will be the Chief Executive.

NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 March at 06.00 pm at the Pivot Centre.