

Cumbernauld
Community Forum
Minutes

Date of Meeting: 13th April 2010

Venue: Mezzanine
Cumbernauld College
Cumbernauld

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Billy Lees, Chairman Alice Homer, Vice-Chairman Anne McDonald, Secretary Jackie Cowx, Treasurer D. Masterton, Esse-Dee Comm Ent E. McInnes, The Alpha Project John King, CTRA / ECNW John Burke, CTRA C. Oliver Allen, Village C.C. Sam Mitchell, Association of Community Councils Peter Murphy, N.L.A.P. Cllr.G. Murray, N.L.C. G. Murphy, N.L.A.P. W. O'Neill, S.S.P. Susan O'Neill, Public Dorothy Wilson, Public C. Gregor, Public May Walker Love, GP Central Health Centre S. Wong, Kilsyth Health Centre J. Harper, Radiographer D. Logan, Environmental sub-group R. McRae, ORCA S. Darar, Esse-Dee Comm Ent C.B. McNeil, Womens Watershed G. Wright, Westerwood Community Council A. McDonald, Kildrum Citizens</p> <p>In attendance: Please note that G. Wright was omitted from the last minutes as being present.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>W. Knox J. Kirkhope R. Griffith B. Kinsler C. Kinloch T. Riley</p>	
2.	<p>Chairpersons Remarks:</p>	

	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance and passed over to Donald Masterton for an update on the NHS scheduled presentation.</p>	
3.	<p>NHS Lanarkshire:</p> <p>Donald Masteron apologised to members for the NHS non-attendance at the Forum meeting. He explained that the cancellation was due to an Executive decision by Scottish Government, due to the forthcoming elections. Donald updated members on the proposed delay to the X-ray unit at Cumbernauld. A concrete guarantee has been given by NHS to attend the Forum meeting on 11th May 2010. At this point a question and answer session took place. Members discussed how they would have to fight to keep this facility as a saving of 375,000 is to be made within the NHS. Billy Lees commented that this was a very worrying factor, when politics are being pulled into the equation. Billy stated that the campaign would be fought within the Community, and not with politics. Alice suggested to members that they were welcome to look at starting a petition or indeed sending 1 letters. She reminded members that individual letters would be classed as individual votes. Donald reminded members to come along to the next meeting to hear the NHS presentation. The Chair announced that he has been in touch with the local M.S.P. He has also contacted the 3 main political parties.</p> <p>Donald thanked Rosalyn Griffith for assisting with the set up of the Diabetes group. It was agreed the Forum will support this group. This group is fully supported by British Diabetics Association. A public meeting on the 19th April, Town Hall, 5.30 – 7.30pm has been arranged to launch the Volunteer Help Group. A buffet will be provided. Elvin Dailey from the Wishaw Diabetic group will be speaking at this launch. Currently there are 3,500 Diabetics in Cumbernauld area and 24,000 in North Lanarkshire.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Billy Lees explained that there were no Chairman's remarks at the last meeting due to the fracas. At this point Billy gave an explanation to this situation. He asked if members would now leave this matter and put it to rest. Members explained to Billy that previous minutes had a line missing from the quote. The Secretary at this point explained why this omission had taken place.</p> <p>Proposed : C. McNeil Seconded : D. Masteron</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Amendment to item 6 from previous minute – Village Community Council should read Condorrat Tenants &</p>	

	<p>Residents.</p> <p>Billy praised groups for their hard work.</p> <p>Amendment to item 7 from previous minute – sub group meeting 25th. Sent out 26th.</p> <p>At this point Billy thanked Anne for the minute taking she has undertaken at past Forum meetings.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>7.</p>	<p>Group Reports</p> <p>John Burke informed members that there had been good results with regard to the telephone mast in Condorrat and that only one Cllr. had not been present. Community Council's are being given more power over Asbo's. Members suggested that this was not a good idea.</p> <p>G. Wright agreed to send a letter to N.L.C. re the LAP meeting. At this point Gordon read out an e-mail from the Cllr. he had received. Gordon intimated to the members that the Forum should write to North Lanarkshire Council re the lies and content of this e-mail. Billy encouraged members to attend the next LAP meeting. Billy & Alice will be attending the Fora meeting on 21st April 2010 and agreed to bring up all outstanding issues. Billy state his feeling was that the Forum was not part of the "partnership".</p> <p>Bridge in Town Centre – Billy Lees asked members if they agreed the Forum require should push this issue. All agreed.</p> <p>Members asked if the Cllr. remarks were logged in the Council minutes, re the School closure. General discussion took place at this point with members re public members not being allowed to voice their opinions and the Cllr. not answering any public questions. To date, no response from Chief Executive's Department with regard to this issue.</p> <p>Cumbernauld Village website now up and running. www.cumbernauldvillage.com.</p> <p>Sub group updates</p> <p>Billy Lees explained to members that the Environmental meeting had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Billy stated that he felt that this decision had also been taken, because this was the decision day for the School closure.</p> <p>Bobby Johnstone explained to members that the last meeting for the Environmental sub group had caused a little confusion, as the date Rosalyn had sent out was Tuesday 22nd and this date should have been 29th. Bobby agreed to update members at the next meeting. Bobby also felt that North Lanarkshire Council require consulting with communities before actioning things such as cutting down</p>	<p>G. Wright</p> <p>Billy Lees Alice Homer</p> <p>All members</p>

	<p>trees.</p> <p>No reports were given for Health and Women's groups.</p> <p>P.R. – Leaflets were passed around members for them to have a look at and members were asked for feedback.</p> <p>The Rotary Club in Cumbernauld are arranging a Fundraising sponsored walk. Entries £5 and sponsor monies go to their groups. This event is scheduled for Sunday 2nd May 2010 and members were requested to contact G. Wright for further details. The rotary will supply sponsor sheets and no monies go to the Rotary Club. A bus has been organised to pick up people and take them to the starting point, which is Twechar.</p> <p>Food Co-op – Billy explained to members that the Food co-op can be taken to all areas. There was a good response at the Launch on 25th March 2010. 30 people attended and many more expressed interest. An open day has been organised for the 28th April at the Freedom City Church. Drop in Café on a Wednesday afternoon. New telephone number on poster which was circulated to members. E-mail contact also circulated. (Please see handout 6)</p>	
8.	<p>Gala Day 2010</p> <p>Billy Lees explained to members that there was a problem with the Gala Day meeting as it coincides with the LAP meeting. Billy explained that he intends to push this issue. He also asked members for support on 22nd April at 6pm, Kilsyth Primary School. Raffle prizes are required and tickets have been done in-house.</p>	
9.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Please see Handout 9.</p>	
10.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Anne informed members that the following correspondence had been received and read content to members.</p> <p>A letter from Transport Scotland dated 31.3.2010 re A80 Stepps to Haggs upgrade. (Please see Handout 10) for further information. Billy agreed to bring up this issue at the LAP meeting.</p> <p>Billy asked members for 4 people to complete the Health Survey he had received and bring back details to the Forum.</p> <p>Billy informed members that Rosalyn and Martin Dickson are being moved back to Civic Centre, Motherwell. Billy explained he had written to Sandie McKay with regard to this issue and read out reply letter to members. He explained</p>	<p>Billy Lees</p> <p>Billy Lees</p>

	<p>that he was not happy with the explanation he had been given. Billy also informed members that there are now only 3 Community Engagement Officers left in post and he agreed to bring this issue up at the Fora meeting. Members agreed that Rosalyn should be left at the Cumbernauld Office and agreed to push this issue with Sandie McKay.</p> <p>Billy Lees will also raise the issue why forums are not receiving copies of minutes. At this point members discussed the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Overtown & Waterloo Community Forum Letter – not happy at being invoiced for lets.</p> <p>At this point Rob McCallum and S. O'Connell, Cumbernauld Trust Group introduced themselves to Forum members and gave a presentation on the direction they were undertaking for Cumbernauld House. Billy asked members if the Forum wished to support this project. A question and answer session took place with members and they agreed to support this project.</p>	Billy Lees
11.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>It was agreed by members that Partnership 4 Change would attend the June Forum meeting. Yvonne Cameron will advise the Chair of P4C that this meeting has been confirmed.</p>	
12.	<p>D.O.N.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 11th May Mezzanine Cumbernauld College 7.00pm</p>	