

**Background**

This paper aims to give LAP members an update on Cumbernauld Community Forum activity over the past few weeks

If you would like more information on any of the forum activities please contact the Billy Lees the chairperson whose phone number is at the bottom of the report.

**Community Forum Update****Environmental Protection Sub-group**

Representatives of this group recently met with Ken Wilson who has agreed that NLC are supportive of the stance and proposals adopted by the Environmental sub group. He also requested that we ensure clarity regarding the proposals and that regular communication is maintained between the sub-groups and all other parties in Cumbernauld and NLC.

The forum would like an explanation on how decisions are made to cut down trees in the area. People have witnessed trees, which only need to be cut back being completely removed without there being any apparent reason.

**Food co-op – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The food co-op is now up and running in the Freedom City Church and is working well. They have provided fruit stalls at a couple of local events and they were very successful. In the long term the co-op hopes to provide satellite food co-op's in other areas. The food co-op is on Tuesday night's from 6pm till 7pm and Wednesday afternoons from 12.30pm – 2pm. For further details please contact Jackie Cowx 07400843332.

**Health sub group – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Diabetes group – Following on from the successful public meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April in the Cumbernauld Town Hall, which was attended by over 85 people. The forum will be organising a further event in August to formally set up a Diabetes Support Group supported by Diabetes UK for the North Locality. If you would like more information please contact Donald Masterton 07970840328

**Cumbernauld Gala Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010**

Preparations are under way for this event there are regular sub groups meetings to pull together the whole event. Invites will be sent out to all councillors to invite them along to the event and Provost Curley will officially open the event on the day. The event has received a high level of support from local businesses and organisations in the local area including The Management of the Antonine Centre, Scottish Water, Sanctuary Cumbernauld, Community Planning Partners and the council. For more information about the event please phone Billy Lees 01236-736342

**Cumbernauld Community Park Event**

The forum would like to congratulate the Friends of the Cumbernauld Park for organising yet another successful community event. The Food co-op fruit stall went down well and we appreciate all of the hard work that went into making the day such an excellent event.

**Issues for consideration at LAP  
NHS X ray Consultation**

The forum would like it noted that it is not happy with the manner in which NHS Lanarkshire has carried out its consultation process with regards to the changes or removal of X ray facilities in the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Area. Since the consultation NHS has changed the criteria for removing the provision by raising the number of patients accessing the service to 10,000 per year to make it viable. The forum requests that NHS now organise a further consultation with the forums to ensure that both communities affected by this reduction of service are fully aware of the reasons why they plan to remove this service.

#### **St Frances's School**

The forum has been advised that restrictions are being placed on transport provision to the other schools in the area that the children will now need to attend as a result of the St Frances's closure. The parents of the children were promised by Christine Pollok that transport would be provided to all children attending their new schools. The forum would like clarification of the situation and assurance that no child will be excluded from the transport provision.

#### **Outstanding LAP Issues**

##### **Shop Mobility**

Forum would like to know why the town Centre does not have shop mobility. This facility would enable people with mobility issues to make better use of the centre.

##### **Future housing plans for the area**

The forum would like a list of proposed housing development in the Cumbernauld area

**New Link bridge between phase 4 and Tryst Road** Can we please have a timescale for this work to be completed? Also can we have information on the proposed disability access to the bridge and the size of the proposed lift for wheelchair access?

**St Enoch clock** – Forum would like the centre to consider moving the clock to a more prominent place where it will be free from vandalism and people can see the workings of the clock the way it used to be displayed.

#### **Community Forum Meetings**

The date of the next Community Forum meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm Venue to be confirmed.

The Forum AGM will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Muirfield Community Centre.

**For further information on the Community Forum, or the contents of this report please contact: Billy Lees (Chairperson) 01236-736342**