

**Cumbernauld Community Forum  
Minutes**

AGENDA ITEM No. 4(a)

**Date of Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012      Venue: Cumbernauld College**

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Billy Lees – (Chair)            Alice Homer – Carbrain Hillcrest Community Council            John King – E N Watch            Donald Masterton – Diabetes Group            David Cooke – Cumbernauld YMCA            Rosalyn Griffith – North Lanarkshire Council            Adam Smith – Cumbernauld Environmental Society            Betty Dunphy – Unemployed Workers            Mae Hardy            Christine McNeil – Cumbernauld Womens Watershed Group            John Hennessy            Susan Hamilton            Michelle McCarroll            Iain Sinclair – Cumbernauld Community Council            Barney Kinsler – Friends of Cumbernauld Community Park</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Jackie Cowx -            Jim Gibson – Cumbernauld Churches Connect            Carol Robb – Carbrain Learning Trust            Peter Murphy – North Lanarkshire Access Panel            Gerald Murphy – North Lanarkshire Access Panel            Bobby Johnston – Cumbernauld Environmental society            Robert Allen            Morene Davidson            Liz Graham – Hope Community Garden            Janice Crawford – Hope Community Garden</p> <p>Renee Lees – Westfield Senior Citizens            Rose Cadden – Westfield Community Council            Gavin Cadden – Westfield Community Council            Wilma Knox – Sanctuary Tenants and Residents            Sandra Clements - CACE            Gordon Wright – Westerwood Community Council            Kenny McGregor – Allotment Society            Jack Banks – Cumbernauld Gardening Group</p> <p>Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Stevie Neilan and Chris Hanson from First Bus attending the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Presentation;</b></p> <p>As opposed to a presentation both gentlemen agreed to have the presentation as an open question and answer session to allow members of the forum to ask particular questions regarding the bus service surrounding Cumbernauld. The</p>	

services between South Carbrain and Abronhill were discussed as this service has been removed. It was also mentioned that if there are particular areas within Cumbernauld which are not being attended by regular bus services, members were asked to take the matter through their local Councillor and MSP who will challenge SPT on their behalf. Donald discussed the lack of services within the North area of Cumbernauld as there are no services for residents who have no vehicle access. Stevie Neilan discussed that the current climate restricts First Bus from expanding, however trying to sustain services at the present time and all services are reviewed. John Hennessey mentioned that the bus service in Seafar has been removed and how he thinks that First Bus is only catering for their own profit and thinks its time Cumbernauld received the service they deserve. Chris Hanson advised members that Seafar does have a service which provides hourly service; the times were mentioned regarding when the bus attends Seafar area. The process of tender services were discussed with members, and how petitions are made from councillors to SPT which are not 100% guaranteed to be tendered, however the tender is successful it would be funded until necessary.

At this point Donald Masterton discussed issues which get bounced back with no direct response and the lack of services providing transport within the area. Donald suggested that First Bus should arrange a meeting with the forum to sit with members and discuss current services and how services could be improved within Cumbernauld. It was also suggested to find out what councillors attend the First Bus committee from Cumbernauld.

Billy mentioned that he would like services to be friendlier to disabled access and buggies. Stevie Neilan advised members that buses will soon be replaced with new buses which will provide a low flooring access, however current resources don't allow the buses to be replaced at the moment as the funding to replace buses is provided from First Bus Group. Questions were asked regarding the training in which all drivers receive in regarding the lowering floor, it was mentioned that this is part of the training and that First Bus would expect all drivers to be comfortable when lowering the floor are applying the ramp. It was mentioned that operating cost are increasing constantly and that First Bus are trying to keep fair costs low. It was also mentioned that they hope to have some new buses after the Olympic Games as some of the buses used there will be delivered to their garages for use. Alice mentioned that the buses inside require cleaning to which Stevie Neilan replied that all buses are mopped out every night, to steam clean the buses inside would mean removing services to allow them to be cleaned and dry in time for returning to service.

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Billy thanked both Chris and Stevie for attending.

### **Chairpersons remarks**

Chair received a letter of complaint which will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Hope Garden Tea Party was successful, both John Hennessey and Christine McNeil attended. However their tools sheds got broken into and all tools taken worth approx

£600.

Chair has received pictures of Cumbernauld and hoping to hold an exhibition soon.

Chair mentioned that the health campaign was successful and has not received any response as of yet.

Olympic torch will be going through Cumbernauld between 11am and 12pm on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Discussion took place regarding the primary schools attending and the schools which will mark pupils off with an unauthorised absence for not attending school.

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**4. Minutes of Previous meeting;**

Proposed: Adam Smith

Seconded : Christine McNeil

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**5. Matters Arising:**

Page 4: Jacqueline to change to wording to former primary school not existing.

Jacqueline to add Sandra Clements to apologies.

**6. LAP Report:**

Chair mentioned that the first meeting has taken place after elections, very formal meeting. All concerning issues were raised at this meeting. All dates were provided from forthcoming diabetes meetings. Vandalism at the underpass in Westfield was mentioned as well as anti-social behaviour, however no update has been given from the police as of yet. Rosalyn mentioned that she will also raise this matter at the next LAT meeting.

**7. Development Plan Update:**

This will be looked at, at the next forum meeting scheduled for August.

**8. Radiology Campaign:**

This was mentioned under chair persons report.

**9. Group & Sub group reports:**

Donald presented members with copy of the new advert. NHS annual review will be getting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June in Cardonald, anyone wishing to attend to let Donald know. Donald discussed with members that the Scottish Health Council has approached him to set up a new general committee to help young mums during and after pregnancy. Venue for meeting to be confirmed, anyone interested in joining to give Donald contact details, all expenses will be paid. Rosalyn suggested Donald should contact the young mums group in Kilsyth.

John Hennessey updated members on a meeting taking

place to help discuss issues which effect everyday life. John also discussed new legislation and mentioned that the National Health Service make a contribution towards patients care at home, this is approximately £3000 per month. Full details to be given to Billy and Rosalyn. It was suggested the forum should campaign in order to get the word out into the community.

Adam mentioned a consultation session about the Old village School will be taking place at the Village Hall at 7.30pm  
Barney mentioned that the project is on schedule and that Restorical Justice is now on site to help expand the pathways.

**10. Gala Day 2012:**

This is progressing well, Pipe Band has been obtained for the event and awaiting confirmation from the Army. Alice mentioned that she managed to book the RAF Simulator and will pass on all details to Billy. Events page is up and running.

**11. Youth Forum:**

First meeting took place last month and there are now more members joined. Currently looking at a name and logo for the next meeting for the forum as it covers the north of Cumbernauld as well as Cumbernauld central. Names to be given to Iain Sinclair for any members who wish to join the forum.

**12. Treasurers Report:**

£1463.92 in bank

£30.74 in petty cash

£1000 NLC grant has been received.

**13. Correspondence:**

Please find a copy of the correspondence enclosed.

Voice of Experience Forum are looking for any group/organisation who would like an article on the forums newsletter. Sandra Comrie at Voice of Experience can be contacted on 01236 758855.

**14. AOCB:**

Rosalyn mentioned that the next LAP meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August in Kilsyth.

**15. Date of Next meeting:**

**Tuesday 14th August 2012 @ 7pm, The Link Café Area, Link Community Centre.**