

Cumbernauld Community Forum
Report to Local Area Partnership
October 2012

**Background**

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

Community Forum Update**AGM****Theme: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention**

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 12th September and our guest speaker was Gavin Whitefield, other speakers on the night included Scottish Association for Mental Health Clubnet and Sophie Hinshelwood about St Maurice's High School visit to Malawi

See Me Pledge

The forum has agreed to work in partnership with the Northern Corridor Community forum and Kilsyth and Villages community forum and NHS Lanarkshire to sign the 'See Me' Pledge by the end of January 2013. The forum then hopes to encourage large local businesses to sign up late next year.

Proposed Drop in Café

Committee looking at developing a drop in café in one of the Community Centres for the elderly disabled and youth to access healthy low cost food.

Issues for consideration at LAP**Police**

The police office will now only be opened from 10am till 10pm daily. There will be no front counter out with that time. What will happen if people need help in an emergency? Why we were not consulted on this? We don't even have a crime prevention panel to pass this on to. Is Cumbernauld now going to have a part time police service?

Closure of High Schools

Abronnhill High School and Cumbernauld High School with one new build joint campus. Can we have confirmation and consultation on the proposed closures at the next LAP meeting?

Flooding Problems**Area at the back of Craigsidde court to the Football Park near the M80.**

The rain water runs into a gully at this area and the path from Craigsidde court is really deep with water and it is unsafe for the children using the path. Can this be fenced off to stop someone from falling into the water?

Library in Condorrat

Flooding at the car park can this please be sorted?

Hall and room bookings

We would like to know if our community halls are going into a Trust and how will this affect hall users?

Out standing Issues**Vandalism in the Underpasses around the town**

Can the LAP please advise the forum of what NLC plan to do about the amount of vandalism underpasses in the town? Most of the underpasses have no proper lighting so this doesn't help the situation.

Westfield

The forum would like it noted that it is unhappy with the level of anti-social behaviour in the Westfield area. They would like to know what the police plan to do about it.

Community Forum Meeting

The date of the next Community Forum meeting is Tuesday 13th November 2012 at 7.00pm in the Cumbernauld College

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