

**Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum**

**Report to Local Area Partnership**

**Background**

The Forum has held our AGM and 2 full meeting since the last LAP meeting. This paper aims to give the LAP members an update the activities of the forum since the last report.

**Community Forum achievements/new developments**

**AGM - NLC Budget Consultation**

3rd October 2012 was the Forums AGM. The office bearers are as follows.

Chair Person: Paul Carter

Vice Chair: Ian Jarvis

Treasurer: Ron Morecroft

Secretary: Cheryl-Marie Anderson

As part of the AGM Christine Pollock NLC Chief executive gave a presentation on "The Way Ahead" This was followed by a question & answer session.

**7th November: Full meeting held in Kilsyth Primary School.**

**Special agenda item 1.** Presentation from Kirsty Gray & Jennifer Thomson both from NLC on the Kelvin Valley Action Plan.

**Special agenda item 2.** Presentation from Caroline Dewey Senior health practitioner NHS Lanarkshire. Caroline provided members with a brief overview of the "see me" Campaign and "see me pledge" which the members agreed to take part in this programme.

**Fuel Poverty Event**

Working in partnership with Banton community hall committee, NLC & NHS Lanarkshire the first fuel poverty event was in Banton and was very successful. The forum has set to have another 2 events within Kilsyth & villages in January.

## **Planning Issues**

Reference: 12/01204/FULL

Proposal: Erection of class 1 retail unit

Site adjacent Lidl, Garrel Road.

TJ Morris (Home Bargains)

The proposed planning application was discussed at December's meeting. It was unanimously agreed that this development would be inappropriate for Kilsyth and that we would object to these proposals. At present there is a large amount of vacant buildings within Kilsyth Main Street and this development would adversely affect the viability of existing businesses.

Whilst the Business network does not object to the competition it is felt that any new business should be located within Kilsyth Main Street, helping to enhance existing facilities. This is especially relevant since a large amount of investment in the local heritage has already been made in the main street.

The forum would like to complain about the proposed plan by NL Leisure to reduce the opening hours of the Kilsyth Swimming Pool. The forum would like to know why they were not consulted on this matter.

## **Future meetings/events**

January: Kilsyth Fuel poverty event.

February 5th: Our first full meeting after the Christmas & New Year.

With presentation from Ross McGuffie NHS Lanarkshire: The new health centre build in Kilsyth.

With Caroline Dewey NHS Lanarkshire: see me pledge.

March 6th: Full meeting

April 3rd: Executive meeting

## **Partnership**

The forum is joining with the Cumbernauld Forum and the Northern Corridor Form for an event on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January in the Cumbernauld town Hall to sign up to the See Me Pledge which is a campaign to reduce stigma in mental health.

As always we are continuing to develop new partnerships to promote the work of the Forum and insure we reach as many local people as possible

**If you would like to find out more about the work of  
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