

Cumbernauld Community Forum
Report to Local Area Partnership
July 2013

**Background**

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

Community Forum Update**See Me Pledge**

The Cumbernauld Community Forum in partnership with Kilsyth and villages forum and the Northern Corridor Forum are holding their 'see me pledge event on Wednesday 9th October at 6.30pm in the Cumbernauld Town Hall. On the night there will be a selection of local companies and organisations taking the See Me Pledge.

Gala day

Final Preparations are underway for the Forum Gala day which will be on Saturday 13th July in and around the Cumbernauld Town Hall and Link Community Centre. This year's Gala day Queen and princesses are from Abronhill High School

Fuel Poverty

We had a great response to Nadia Winnick's presentation on Fuel Poverty at the forum meeting in June. As a result 4 people have now got new central heating systems in and a number of other have take advice on changing energy suppliers

Town Centre
Great to hear that the Town Centre is now under new ownership hopefully they will work in partnership with the council to improve the bus stances and information for people travelling through Cumbernauld

House building in Westfield

New houses are almost finished and people should hopefully be moving in around September/October Cumbernauld & District food co-op are currently looking for a permanent base to deliver their service from.

Local Area Team

The forum has agreed a clear action within the LAT Action Plan to undertake an engagement activity with the local community to help inform and shape future local council services.

Issues Raised**Carrickstone Hospital**

The forum would like NHS to explain to the LAP the reason why they are planning to pull out of their contract with Carrickstone to supply the appropriate amount of beds that the elderly residents can use while their caring needs are assessed before they return to their homes.

Bus Station

The forum would like to know what effect the closure of the First Bus Garage at Carbrain will have on the bus service provided to Cumbernauld. There was no consultation with the community of Cumbernauld about this closure and also the changes to bus services and time tables. We would also like to know how they will manage to get buses out to Cumbernauld in the winter if the weather is bad. The forum would like to request that First Bus attend the next LAP meeting.

Trees at Red Deer

The forum would like an update on what the council intend to do with this area. Perhaps the council could put fencing round it so it doesn't look so bad.

Main Post Office

Can we please get an update from the owner of the Town Centre on why the Post Office is being sold off and when the sale is likely to be completed?

Safety Rails

Can someone from the Roads department please confirm when the safety rails will be erected on the North Bridge at Condorrat

Underpasses

Westfield to Collinwood, St Maurice's – Broadwood

Can the council please inspect these 2 underpasses as they are in a terrible condition

and people are frightened to use them because the lights are broken? There are also issues with people using them as a place to drink which is causing anti social behaviour. **Pot Holes**

Can we please have a report from the roads Department on when they are going to repairs the pot holes across Cumbernauld as some of them are now getting to a dangerous level

Dow's Waste

Residents at the April forum meeting complained that they were have real issues with Dow's Waste in Carbrain/Greenfaulds in relation to Fires, Smell and Noise. Can the council Waste management services please provide an update on what will be done about this?

Out standing Issues

Morrisons Store

The forum would like an update on the proposed development of the Morrison's Store in Westfield

Signage for the New Recycling Facility Westfield

The Forum is pleased to see the new signage up for the Westfield Recycling Facility however could there be other signs put up from the main roundabouts to direct people to the site as this would help people coming from other areas of Cumbernauld, or Moodiesburn,.

Community Forum Meeting

The date of the next Community Forum meeting is Tuesday 13th August 2013 at 7.00pm in The Link Community Centre

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