

## Northern Corridor Community Forum

### Report to Local Area Partnership - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

#### Background

This report provides LAP members with an update on the Northern Corridor Community Forum activities since the last meeting of the LAP and highlights issues of interest and concern to the Forum and the local communities in the Northern Corridor.

#### Community Forum Update

The Forum was represented at the meetings of NHS Lanarkshire PPF Reference Group, Moodiesburn Community Development Trust, Voice of Experience, Reshaping Care for Older People Consortium, 'SeeMe' Campaign, the Community Forums Network, the North Area Crime Prevention Panel and the North Local Area Team.

The Forum sponsored activities at the Moodiesburn Gala Day held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June as well as hosting its own stall promoting the Forum, the 'Seeme Campaign' and the North Area Crime Prevention Panel.

Earlier in June, representatives of the Forum and members of Chryston Community Council met on site in Muirhead with the Regeneration Manager and one of the Council's Landscape Architects to consider how best to utilise the funding allocated from the Regeneration Fund to make environmental improvements to the public space adjacent to Cumbernauld Road in Muirhead. A number of potential improvements were identified and these have been drafted up as firm proposals by the Landscape Architect with the expectation that the project will begin and be completed this year. A copy of the outline proposals is attached as Appendix 1 to this Report. It is hoped that this project will be followed by similar projects in other communities in the Northern Corridor in future years.

Working with Access North Lanarkshire, the Forum still hopes to map all the footpaths and public rights of way in the area, produce a map and descriptor which will hopefully encourage walking in the area and prompt local landowners to maintain and upgrade the paths. This project has been on hold for the last few months due to the Forum's limited personnel resources, but new members are being drawn into Forum and this should enable further work to be undertaken. In the meantime, under the auspices of Auchinloch Community Council, the Council has agreed to upgrade the footpath between Auchinloch and Lenzie and to explore the possibility of similar work on the footpath south of Auchinloch towards Steps and Muirhead.

The Forum has registered with Beautiful North Lanarkshire and although it was too late to participate this year, the Forum has agreed to work with Steps & District Community Council to take this forward in Steps and district in 2014.

As a member of the North Locality Consortium of Voluntary Organisations for Reshaping Care for Older People, the Forum has assisted in promoting the availability of funding to increase and extend the range of activities for older people in the area. An additional £15k has been made available to North Area for allocation to local groups to develop such activities over the next two years.

#### Issues for consideration of the LAP

The Scottish Government has published proposals for changes to NHS geographical Boundaries ahead of the implementation of the policy of

integration of adult health and social care services. The proposals will mean the Northern Corridor will transfer from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to NHS Lanarkshire while at the same time keeping access to acute hospital services in Glasgow. The implementation of these proposals require careful consideration and proper monitoring to ensure adequate resources are transferred to maintain and develop primary health care services in the Northern Corridor. The Forum will be working with its partners in the LAP to ensure this happens and hopes that the LAP will keep a watching brief on the way the transfer is planned and managed.

The Forum raised in the past the need for pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Lindsaybeg Road with Chryston Main Street due to the busy nature of this junction and its poor layout for pedestrians on main Street and the Medical Centre entrance from the mini-roundabout. Since the opening of the new Chryston High School, the Cultural Centre and Sports Hub, this has become an even busier junction and the installation of pedestrian controlled crossing a greater imperative. The Forum would suggest the need for a re-examination of the situation and the introduction of measures to enhance the safety of pedestrians at this location.

The Forum has given its support to the Moodiesburn Development Trust's request for traffic calming measures to be applied to Glenmanor Avenue and Stoneyetts Road, Moodiesburn.

### Outstanding LAP Issues

The Forum has in the past asked the Local Area Partnership to consider what could be done about the gradual reduction and removal of public services physical presence in the area by centralisation of such services in Cumbernauld or further afield. Although no such Report has been forthcoming to date and the Forum has had some success working with its partners in stemming the outward flow of services, the Forum still believes a strategic approach within the Partnership would indicate the need to develop resources within the area to ensure an adequate and accessible provision of public services within the Northern Corridor. The Forum believes a key component of such a strategy would be to investigate the feasibility and viability of the development of an integrated services' centre located in the Muirhead/Chryston area as the historical and geographical centre of the area. The redrawing of the health board boundaries and the transfer of resources from NHS Glasgow and Clyde to NHS Lanarkshire for services in the Northern Corridor could be an opportunity to reconsider such a development.

The Forum remains concerned regarding the safety of pedestrians and road users in Glenmanor Road, Moodiesburn and Chryston Road, Muirhead due to bus stops located opposite junctions, not set back in laybys and one in Chryston Road being used as a terminus opposite a junction.

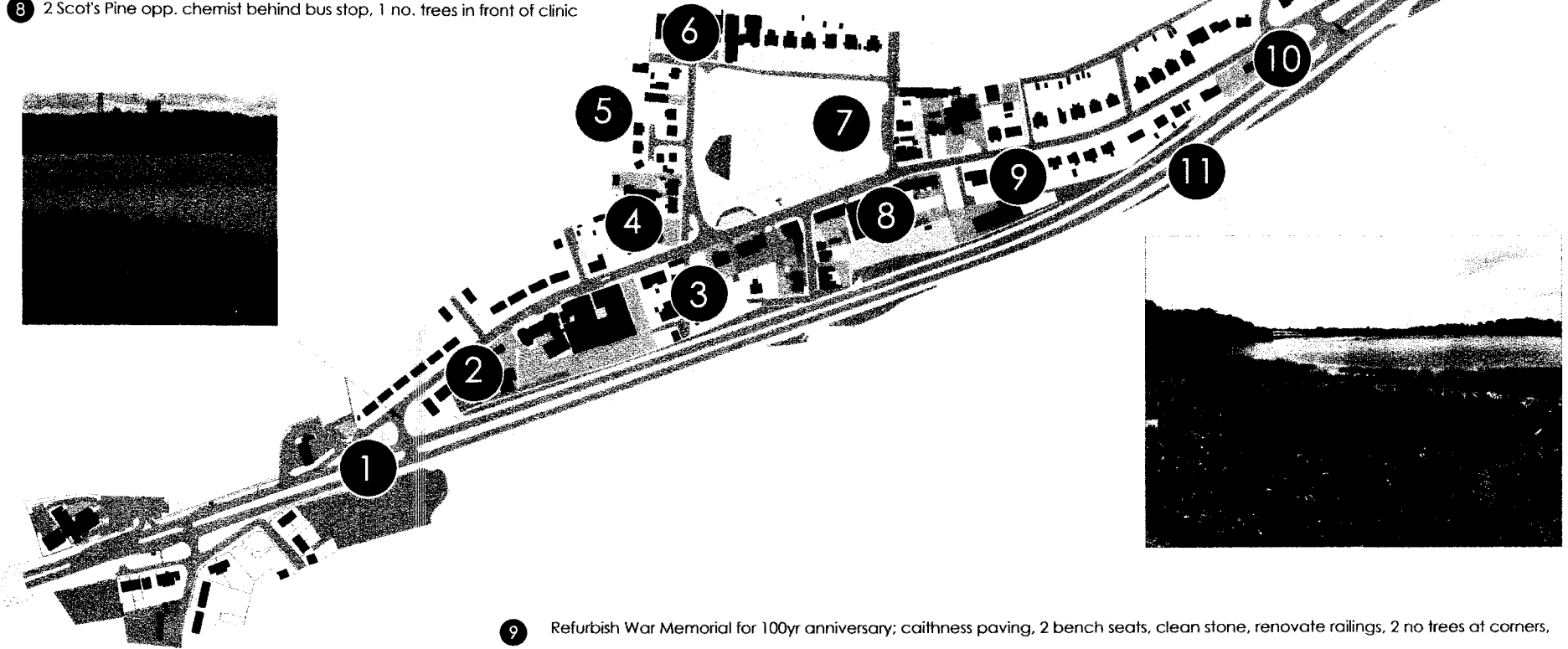
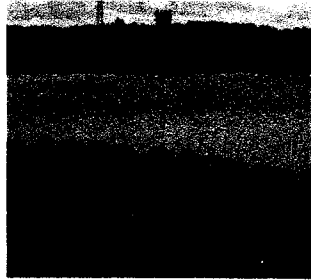
### Community Forum Meetings

The next Meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm in Auchinloch Community Centre.

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**Proposals;**

- 1 Entrance feature 'Muirhead and Chryston' and specimen tree planting
- 2 Knowe Road shops; 3 heavy standard street trees and 2 bench seats
- 3 Airdrie Savings Bank; 3 heavy standard street trees, replace concrete bollards with black powder coated ones, hard paving (Marshall conservation paving)
- 4 Muir Park; install 2 picnic tables, replace bench seats/bins with black NLC ones, install Top-Trek path to play area incl. 2 picnic tables, refurb paths and shrub planting
- 5 Lindsaybeg Road; refurbish railings, install 3 no. specimen trees in gaps, remove telegraph pole, install dog bins & 2 bench seats in Muir Park
- 6 Park Road, replace stone wall, install black toe-rail, remove tree roots, install 6 no. fastigiata trees
- 7 Bowling Green Road; install 2 no. trees behind goalposts, 2 picnic tables at chippy
- 8 2 Scot's Pine opp. chemist behind bus stop, 1 no. trees in front of clinic



- 9 Refurbish War Memorial for 100yr anniversary; caithness paving, 2 bench seats, clean stone, renovate railings, 2 no trees at corners, anniversary plaque to be mounted on memorial
- 10 Entrance feature opposite Chryston Road BP garage, (install 2 no. trees?)
- 11 Refurbish path entrance to Lee's Walk



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