

Cumbernauld
Community Forum
Minutes

Date of Meeting: 11th June 2013

Venue: Cumbernauld College,
Cumbernauld

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Billy Lees – Cumbernauld Community Forum (Chair) Renee Lees – Westfield Community Council R. Cadden – Westfield Community Council G Cadden – Westfield Community Council John M King – Etive Neighbourhood Watch Christine McNeil – C.W.W.G Carol Robb – Carbrain Learning trust Alice Homer – Carbrain Community Council Wilma Knox – CHP Tenants Forum Elizabeth Dunphy – Unemployed Workers Donald Masterton – FSSE DEE Adam Smith – Cumbernauld House Trust Peter Murphy – NLAP Gerald Murphy – NLAP Bobby Johnstone – Cumbernauld Environmental Society Ann Jones - CACE Janice Crawford – Hope Community garden Project Barney Kinsler – Friends of Cumbernauld Park</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Rosalyn Griffith - NLC Jacqueline Marshall - (Minutes) V.A.N.L.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked members for attending as this will be the last meeting until August.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Margo Barr – Cumbernauld Village Community Council Jim Gibson Jackie Cowx Pamela Sneddon Morag Phimster Bobby Johnston Norman Egan Iain Sinclair – Cumbernauld YMCA Mike Ogden – Friends of Cumbernauld Park</p>	
2.	<p>Chairpersons remarks:</p> <p>Chair mentioned that he had attended Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire's annual conference. Also apologised for not being able to attend the last Voluntary Sector Partnership Group (VSPG) however he did</p>	

	<p>receive the report from the meeting and discussed this with members, regarding the Voluntary Sector Representation at Local Area Partnership meetings. Chair discussed the nomination process and how the majority of group around the table didn't receive their nomination forms, Chair mentioned that Northern Corridor Community Forum are also unhappy at the way the nominations/election process was carried out by VANL. Chair mentioned that Community Forums were told that they would be involved in the process, however they weren't and found out via VANL's news bulletin who the Representative was for Cumbernauld area. Chair feels that the representatives were hand picked. Chair mentioned that he will be raising the issue regarding nominations at the Forum network meeting on 12th June. Chair also attended the AGM of Voice of Experience Forum and mentioned that the event was excellent and well attended.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of the last meeting:</p> <p>Proposed : Betty</p> <p>Seconded : Christine</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>No Matters arising</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Presentation: Nadia Winnick – Fuel Poverty</p> <p>A presentation was shown to members regarding fuel poverty and the effects of the current climate change which are affecting families and households. There is approximately five Energy Saving advice centre across Scotland which are all managed by the Energy Saving Trust. The Energy Saving Trust is an independent organisation which provides free and impartial advice to individuals regarding energy savings and reduction of carbon emissions. The information provided to individuals is to also help them manage their energy bills due to budgets becoming more under pressure. At the moment Energy Action Scotland has estimated that more than 100,000 people are currently in fuel poverty within Scotland. The organisation offers help by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing free & impartial advice • Carry out a free home energy check • Help with benefit & tax credit checks • Help to access the lower-cost energy rates from energy supplier <p>Nadia discussed ways in which people can start saving money and energy, such as boiling only enough for your needs, turn off light and turning off appliances on standby. A discussion took place regarding the schemes which are available such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Assistance Scheme • Income maximisation • Stage 4- energy efficiency measures • Affordable Warmth 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Homes Cashback Scheme • Green Deal <p>Nadia mentioned that if there are any customers finding their homes hard to heat, finding their bills high, or are looking to save money on their energy bills, they should get in contact for free and impartial advice on 0800 512 012.</p> <p>Copies of the presentation were distributed to members.</p>	
6.	<p>Energy Savings Advice:</p> <p>Discussed within presentation.</p>	
7.	<p>See Me Pledge:</p> <p>Billy mentioned that the event has been arranged for Wednesday 8th October in Cumbernauld Town hall. A discussion took place regarding a proposed newsletter produced by See Me which will contain information regarding all three community forum's (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Northern Corridor) such as forum meeting dates and venues etc. Copies of the newsletter will be made available for the Cumbernauld Gala Day.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the businesses and organisations which have signed up to the pledge and those who have expressed an interest. Letters have been distributed, however awaiting responses.</p>	
8.	<p>Gala Day:</p> <p>Billy mentioned that everything is falling into place and is ongoing at the moment. Billy mentioned that he is trying to get Ann Jones to provide information at the Gala day on Re-Shaping Care for Older people. At this point Ann provided members with an update on the consortium and the funding provided to the consortium to help support groups within the Northern Corridor. Ann mentioned that the consortium received 15 applications to which 14 of them were approved. The consortium has been allocated a further £15k this year and is looking to hold an event in October.</p>	
9.	<p>AGM:</p> <p>The Forums AGM will take place on Tuesday 10th September in Cumbernauld Town Hall at 7pm.</p> <p>All nomination papers require to be submitted prior to the AGM. Rosalyn asked if members could submit there nominations forms before August. It was also mentioned that the Forum has not yet submitted their annual report.</p>	
10.	<p>Health Sub Group Report:</p> <p>Billy updated members on a meeting in which himself and Donald attended regarding Carrickstone Nursing Hospital and the proposals to eventually close the premises. Donald advised members that it costs £1.4 millions per year to have 35 beds within this hospital, averaging £40k per patient. It was mentioned that should this hospital remain open it should change to being under the NHS, and appoint NHS</p>	

	<p>staff which would allow all 35 beds to remain. Donald discussed the proposals and financial proposals with members which were discussed at the meeting, one proposal which was presented is to charge £42k per bed for 10 beds for a time limit of 2 years. Donald mentioned that Kilsyth will remain with 17 beds from now until the near future. Donald discussed the care at home proposals and what will happen to patients who require 24 hours care. It was suggested that no consultations should be concluded until the transportation of patients if decided and finalised. Donald mentioned that a meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 14th June at Kirklands Hospital where MP's and MSP's will be attending.</p> <p>At this point a discussion took place regarding other areas in comparison to the service provided within North Lanarkshire, it was mentioned that carers should be educated in specific needs in order to provide the appropriate care required by patients with specific needs.</p> <p>Donald provided members with an update on a meeting he attended this afternoon with Ann Jones regarding Dementia and thanked Ann for the meeting and mentioned that the meeting was very informative.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Group Reports/updates:</p> <p>Adam mentioned that Friends of Cumbernauld House Trust and Friends of Cumbernauld Park are holding an event on Saturday 22nd June in Cumbernauld House Park at 11am. Also that Friends of Cumbernauld House Trust will be holding their AGM on Monday 3rd July in Cumbernauld Theatre at 7pm.</p> <p>Barney updated members on the new play park which has been cleaned up and has been an enormous success to which their Facebook page has already had 6000 hits.</p> <p>Craigmarloch Community Council's Gala Day will be taking place on 17th August at 12noon in Auchenbee Nursery.</p> <p>Forum members will be meeting the gala queen and princesses on 17th June in Muirfield at 6pm.</p> <p>Billy mentioned that the Crime Prevention Panel is now up and running and that Carol Robb is now the treasurer for the group and will be meeting again on 24th June in Cumbernauld Police Station at 7pm.</p> <p>Alice mentioned an open day event which will be taking place from 10am till 3pm where there will be free dog chipping made available.</p> <p>Cumbernauld Woman's Watershed group is a group for over 60. They meet in the Link Community centre every 2nd Tuesday at 10am till noon. This year the group have had a variety of speakers with topics such as hairdressing demonstrations, healthy eating, a humorous talk on old Glasgow, a coffee morning, a local talk by CACE and an outing to people's palace with lunch. The group charge £2 with coffee or tea, plus donation to cover Christmas lunch and outings. The group have received a grant this year for yoga and water aerobics and next year the group will have Tai Chi and art session. The group think that with such a variety of activities, they should be able to appeal to more women within Cumbernauld and assist them in becoming</p>	

	<p>more involved in the community and improve their mobility, fitness and self esteem. The group put up posters and distribute leaflets and intend to increase this activity.</p>	
12.	<p>Youth Forum update:</p> <p>No report.</p>	
13.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Bank: £2215.65 Cash: £65.31</p> <p>Gala Day costings: £3050 inc stalls.</p> <p>Forum currently waiting around £2100 of funding coming into the bank account</p> <p>NLC grant has been received.</p>	
14.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Billy discussed an email in which he received from Mia Crawford, Kyle Citizens Community Trust. Jacqueline to circulate this email with the minutes for member's consideration.</p>	Jacqueline (VANL)
15.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>Billy mentioned that the Gala queen and princesses are all suited and booted in time for the Gala day.</p> <p>Rosalyn mentioned the Forum's LAP reports are due to be submitted by 5th July.</p> <p>At this point Rosalyn discussed the Voluntary Sector Representation at LAP meetings with members and how it was an NLP board proposal to work alongside VANL to help improve voluntary representation at LAP meetings.</p> <p>Betty discussed a parking ticket in which she received whilst attending Cumbernauld Burger King, costing £70 for parking within the car park longer than one hour. A discussion took place between members regarding this ticket, it which Carol encouraged members to ignore any tickets issued and not to contact the firm who has issued them.</p>	
16.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 13th August 2013 @ 7pm in The Link Community Centre, Cumbernauld.</p>	