

Cumbernauld  
Community Forum  
Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Venue:** Cumbernauld College,  
Cumbernauld

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Billy Lees – Cumbernauld Community Forum (Chair)  Renee Lees – Westfield Community Council  R. Cadden – Westfield Community Council  John M King – Etive Neighbourhood Watch  Christine McNeil – C.W.W.G  Carol Robb – Carbrain Learning trust  Wilma Knox – CHP Tenants Forum  Donald Masterton – FSSE DEE  Adam Smith – Cumbernauld House Park  Peter Murphy – NLAP  Gerald Murphy – NLAP  Alex Clark – Seafar &amp; Ravenscraig Community Council  Scott Campbell – Resident  Pamela Snedden – Cumbernauld Food Co-op  Gavin Cadden – Westfield Community Council  Alice Homer – Carbrain Community Council  Iain Sinclair – Cumbernauld YMCA  Alan Sneddon – Cumbernauld Environmental Society  Helen Hutchison  Caroline Shields  Jack Banks – Hope Gardens  Robert Johnstone – Cumbernauld Environmental Society  Charlie Brady – Condorrat Community Council  Kirsty Murray – Crime Prevention Panel</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b></p> <p>Cllr Alan Graham - NLC  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.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>  Jim Gibson  Jackie Cowx  Gordon Wright  Elizabeth Dunphy  Janice Crawford – Hope Community garden Project  Barry McComish – Condorrat Community Council  David McArthur</p>	

2.	<p><b>Chairpersons remarks:</b></p> <p>Chair discussed the RSCOP open days with members.</p> <p>Also mentioned the new housing project at Westfield, hoping the houses will be handed over to NLC at the end of the month. Chair mentioned that this is a fantastic development and that the company involved has been made great engagement with the community.</p> <p>Chair advised members that John King has now become a member of the Licence Forum.</p> <p>Drop in café has been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> October, where they are hoping to nominate their executive committee, venue for this event TBC, Chair will notify members of the venue once confirmed.</p> <p>Safety rails at North bridge are nearly complete.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p>Proposed : Christine</p> <p>Seconded : Adam</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>Item 6 on previous minutes, Jacqueline to change the date from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Presentation: Campsie Board – Cllr Alan Graham</b></p> <p>Members were shown a short film regarding the before and after of Cumbernauld. After the film Alan discussed the history of the Campsies and its board members, to which he chair's. Alan also discussed with members the developments in which the board are involved in to date. After discussion the background of the board, Alan discussed the boards new vision and criteria with members and mentioned that when these are finalised he will bring it back to the forum for feedback, also its progress regarding the clean and green project was discussed where the campsies own small pockets of land around Cumbernauld in which they intend to clean up.</p> <p>At this point Chair thanked Alan for attending and opened the floor to questions.</p>	
6.	<p><b>See Me Pledge:</b></p> <p>Signing ceremony taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October in Cumbernauld New Town hall @ 7pm.</p>	
7.	<p><b>AGM:</b></p> <p>Chair thanked all members who attended and those who were elected. Chair mentioned that the position of treasurer remains vacant, and that there is help and support available for any member who would like to fill this position.</p> <p>Chair thanked Alice for all her help and support to the forum over the years as Alice stepped down as vice-chair this year.</p>	

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Health reports:</b></p> <p>Chair discussed how he automatically becomes a member of the PPF for being the chair of the Community Forum, however Chair mentioned that he stopped receiving emails from NHS and wondered why, so contacted the Admin staff at NHS to find out why to be advised that his email address had been removed from the mailing list. It was mentioned that the admin staff were instructed to do so by the chair of the PPF, Felix Mulholland, Billy advised members that he made enquiries to find out if he had the authority to remove members details from the circulation list, Felix contacted Billy where it was mentioned that Billy's details were removed as he didn't attend meeting. Chair referred to the terms of agreement for the PPF to which it mentions that the forum is always represented at PPF meetings even although attendance at every meeting is not necessary. Chair mentioned that the main reason behind the removal of contact details is that Felix believed the both Billy and Donald broke the confidentiality agreement regarding the closure of beds at Carrickstone by contacting Cumbernauld News and providing them with information. Chair discussed the two public consultations which took place which were not related to the PPF.</p> <p>Donald mentioned that he had spoken to Felix regarding this issue and was told that the decision stands. It was also mentioned that information discussed at PPF meeting in the early stages, members are asked to sign a confidentiality form.</p> <p>It was suggested that the forum should draft a letter of complaint and send to the Chief Executive. Alex mentioned that the letter should be a complaint of grievance as they are required to respond. Alex also suggested a motion of no confidence.</p> <p>All members agreed to sending a letter to the chief executive.</p> <p>Donald mentioned that the final decisions regarding Carrickstone should have been made at the end of August, contacted Steven Kerr as officials are on holiday. It was mentioned that the contracts expire next March. Another meeting has to take place before decisions are made. Donald also discussed the enquiries currently taking place between Monklands Hospital, Wishaw General and Hairmyres Hospital regarding the number of deaths. Consultations will take place regarding the proposals on how to reduce such numbers.</p> <p>Diabetes group have changed their meetings days to Monday afternoons at 2pm within the health centre.</p> <p>John King suggested contacting the PPF regarding the parking at Monklands Hospital, Donald mentioned that he will raise this at the next PPF meeting and will also contact Graham Johnston.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Group Reports/update:</b></p> <p>Bobby mentioned that there is a site visit arranged for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10am regarding suitable areas to have a peace garden from 1914 – 2014.</p>	

	<p>Iain mentioned that at the YMCA Scotland annual business meeting, the young achiever was presented with an award to which for a 4<sup>th</sup> year in row it has been a youth from Cumbernauld.</p> <p>Carol mentioned that Cumbernauld had representatives at the Olympics in Bath, to which medals were achieved. Carol to forward on contact details of the representatives so the forum can send them congratulation letters.</p> <p>Adam mentioned that Cumbernauld achieved the Small City Award from Beautiful North Lanarkshire which is on display within the Antonine Centre.</p> <p>Also Friends of Cumbernauld House Park are holding a community planting event on 27<sup>th</sup> October from 11am at the top of the park, off castle way.</p> <p>Alice discussed the people who were present in the picture taken regarding Ravenswood who didn't contribute. Bobby mentioned that they were representing Cumbernauld not the Environmental group.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's report:</b></p> <p>£3160.73 in bank account</p> <p>£44.24 petty cash</p> <p>Letter received from Wates builders to confirm that £200 has been paid by Bacs.</p> <p>Awaiting NHS payment of £397.50</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>CACE open days are scheduled to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 12noon in Cumbernauld Town Hall and 29<sup>th</sup> October @ 1.30pm in Abronhill Community Centre, where help and support will be provided regarding activity fund applications.</p> <p>Thank you card received from Rosalyn.</p> <p>Weekly list of planning applications.</p> <p>O'Hare McGovern information, who are a company who would like to work with community housing.</p> <p>Partnership Board Papers.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <p>Next LAP meeting is scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October @ 6pm in the court room and is open to the public.</p> <p>Rosalyn mentioned that she had a meeting with both Martin Dickson and First Group regarding the transport issues which have been raised, Rosalyn updated members on this</p>	

	meeting where it was suggested that both Cumbernauld Forum and Northern Corridor Forum should arrange a special meeting and invite Stage coach, SPT and First group to the meeting. All members agreed to this.	
13.	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm in Cumbernauld College</b>	

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1.	<p><b>Kirsty Gray – Planning – Town centre Framework</b></p> <p>Kirsty updated members on the town centre action plan/framework and mentioned that draft documents are available</p>	

	<p>for comment from the NLC website, <a href="http://www.northlanarkshirecouncil.gov.uk/cumbernauld">www.northlanarkshirecouncil.gov.uk/cumbernauld</a>. This has been extended until the end of December to allow residents/ members etc time to respond to the proposals. Billy mentioned that he would like to receive hard copies of the documents.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Lynn Ward- Regeneration &amp; Planning - Muirfield</b></p> <p>Lynn attended tonight's meeting to discuss the Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre in which NLC have been working on this project for a number of years. A feasibility study was carried out, however funding could not be secured. Over the last 3/6 months funding opportunities have become available to which NLC have applied for and are currently awaiting the outcome of such applications. NLC approved the proposed plans and are now taking these plans to planning for detail design. Consultation engagements are scheduled to take place over the next 3 months to which a session will be dedicated existing residents within Muirfield, where the proposed designs will be presented for comment. Lynn mentioned that NLC are trying to engage as much involvement as possible. Lynn discussed the proposed layout for the new building with members and how the building will be accessed via a new road round the back of the police station. Lynn also mentioned that NLC have applied to Scottish Government for funding and if completed the centre will be run by NL Leisure. At this point Lynn opened the floor to question and answers.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Chairpersons remarks:</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Christine McNeil</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Wilma Knox</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
6.	<p><b>See Me Pledge:</b></p> <p>Chair mentioned that this event was very successful and as a result 6 groups singed the pledge and is continuing successfully.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Gala Day evaluation 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013:</b></p> <p>Chair mentioned that a meeting is scheduled to take place on 19thNovember @ 6pm in Muirfield Community Centre, agendas were circulated. Chair also mentioned the group are looking for as many members as possible to get involved in the gala committee and that attendance is open to groups who attend the forum meetings.</p>	

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Health Reports:</b></p> <p>Iain read out a copy of the letter which was submitted to NHS on behalf of the forum regarding the removal of Billy's name from their distribution list and also read out the response received from Iain Ross in regards to this issue.</p> <p>At this point a discussion took place regarding why Billy's name was removed from the mailing list and the meetings attended by both Billy and Donald regarding Carrickstone Nursing Home and the decisions to reduce patient beds from 35 to 10.</p> <p>Donald agreed to have the issue on the agenda at the next meeting of the PPF so it could be discussed.</p> <p>Donald mentioned that the Diabetes Group will be holding an information day on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in The Central Health centre.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Group reports/updates:</b></p> <p>Rose discussed the problem with wheelie bins and how there are no where for them to be left as there are no pavements to sit them on and as a result residents are leaving their bins sitting on car parking spaces. As a result NLC have proposed the wheelie bin collection service is stopped, and residents have been assured that consultations will take place.</p> <p>Iain updated members on Cumbernauld YMCA and the youth exchange programme. Iain also mentioned that the YMCA will be holding a Santa's grotto play zone on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Christine updated members on the woman's watershed and mentioned that the group will be closing for Christmas and have booked a trip to the theatre for 17<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Jim thanked the forum for all their support/ help regarding the Haiti project and mentioned that £100k dollars were raised, as a result a hospital has been completed which was built by the local community and new schools are currently being built by locals.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's report:</b></p> <p>£2901.78 in bank account</p> <p>£51.24 petty cash</p> <p>Leaving a total of £2953.02</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>A copy of a list of correspondence received was distributed to attending members and Iain mentioned that all correspondence is available for members to read.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <p>A petition was circulated to members regarding the closure of police counters. It was suggested that all members should write a letter to Jamie Hepburn, MSP regarding this issue.</p>	



<b>13</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 @7pm</b> <b>Cumbernauld College</b>	
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