

**Cumbernauld  
Community Forum  
Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Venue:** Cumbernauld College,  
Cumbernauld

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Billy Lees – Cumbernauld Community Forum (Chair)            John M King – Eive Neighbourhood Watch            Christine McNeil – C.W.W.G            Carol Robb – Carbrain Learning trust            Wilma Knox – CHP Tenants Forum            Donald Masterton – FSSE DEE            Peter Murphy – NLAP            Gerald Murphy – NLAP            Pamela Snedden – Cumbernauld Food Co-op            Iain Sinclair – Cumbernauld YMCA            Jack Banks – Hope Gardens            Jim Gibson – Freedom City Church            Stacey Egen – Condorrat Community Council            Amy Wilson – Glasgow University            Ian Montgomery – Rotary Club            Alex Clark – Partners in Play            John Duffy – Cumbernauld Environmental Society            Robert Frew –            Katie McLean – CTRA            Adam Smith – Cumbernauld Community Development Trust            Graham Russell – Cumbernauld Rotary            R. Johnstone – Cumbernauld Environmental Society            Prof. F. Clark – Rotary Club            Fiona Kenny – Rotary of Cumbernauld            James Keyes – British Legion Scotland            Stevie cairns – Air Cadets            John Sweetin – Alzheimer’s Scotland            Lorna Hart – Alzheimer’s Scotland            Caroline Shields – Abronhill Learning Trust            Helen Hutcheson – Abronhill Learning trust            Vince Dall – Rotary Club            Frank Clark – Rotary Club            Graham Russell – Rotary Club            Gordon Wright – Westerwood Community Council</p>	
	<p><b>In attendance:</b></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.</p>	

	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Scott Campbell  Renee Lees – Westfield Community Council  R. Cadden – Westfield Community Council  Gavin Cadden – Westfield Community Council  Elizabeth Dunphy – Unemployed Workers  Alice Homer  Janice Crawford  Kirsty Murray  Barney Kinsler  Mike Ogden</p>	
<p>1.</p>	<p><b>Lorna Hart – Alzheimer’s Scotland</b></p> <p>Lorna provided members with background information regarding her post with Alzheimer’s Scotland. Lorna discussed the Community Café which is up and running and takes place on the last Monday of each month from 1pm till 3pm in Cornerstone in Cumbernauld. Lorna distributed leaflets containing information about Alzheimer’s Scotland and their aim to support anyone/everyone of any age. Lorna also mentioned that if any group/organisation are holding events, Alzheimer’s Scotland would be more than happy to attend. Lorna can be contacted on 01698 275300 or by email <a href="mailto:lhart@alzscot.org">lhart@alzscot.org</a></p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Bobby Johnstone – Peace Garden Greenfaulds</b></p> <p>Presentation was given to members regarding the Peace Garden Greenfaulds project to commemorate the life’s of service men and woman. Bobby discussed the aims of the project/garden with members and distributed copies of the draft vision of the garden which was drafted by Gillespies for discussion and to provide members with an idea of how the garden will look once completed. At this point a discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the garden, the which Bobby mentioned that the Rotary Club have signed an agreement, agreeing to maintain the lawn area’s of the garden. It was also mentioned that other groups which are involved in the project have also agreed to maintain parts of the garden between them.</p> <p>At this point Bobby opened the floor to questions, where it was discussed between members the lack of notification and communication regarding the planning proposal for the garden and the location for the garden. A discussion took place regarding existing groups and how this project seems to be standing on the toes of existing groups within the area and taking advantage of the area not having a Community Council. Bobby advised members that NLC didn’t inform the group of any existing projects/groups within the area aswell as any future plans.</p> <p>A further discussion took place regarding the time scale for the project, to which Bobby informed members that the group have set aside a timeline for the 4<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Chairpersons remarks:</b></p>	

4.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Donald Masterton</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Christine McNeil</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
6.	<p><b>Gala Day:</b></p> <p>Billy mentioned that the previous meeting was successful and that the date for the gala day has been changed from the 12<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> June.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Health reports:</b></p> <p>Billy informed members that he had received a response from NHS Lanarkshire regarding the situation involving Carrickstone. Iain read out the letter received which stated that members will be formally notified by the end of January regarding final decisions. Iain also read out an email received from Julie Arthur regarding a meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January in which both David Hume and Marvyn McKay have agreed to attend alongside Billy. Billy mentioned that he was annoyed that Donald wasn't invited along to the meeting, after discussions, Donald will now be attending the meeting. Members discussed the possible methods of challenging the decisions made by NHS and Carrickstone if the decisions which will be made are not suitable. Ros advised members that if they consider to challenge the decisions made, members would need to fully understand the whole Re-Shaping Care for Older people agenda. A further discussion took place regarding future care packages and the lack of information provided to residents who don't attend groups/meetings regarding the decisions being made about Carrickstone.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Group Reports/update:</b></p> <p>Wilma discussed the housing conference in which she attended in Glasgow regarding the 9 key target areas to public housing. Wilma mentioned that she will bring along copies of the information to the next meeting and advised members that all information is available online.</p> <p>Adam updated members on the upgrade plans for Broadwood Loch scheduled to commence this later this year. Adam also mentioned that Cumbernauld House trust has changed its name and is now Cumbernauld Community Development Trust. The group are concentrating on the Old Village Primary School.</p> <p>Donald advised members that the Diabetes group have invited Margaret Watt to their next meeting taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> April in Cumbernauld Health Centre at 2pm and the</p>	

	<p>invite is open to all members. Also the group are arranging to attend the Scottish Parliament and would like to invite Billy and his wife along.</p> <p>Christine mentioned that the Woman's Watershed group is due to re-start on 6<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>Gerry mentioned that the North Lanarkshire Disability Access Panel carried out a walk round audit within Cumbernauld Town centre with Alan Sneddon and identified areas of concern. Gerry mentioned that the Access Panel are trying to raise funding for a shop mobility within the town centre. Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance are holding an event on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon, anyone wishing to attend should contact Douglas on 01389 763091.</p> <p>Gordon advised members that Westerwood Community Council are no longer allowed to hold their meetings within the school as advised by NLC and will now need to hold meetings within the village hall. It was suggested that the forum should draft a letter asking for answers as well as inviting along a representative from Culture NL to the next meeting to provide members with information. Rosalyn mentioned that she will raise this matter at the next LAP meeting, taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>£3429.60 bank</p> <p>£18.24 petty cash</p> <p>Leaving a total of £ 3447.84</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>A list of the correspondence received was circulated to attendees and all correspondence made available for members.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <p>Donald discussed with members the possibility of establishing a Community Council within the Abronhill area.</p> <p>Adam discussed town centre improvements and mentioned that Martin Dickson will be attending the next meeting. Adam also mentioned that there will be varies environmental projects taking place within Cumbernauld between both NLC and the Campsie's.</p>	

12.	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 @7pm</b> <b>Cumbernauld College</b>	
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# Cumbernauld Community Forum Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013

**Venue:** New College Lanarkshire  
(Cumbernauld College)

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Present:</b>            Billy Lees – Cumbernauld Community Forum (Chair)            John M King – Etive Neighbourhood Watch            Christine McNeil – C.W.W.G            Wilma Knox – CHP Tenants Forum            Donald Masterton – FSSE DEE            Iain Sinclair – Cumbernauld YMCA            Jack Banks – Hope Gardens            Elizabeth Dunphy – Unemployed Workers            Stacey Egen – Condorrat Community Council            Alice Homer – Carbrain/Hillcrest Community Council            Adam Smith            Scott Campbell            Bernard Dixon – Friends of Cumbernauld House Park            Katie McLean – C.T.A.C</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b></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.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            Pamela Sneddon            Jim Gibson            Peter Murphy            Gerald Murphy            Rose Cadden            Renee Lees            Carol Robb            Isobel Loudon            Mike Ogden</p>	
1.	<p><b>Elizabeth McGuire – Restorative Justice</b>            Chair received Elizabeth’s apologies as she was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Chair mentioned that this is the second time in which Elizabeth has been unable to attend. Arrangements will be made with Elizabeth to attend a future meeting. A discussion took place regarding the short notice provided from guest speakers.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Chairpersons remarks:</b>            Chair informed members of the sad news regarding Dennis Hackett who sadly passed away. Chair mentioned that Dennis was a valued member of the unemployed workers. Chair mentioned that he is unsure how Dennis will be replaced, however interviews are scheduled to place after</p>	

	<p>January. Chair also mentioned that the Unemployed Workers are facing financial difficulty and as a result staff may lose their jobs come April.</p> <p>Chair discussed the new universal credit with members and mentioned how there are five individual forms to be completed and how no training has been provided regarding the completion of such forms.</p> <p>Crime prevention panel successfully selected a local, in which both Donald and Carol were involved in. The Successful logo was designed by a pupil at Eastfield Primary School and received an award of £100 to which the pupil received £20 and £80 put towards crime prevention.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding Carbrain fun day, it was mentioned that the event was very successful and also mentioned that if groups hold similar events, Cumbernauld would benefit more.</p> <p>Chair mentioned that the Food Co-Op is now up and running and attending schools.</p> <p>Chair informed members of the meeting attended in the drop in café which will start in April as there is still work to be done. Chair mentioned that he is unsure on whether or not the café will be successful or not.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Christine</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Barney</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Gala Day:</b></p> <p>Chair mentioned that the attendance at the last meeting was disappointing and that it's the same people who are attending the meetings. Chair also mentioned that the theme for next year's gala day will be World War 1, and are going to try and get the queen and princesses back from 5yrs ago and dress them in period clothing. Members discussed meeting times and how holding the meetings at 6pm may not be suitable for the majority of members. Chair mentioned that the time for the meetings has now been changed from 6pm to 7pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Link centre. The provisional date for the gala day was August, however Chair thinks August isn't appropriate as it clashes with other gala days, Chair informed members that the only other available date is July 12<sup>th</sup> and that it has now been booked for that date.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Health reports:</b></p> <p>Donald advised members of the change to visiting time within the three acute hospitals, which is now 2 till 8 with protected meal times.</p> <p>Another report regarding Monklands Hospital is in the process of being produced regarding the change to how the hospital calculate vitalities.</p> <p>Donald discussed the situation regarding Carrickstone Nursing Home and how after several letters etc no response has been given. However Donald received an email from a</p>	

	<p>third party via David Hume where it stated that the conclusion/ decisions regarding the nursing home shall be made in August, however to date no conclusion/decisions have been made. Donald discussed the concerns over this as the contract terminates in March. Donald suggested sending a letter to Iain Ross to ask why decisions are taking so long, and if no response is received in 1 or 2 weeks a letter should be drafted and given to local MSP. After discussion it was agreed that a letter should be drafted and sent to Iain Ross as well as a copy to both local MSP'S.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Group Reports/update:</b>  Jack mentioned that the groups greenhouse was damaged as a result of the storm and is awaiting on funding to have it repaired. Also mentioned that the coffee morning in which the group held was successful.</p> <p>Barney's report was circulated for information. Also mentioned that the santa tour will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Christine mentioned that the Woman's Watershed group has now closed for Christmas and have arranged to attend the Aladdin Panto.</p> <p>Iain updated members on the YMCA and discussed the project "Fixers" in which the YMCA will be starting. Iain mentioned that this is a national project which has moved to Scotland this year and that the YMCA are planning to host an event similar to question time programme which will also be televised for the 21<sup>st</sup> March as there is not enough information for 16yrs plus regarding the forth coming referendum. There has been 80 returns so far for the event, however the YMCA are hoping for around 200. The event will be taking place in Larbert as the hall rental is free. Transport is also being provided by NLC for youths wanting to attend.</p> <p>At this point a discussion took place regarding the Peace Garden in Greenfaulds to which it was agreed that Billy would invite someone along to the next forum meeting to discuss with members.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>£3497.75 Bank</p> <p>£48.24 Petty cash</p> <p>Leaving a total of £3545.99</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>NONE</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>AOCB:</b>  Chair mentioned that Kirsty has agreed to fill the position of treasurer for the forum, in Kirsty's absence at tonight's meeting members agreed to the proposal.  Proposed : John King</p>	



	<p>Seconded : Iain Sinclair</p> <p>Iain mentioned that the YMCA will be having Santa's Grotto on Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>Chair reminded members that LAP report submissions require to be handed in prior to Billy submitting the LAP report. Chair asked if members could have such reports submitted by the end of the week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 @ 7pm</b>  New College Lanarkshire  (Cumbernauld College)</p>	