

## **Background**

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

## **Community Forum Update**

### **Gala day change of date**

The Gala Day has been changed to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June in and around the New town Hall. The Gala day will also commemorate those who lost their lives in WW1. On the day there will be representation from the British Legion, Army, Air Force, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland. The school being represented this year is Greenfaulds High School and the forum is working with Ms Swift and Mr Harris.

### **See Me Pledge**

The forum has agreed to support another New Letter to support the ongoing work of the See Me campaign.

### **North Area Crime Prevention Panel**

The forum is still looking for representatives from the Kilsyth area to join the panel

### **Cumbernauld & District food co-op**

The food co-op are now working with some of the primary schools to deliver healthy eating and fruit smoothie workshops

### **Local Area Team**

Still working with the LAT team and will attend a meeting in April to agree their support to deliver the new Action plan

### **BMX Track**

The forum has now seen the plans for the new facility and thinks it will be an asset to the community.

### **Cumbernauld Town Centre Framework**

Lorna Bowden attended the forum meeting in March and gave a brief update on the next stages of the Town Centre Framework and encouraged everyone to respond to the next stage of the plan

### **Post office**

The forum is still involved in the campaign to save the Town Centre Post Office in the hope of a successful outcome.

### **Peace Garden**

This is now under construction and should provide an excellent area for community reflection

## **Issues Raised**

### **Carrickstone Hospital**

NHS Lanarkshire has agreed revised contract arrangements with Carrickstone Care Home to ensure that older people in Cumbernauld continue to receive high quality care in the most appropriate place.

The forum thinks this is great news for the 40 people of Cumbernauld that NHS

Lanarkshire is going to keep 25 beds Carrickstone Care Home. It is important that there are enough beds available for people that need them. We have been saying this throughout the review and we are pleased that it has now been confirmed. The forum is delighted at the outcome. It shows how important it is to have the public involved in the decision making process to ensure we get the right result for Cumbernauld.

#### **Dow's Waste**

The forum would like to thank the council for refusing the Dow Waste application to increase their site at Greenfaulds.

#### **Pull out Bin Services**

Residents in Westfield and Eastfield are meeting with Waste Management Service to discuss the issues with the proposed pull out service. There will be a public meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March so residents can raise their issues around the changes to this service.

#### **Tesco Extra**

Proposed new Tesco Extra at Condorrat Social club. The forum would like to know if there has been formal planning application submitted to the council

#### **Out standing Issues**

##### **Bus Services**

The forum would like the LAP to invite First bus and SPT to a meeting to discuss bus and timetable issues in the north area.

##### **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 repair the pot holes across Cumbernauld as some of them are now getting to a dangerous level.

##### **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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm in the New College Lanarkshire (Cumbernauld Campus)

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