

# Coatbridge Community Forum

## July 2013 Report

### To

## Local Area Partnership

AGENDA ITEM No. 4

#### **Background**

(Last Forum meeting, dates, times and venue, short introduction)

The Full Forum has met on two occasions since the last meeting of the local area partnership. Our AGM was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June within Coatbridge High School, a report is contained within this document. This report aims to give an outline of some of the business discussed at the meeting(s); some of the community issues raised, highlight specific issues for consideration at the Local Area Partnership, and give an update on progress to date.

#### **Community Forum Update**

(Overview of forum activity and actions from recent meetings, forthcoming events or activities, etc)

The AGM was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013. At a very amicable meeting members of the executive indicated their wish to step down. The members unanimously elected a new executive as follows:-

Chairman	Kieran Burns
Vice Chairman	Gordon Encinias
Secretary	Pat Reilly
Treasurer	Alex Forrest

The group continues to attract new members, the most recent being Lanarkshire Speak Easy. The Forum has taken up the invited to provide two further members to the Monkland Canal project. With the support of our partners at NHS Lanarkshire we are funding projects for local groups. This year we will again provide funding for the Coatbridge Fun Day in July.

#### **Issues for consideration at LAP**

(Issues that have been highlighted and agreed at the wider community forum meeting.)

We are in discussions (at present time) with Michelle Battersby (NLC) regarding issues submitted for the Local Area Team with a focus on dog fouling problems, parking concerns and speeding in built up areas. The Chair will amplify at the LAP.

#### **Community Forum achievements/new developments**

(An opportunity for the Forum to highlight their achievements and positive developments.)

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We are working to improve our existing web page and are investigating the use of social media with regard to the groups' operations. Since the last meeting we have been represented at the Forum Network, PPF meetings, local network meetings, Federation of Tenants & Residents, Care in the community, the Monkland canal project group, the seven loch project and an air quality seminar.