

Coatbridge Community Forum: July 2014 LAP Report

Background

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

Coatbridge Community Forum have been actively working to improve the community since the last LAP. The report gives an outline of some of the business discussed at our monthly meetings and highlight specific issues for consideration at the Local Area Partnership.

Community Forum Update

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

Community Festival: We have successfully raised the appropriate funds to stage the annual Coatbridge summer festival. The event will take place on Friday, August 8th and is run in conjunction with the Youth Forum, Police Scotland and TCA.

Dunbeth Park: We have successfully assisted in reforming the Friends of Dunbeth Park group. There has been a significant restructure with new volunteers taking the lead on committee projects. NLC have agreed to work in partnership with the group.

Health: We launched a Healthy Hearts campaign with the BHF and NHS, to educate the public about the dangers of excess saturated fats/transfats in the diet. The consumptions of such fats may not necessarily lead to obesity but it will lead to clogged arteries and 'fatty hearts'. The event was a success.

Education: We worked alongside the MSP to educate the public on the facts of private parking charges. This campaign will last the duration of the year.

Issues for consideration at LAP

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

We would like NLC to provide more recycling bins in and around the Faraday shopping park and town centre, as logged in the LAT agenda.

There is a need for more regular meetings with NLC officers to work in partnership on current projects within agreed timescales.

Community Forum achievements/new developments

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

Coatbridge Community Forum has achieved most of its targets over the past year, with the exception of the library project. We have formed tighter alliances with NLC, NHS and other community groups in the area. We will continue to work with the Friends of Dunbeth Park group in the coming year on the sensory garden project.