

Northern Corridor Community Forum

Report to Local Area Partnership 15th January 2015

1.0 Background

1.1 This Report provides the LAP with an update on recent activities undertaken by the Northern Corridor Community Forum and highlights issues of interest and concern to the Forum and the local communities it serves.

2.0 Community Forum Update

2.1 The Forum was represented at the meetings of NHS Lanarkshire North PPF Reference Group, the Community Forum Network, Moodiesburn Development Trust, Muirhead and Chryston Gala Day Committee, North Area Crime Prevention Panel and the North Area Voluntary Sector Forum.

2.2 The Forum receives regular updates from Auchinloch Community Council in regard to its opposition to a housing development application by Stewart Milne Homes and is interested to hear that the Council has decided to appeal to the Court of Session the Scottish Government Reporter's decision to approve the planning application. The Forum recognises the courage and tenacity of the Community Council in seeking to defend the integrity of the local community and environment in this action and will continue to offer moral support and encouragement to the Council in this matter.

2.3 The Forum is still working on its contribution to the preparation of the statutory Local Development Plan for North Lanarkshire.

2.4 The Forum is preparing for its family Health and Well-being event which is being held on 21st February 2015 in Chryston High School. In the main this event will be funded by the grant received from NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement budget. The Forum is working with Health Improvement Staff Community Engagement staff alongside staff and pupils from Chryston High School to provide a major event of health promoting activities and information about living a more active and healthy lifestyle using the facilities and amenities of the local area.

2.5 The Chair of the Forum, along with local Councillors and the Regeneration Manager, attended a meeting with officers of NHS Lanarkshire to discuss the current and planned arrangements for the delivery of community health services within the Northern Corridor. In particular, the meeting considered the options for building an adequate and fit-for-purpose infrastructure for the direct provision by NHS Lanarkshire of these services in the area. The Forum was pleased to note that NHS Lanarkshire were acutely aware of the inadequate infrastructure which they had inherited from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde which had used facilities across the east-end of Glasgow to provide these services. In addition, NHS Lanarkshire has given a high priority to the provision of the infrastructure required to deliver the majority of these services locally. The Forum will continue to be engaged in consultations around the planning and delivery of this infrastructure. The Forum would urge North Lanarkshire Council to work in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire in seeking solutions and to consider the sharing of assets and resources so that joint and integrated health and social care, and other Council services might be delivered from a single hub located in the area.

3.0 Issues for consideration at LAP

3.1 In the last Report, the Forum reported on its bid for environmental improvement works in the Stepps/Millerston/Cardowan and Auchinloch funded from the North Locality Regeneration Fund. Based on the experience of project for Muirhead/Chryston the Forum would consider the amount required would be around £70 - 80k for Stepps/Millerston and Cardowan and £40 – 50k for Auchinloch. The Forum awaits the support of the LAP in agreeing to these projects being included in the Regeneration Fund Programme as and when funds are become available.

3.2 As a follow-up to the meeting with FirstBus, the Forum is keen that arrangements be made for representatives of the LAP to meet with SPT to raise the need a review of and consideration of additional subsidised bus services in the area.

4.0 Outstanding LAP Issues

4.1 There are three longstanding items, over a year now, regarding road safety and amenity for which the Forum and subsequently the LAP have requested reports and or action to resolve.

4.1.1 The need or otherwise for a pedestrian controlled crossing on Lindsaybeg Road at the junction with Main Street, Chryston. The existing junction layout with a mini-roundabout and incomplete pavements, together with the increased pedestrian use associated with the Jamieson Medical Centre, the new High School and Cultural Centre all suggest the need for a pedestrian controlled crossing at this location to be re-examined.

4.1.2 The need for bus bays outside the Nicolson Recreation Centre which is used by the 38C Service as a terminus opposite a road junction.

4.1.3 The provision of bus laybys on Gartferry Road, Moodiesburn, where buses stop on the main carriageway creating a hazard to other vehicles trying to pass due to these stops being on blind summits.

5.0 Community Forum Meetings

5.1 The next Meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum is on Tuesday 20th January 2015 in Auchinloch Community Centre, Langmuirhead Road, Auchinloch.

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