

AGENDA ITEM No. 5

Coatbridge Community Forum: January 2015, LAP Report

Background

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

Coatbridge Community Forum have met several times over the past three months. The report gives an outline of some of the business discussed at our monthly meetings and highlight areas of concern and importance.

Community Forum Update

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

NHS: The Forum are working with a new community officer (Paul Campbell) to run continuous joint events with the NHS. Two new campaigns were rolled out on the themes of anti-teen smoking and winter safety. These campaigns are run in conjunction with forum sub-groups and NHS Lanarkshire contacts.

Community: The Forum were approached by Albion Rovers FC and NLC councillors to create a joint community hub as the library was not considered to be an option. A further meeting will take place in February when the Forum re-convenes.

Issues for consideration at LAP

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

The Forum are keen to work with NLC on the CARS bid if we could get an update and information on how to assist in a practical capacity.

The Forum need assistance with getting private sector organisations on board with the annual beach festival as we have only secured half of the funding.

We are also keen to agree specific timescales for working on joint projects.

Community Forum achievements/new developments

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

Coatbridge Forum have arranged a series of events for the coming year and NHS Lanarkshire are assisting in these projects.

The Forum are working on developing its social media presence to include more of the community's views and opinions on how to improve our town.