



**Northern Corridor
COMMUNITY FORUM**
The Voice of Local Communities

Northern Corridor Community Forum Report to North Local Area Partnership 9th April 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, the North Area Consortium of Reshaping Care for Older People and the North Area Voluntary Sector Network.

2.2 The Forum is reviewing the Main Issues Report for the statutory Local Development Plan for North Lanarkshire and will be putting forward comments and proposals from the outcome its analysis of the this Report. Already, the Forum has found a number of anomalies in the assessments of a number of sites in the local area and more worryingly inaccuracies in the planners' knowledge and understanding of the local area. These points will be highlighted in the Forum's response.

2.3 The Forum was greatly encouraged by the success of the Family Health Event held on Saturday 21st February in Chryston High School. Over 320 people attended the event over the day and many favourable comments were received regarding the range and diversity of the activities and information stalls which were provided to promote healthier lifestyles. Again the high quality of the accommodation at Chryston High School, its facilities and amenity were realised and contributed greatly to the success of this event. The Forum appreciated the valuable an unstinting support from local partners, Council staff and in particular the pupils from Chryston High School and St Maurice's RC High School without whom the Forum would not have been able to stage this event.

2.4 The Forum has continued to be actively involved in the Reshaping Care of Older People programme through the oversight of the Local Activity Fund administered by the North Consortium. Two major events have taken place in the last period under the auspices of the Consortium. First, a Carers' Event in Cumbernauld New Town Hall on 16th January, This was well attended by unpaid family carers, some of whom were previously unknown to statutory and voluntary agencies. A number of isolated carers were put in touch with these agencies in order to discuss their needs and possible support for them in their caring role. Secondly, to mark the end of the first Phase of the RCOP programme and in recognition of the hard work and contribution made by so many local volunteers and voluntary organisations, a Tea Dance was held in Crowwood Golf Clubhouse on Thursday 26th March. Over 100 people attended, many being able to do so using community transport, this celebratory and thanksgiving event where they were provided with lunch, tea and chat, entertainment, games and a good time was had by all.

3.0 Issues for consideration at LAP

3.1 the Forum was disappointed that its bids for environmental improvement works in the Stepps/Millerston/Cardowan and Auchinloch were not included in the current round of projects (2015/16) to be funded from the North Locality Regeneration Fund. The Forum remains committed to these projects and requests that the bids remain on the table for consideration in the next round of funding.

3.2 Although it is some time now since the meeting with FirstBus and representatives of the LAP, the Forum is still keen that arrangements be made for representatives of the LAP to meet with SPT to raise the need for a review of and consideration of additional subsidised bus services in the area.

3.3 It is now sometime since representatives of the LAP met with officers of NHS Lanarkshire to highlight concerns regarding the lack of a health and social care infrastructure in the Northern Corridor which meant many community health services could not be provided locally by NHS Lanarkshire and a number continued to be provided by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Assurances were given that a further meeting would be arranged to consider the outcome investigations and analysis of possible options to establish the required infrastructure in the area. The Forum requests that the LAP seek an early follow-up meeting with NHS Lanarkshire to hear the outcome of these studies and the options under consideration.

4.0 Outstanding LAP Issues

4.1 There are two 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 for bus bays outside the Nicolson Recreation Centre which is used by the 38C Service as a terminus opposite a road junction.

4.1.2 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 21st April 2015 at 7.30pm in The Pivot Community Centre, Glenmanor Avenue, Moodiesburn.

For further information on the Community Forum, or the contents of this report please contact:

Marvyn Mackay by Phone: 07795 362697

Email: secretary.sdcc@gmail.com