

Cumbernauld  
Community Forum  
Minutes

AGENDA ITEM No. S(a)

**Date of Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Venue:** Cumbernauld College

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Present:</b>            John King            Billy Lees            Scott Campbell            Adam Smith            Lisa Treanor            Tracy Lambert            Helen Hutcheson            Caroline Shields            Christine McNeil            Janice Crawford            Elizabeth Graham            Peter Murphy            Gerald Murphy            Alex Clark            Renee Lees            Rose Cadden            Stuart McFarlane            Jim Gibson</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b>            Greig MacKay – Bus Users Scotland            Jacqueline Marshall – Minutes VANL            Councillor Barry McCulloch</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            Donald Masterton            Wilma Knox            Iain Arthur            Kirsty Murray            Jack Banks            Gavin Cadden            Bobby Johnstone            Rosalyn Griffith            Pamela Sneddon</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: Alex Clark</b></p> <p><b>Seconded: Rose Cadden</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>Jacqueline to make amendments to Item 3 of the previous minutes.</p> <p>Councillor Barry McCulloch informed members about a budget meeting which took place earlier today regarding budget cuts. It is important that people have their say to reflect on how the</p>	

	<p>budget is produced. Advised members that he is attending the meeting tonight to Guarantee members that the forum will be as fully involved in the consultaion as much as himself and if not involved he will personally attend the forum with the proposed budget papers to keep the forum updated.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Representing the forum at other meetings:</b></p> <p>Billy advised members that he is attending to many meetings and would appreciate help/support from forum members to attend future meetings and represent the forum. Billy mentioned that he would need to look at how many meetings need represented and which forum members would be happy to attend them. Billy informed members that he doesn't want members putting their names down to attend and then not attending the meeting. Expenses are covered for meetings attended out with Cumbernauld.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Bus Service Users Scotland – Greig</b></p> <p>Greid informed members that this organisation if funded by the Scottish Government, based in Edinburgh but cover Lanarkshire. This Organisation carry out compliance work for the commissioner. They also deal with complaints, monitor services and implement changes. Greig mentioned that the organisation carry out events over Scotland to get views from members of the public who use bus services. The organisation holds regular meetings which are every quarter with stage coach and First Bus. At this point Grieg opened the floor to questions, where a discussion took place regarding hospital bus services, which don't run to timetable and bus services which stop at 6pm providing no evening service.</p> <p>Greig advised members that when monitoring services, they do not make the bus companies aware of their attendance and turn up to use the service as on ordinary passenger. Greig also informed members that as of January 2016 all single decker buses must be low floor access and by 2020 all buses will require to be DDA compliant.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Home Energy Scotland:</b></p> <p>Lisa distributed packs containing information and contact details. Home Energy Scotland is funded by Scottish Government and managed by energy savings trust and are completely independent. Lisa advised members that this organisation is there to help tackle fuel poverty, save money and energy in homes. Homes can be assessed for improvement on where energy can be saved helping reduce bill costs. Lisa discussed the referral process with members and mentioned that Home Energy Scotland carry out all checks on your behalf, where referrals can be sent to the supplier direct to check tariffs and discounts for the client. Lisa discussed the Warm Home discount from electricity supplier of £145 towards electricity, however there are qualifying criteria's for different suppliers. Lisa informed members that this service is free.</p> <p>At this point the floor was opened to questions.</p>	

7.	<p><b>Health Reports and PPF:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report. Billy informed members that Donald was in hospital, however now home and doing well.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Group Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Adam – Cumbernauld House Park:</b>          Informed members that the stoneview point which cost £7000 has been completely destroyed and was reported by a dog walker and the name given to the Police is a known name.</p> <p>Adam discussed a new footpath into the park. Feedback was provided by NLC planning department stating NLC should not be encouraging disabled access into the park. Adam mentioned that he will be raising this with local councillors etc.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Representative – Report has been submitted. Film produced regarding Strathcarron Hospice has been screened in every hospice in the UK and will be shown on BBC 2 on Friday at 7pm.</p> <p>John advised members that Billy has been appointed on the board of VANL.</p> <p><b>Living Landscape</b> - Launch Event, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm till 8pm in Cumbernauld Town Hall, need peoples input for funding opportunities.</p> <p>Halloween event taking place on 31<sup>st</sup> October in Cumbernauld Glen, 175 attending and the group are looking for volunteers to help at the event.</p> <p><b>Woman’s Watershed</b> - Coffee morning, 24<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Hope Garden entered beautiful Scotland and were awarded Silver Grade 2.</p> <p>Peter informed members of the North Lanarkshire Disabled Access Panel, AGM will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Dalziel St Parish Church.          Also discussed Adapt 2 fit relating to household appliances which can be adapted.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report:</b></p> <p>£1116.52 bank and cash.</p>	
10.	<p><b>AGM:</b></p> <p>AGM was successful, however will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Well Connected Event – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 12.30pm till</p>	

	<p>2.30pm in Cornerstone Church, bookings must be made via email which is available from Scott.</p> <p>North Lanarkshire's Carers Together AGM – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am till 1.45pm in Hilton Bellshill, light lunch provided. Two members from the forum can attend. Names to be given to Billy.</p> <p>Draft letter has been previously sent to both Transport Commissioner and First Scotland inviting them both to attend a forum meeting. No response has been received, billy will keep members updated.</p> <p>At this point Scott read out an abstract from the expenses report in which he produced relating to forum expenses/ accounts. Scott concludes that the forums accounts are well kept and is going to upload the report online. Sub-Group did not meet as a whole. Scott read out an email received from Alex relating to his visit to VANL and concluded that he is satisfied with his examination of the accounts. Conclusion is that there has been no mis-use of forum expenses. Alex suggested a copy of the report should be sent to standards commissioner. Scott informed members that Billy has only just received the report tonight with all other members and had no input into the report. Copies of the report were circulated.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the re-designing of the forum's leaflet and looking for input suggestions.</p> <p>Alpha Project Launch, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 12noon in New Town Hall, name to be given to Billy tonight.</p> <p>Public Exhibition – Proposed retail and mixed shops development. There are 6 proposed units across from St Maurice's High School. Asked members to complete the questionnaire.</p>	
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 @7pm, New College Lanarkshire ( Cumbernauld Campus)</b></p>	