

Airdrie and Villages Forum

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Note of meeting Monday 14 January at 7.00pm in Gartlea Community Centre
Airdrie

Present:

Bob Smith	(Chair) Airdrie and Villages Forum
Nancy Pettigrew	Airdrie and Villages Forum
Nancy McFarlane	Airdrie and Villages Forum
Tom McFarlane	Individual Member
James Rintoul	Caldercruix
Peter Chapman	Disability Group
Elsbeth Wright	Plains Community Council

In attendance:

Stephen Brown	NLC Chief Executive's
Anne Docherty	NHS Lanarkshire
Vincent McCulloch	NLC Chief Executive's
Graeme Cowan	NLC Chief Executive's

NO	ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION	TIMESCALE
1.	Introduction.	The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Vincent McCulloch and Graeme Cowan from the Chief Executive's Office of North Lanarkshire Council. The chair advised the group that Vincent and Graeme were attending the meeting to present and facilitate a consultation on the draft Community and Corporate plans. The chair apologised that the proposed meeting (17 th of January) for the consultation had been cancelled and further advised that In order to meet the deadlines for feedback that the consultation would have to be accommodated within the groups regular business meeting.		
2.	Presentation and Consultation.	Vincent McCulloch delivered a presentation on the corporate and community plans, then Graeme Cowan facilitated a session where members of the group were able to feedback on the of the key outcomes identified within the plan. The write up of that session will be appended to the end of this minute. The Chair thanked Vincent and Graeme for there input and apologised to the committee for		

		the overrun.		
2.	Previous Minutes	The chair reviewed the minutes from the November meeting and these were agreed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting.		
3.	Matter's Arising	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.		
4.	Chair's Update	<p>The chair updated the membership on his current activity in particular he drew attention to a networking day for the members of the Health Reference Group, which the chair felt, had been particularly productive.</p> <p>There was a number wide ranging issues arising from the presentation on the corporate and community plan. These issues included the impact of alcohol on the community and in particular the application by the BP petrol station for a licence to sell alcohol. The group also discussed issues such as refuse collection and recycling, transport and roads maintenance.</p>		
5.	Community Engagement Officer.	The Community Engagement Officer briefly discussed the evening held in Beechwood Community Centre and some of the issues that had arose out of that event. In particular, the need for the group to strengthen its internal structures in terms of appointments or co options of office bearers. In addition the there was a discussion and acceptance that the group needed to attract more members on to the committee. There was also an animated discussion about more effective ways of conveying community information to partners and communicating the Forum's role more effectively to the wider community in the locality.		
6.	LAP Issues	The group discussed a number of issues that could be conveyed to the LAP and the initial agreement was that the group were concerned by the application for a licence to sell alcohol by the BP garage. The impact of	<i>Tom and Nancy to gather</i>	

		<p>alcohol on our communities is acknowledged by all the partners and has been identified within the community plan in relation to Health Improvement. Moreover, the correlation between alcohol misuse, anti-social behaviour and violence has been clearly charted by both the Scottish and UK governments.</p> <p>Beyond the specifics of this particular application, we are generally concerned by the ready availability of alcohol with a significant number of licensed groceries shops already being present in the area and the potential impact on our communities health well being and safety</p>	<p><i>information Bob to coordinate</i></p>	
7.	AOCB	<p>The Chair drew the groups attention to a letter from S Mackay inviting Forum members to attend a development workshop on the 9th and 10th of February</p>		
8.	Date of next meeting	<p>It was agreed that dates and venues for the forthcoming cycle will be conveyed to members.</p>		