

Airdrie and Villages Community Forum  
Minute

Date of meeting: 29 October 2008

Venue: Airdrie Arts Centre

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1.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Bob Smith (Chair), Nancy Pettigrew, Tom McFarlane (Treasurer), Nancy McFarlane, Ronnie McAuley, Robert Frederick,</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Stephen Brown NLC, Janice Scouller NHS Lanarkshire, Rees Gallagher NHS Lanarkshire. Anne K Docherty NHS Lanarkshire</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Elsbeth Wright, Christine MacDonald, Peter Chapman</p>	
3	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>As the last two occasions on which the Forum met were not regular business meetings no formal minutes were presented to the group</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>The chair welcomed Ronnie McAuley to the group Ronnie had attended an event in Whinhall which the forum had supported and attended.</p>	
6.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>There was no formal correspondence; however the chair updated the group on pertinent issues from the community council minutes he had received.</p>	
7.	<p>Sub Group Report/s:</p> <p>Health: It was agreed that Anne Docherty be tasked with re-establishing the Health Sub group of the Forum.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the forum look to inform its development plan through hosting a Health improvement event in early 2009. The notional date</p>	<p>Anne K Docherty</p> <p>Health sub group Rees Gallacher, Anne Docherty</p>

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8.	<p>agreed was Saturday 7 February.</p> <p>The chair gave a lengthy and informative update on his involvement with the Health reference group. Key issues included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Glen Shearer ward currently at Coathill Hospital is moving to Monklands.</li> <li>2. Parking issues for the planned Community Health Centre are still not resolved.</li> </ol> <p>Neighbourhood Issues/Developments:</p> <p>Healthy Living Centre</p> <p>There was further discussion/update on the mapping exercise by GBT Shotts. Robert Frederick advised that he was meeting with the development worker J Mitchell on the 11 November. There was also a brief update in respect of the</p> <p>Bus Routes The Chair reported that the 201 to Hairmyres service has changed its route, and now includes the Station; The First Bus service to Caldercruix has been expanded.</p> <p>Town Centre Concerns were raised as to the lack of development for businesses. It was also highlighted that the ground floor retail area of the planned health centre needs to ensure good choices and does not involve existing businesses simply moving premises.</p> <p>Bathgate – Airdrie Line There was some further discussion around what progress the railway line has made. It was agreed that Bob would organise a meeting for community representatives and the developers.</p> <p>Greengairs Community Centre it was suggested that this facility has been earmarked for closure</p>	<p>and S Brown</p> <p>Chair to arrange meeting.</p>
9.	<p>LAP Issues/questions</p> <p>There was considerable discussion about forum issues including the functioning of the LAP and the extent to which the Forum were able to inform change There was some discussion as to the way the LAP. It was suggested that a stakeholder event, where all partner organisations were invited to showcase exactly what they are doing in or for Airdrie (including</p>	

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	<p>representation from the Railway) was suggested as being a more useful way for broader involvement of the community.</p> <p>The issues to be forwarded to the LAP were</p> <p>The progress of the Town Centre regeneration, specifically the Forum's membership are interested on the impact on traffic flow in the town centre given the current to taxi ranking and parking arrangements.</p> <p>The membership would like an update on Recycling in the Airdrie Locality.</p>	<p>Chair or nominated other to table at next LAP.</p> <p>CEO to meet with Forum rep prior to the LAP.</p>
10.	<p>Recent Achievements &amp; New Developments</p> <p>The group agreed a date for the AGM this is to be Wednesday the third of December at 6.30 the event will be held in the Airdrie Arts Centre (the Gold Room)</p> <p>It was also agreed that a notice would be put in the Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser.</p> <p>It was agreed that the group had come a long way in the last year there had been a number of difficulties the AGM provided an opportunity to draw a line under these issues and move forward.</p> <p>It was agreed in principle that the constitution should be adopted at the next meeting. T McFarlane suggested that the constitution be distributed by the CEO for final comment and subject to those comments the constitution should be adopted at the AGM. This was agreed by all those present.</p>	<p>Nancy P to book</p> <p>Bob Smith</p> <p>S Brown to distribute.</p>
11.	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>Recycling Unit</p> <p>There was discussion around the proposal for a Biomass plant as part of the A73 bypass development. Bob and Nancy had attended a presentation about the plant and were keen to elicit other views from other Forum members. It was noted that Greengairs, Glenmavis and Plains Community Councils have already lodged objections. The group was advised that some representatives from these Community Councils have since been flown out to see a similar plant in Denmark. It was agreed that the Forum required more information in order that they could make an informed decision as to whether or not to support the proposal.</p>	

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	It was suggested that presentations be arranged for the next full committee meeting.	Chair to organise
12.	Date & Time of Next Meeting  Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2008, at 7.00pm. In Airdrie Arts Centre	
13.	Close and Thanks	