

AGENDA AND NOTES

Title of Meeting: Northern Corridor Community Board Meeting		Chair: Note taker: Kamil Tomzik
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John McLaren, NLC • Matt Costello, Community Partnership Manager, NLC • Leanne Pollock, Community Partnership Manager, NLC • Christine Boyle, Assist Community Partnership Manager, NLC • Colin Bruce, CCB Worker, CPT, NLC • Linda Johnston, NLC (Driving Digital Locally) • Alice Morton, Stepps and District Community Council • Anne Innes - CACE • Annemarie Kirkland, Cardowan Community Meadows • Brian Kane - Scottish Fire & Rescue • Claire Williams, Northern Corridor Volunteers • Neil McLeod – Police Scotland • Cllr Michael McPake, NLC • Ryan Kelly, MSYP Coatbridge and Chryston • Sameeha Rehman • Carole Henderson • Isobel Kelly, Gartcosh Tenants and Residents Association • Lorraine Brown, NLC (Digital observer) • Louise Sheridan, Friends of Gartcosh • Brandon Williams • Teresa Aitken, Glenboig Development Trust • John Wilson, Northern Corridor Community Forum • Lynn Gow, NLC (Driving Digital Locally) • Diane Brisbane • Cathy McGinty • Lorraine Robertson • Evelyn Ryan, Health and Social Work • Cllr Lynne Anderson, NLC • Cllr Greg Lennon, NLC • Cllr John McLaren, NLC • Stephen Llewellyn, Head of Housing Solutions, NLC • Bob Brownlie, Housing Manager, NLC • Kamil Tomzik, VANL 	Date: 22/2/2021 Place: Online via Webex
Apologies:	Raymond Taylor (Evelyn Ryan attended) Marvyn McKay, Stepps and District Community Council (Alice Morton attended) Cllr Doolan, NLC Gabi Mitas, NHS Lanarkshire, Health Improvement	
Agenda Items		Action
1. Welcome and Introduction		

<p>Cllr John McLaren Invited everyone to participate in the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Brandon Williams informed that the minutes were sent late and there was no opportunity to reply.</p> <p>Alice Morton explained that she is still waiting for the report on allegations that have been raised in August, later raised in November and promised to be delivered. This report was in regards to governing bodies and meeting with governing bodies.</p> <p>Neil MacLeod replied that he will investigate this, however, this issue has already been investigated and to process this further somebody has to come forward. He continued that there were no allegations made and whoever is interested can contact him directly.</p>	
<p>3. Chair of Community Board Arrangements</p> <p>Cllr McLaren announced that John Wilson has expressed interest in chairing the Board meeting. This was agreed and John Wilson took over the role of Chair from this point on the agenda.</p> <p>John reminded that the person selected should open the meeting in the future and take the meeting forward. John Wilson invited Linda Johnston to deliver a presentation.</p>	
<p>4. Driving Digital Locally</p> <p>Linda Johnston delivered a presentation on NL Council’s Digital Programme. Please find attached the file with screenshots taken during the presentation. In her presentation, Linda mentioned key objectives and informed that they are always about community involvement. This presentation was an opportunity to kickstart a digital offer to the community.</p> <p>Linda Johnstone concentrated on flagging up the most important elements of the programme like upskilling the workforce and community. She explained the development of a one-stop portal for all information that includes a large amount of data. On the presentation were shown priorities and among them improving the participation and capacity, as well as indirect pieces of work linked to the digital programme.</p> <p>There are 5 themes of the programme and the full business case was ready in march 2019. Some of the elements are digital economy, digital transactions, workforce upskilling and analytics. The programme allows people to decide when to engage with the council. There was a list of implementations published together with information about the new dynamic platform build with transferred services.</p> <p>This programme is all about supporting residents to improve their digital skills and improve inclusion that is maximised. The system that is being proposed is meeting a variety of needs as no one size fits all. Covid-19 made building digital skills crucial for children. Linda Johnstone said that NLC needs to continue to develop a digital classroom. It is very important to get community involvement to get clear messages across to people.</p> <p>Last autumn there was a number of stakeholder events, with three key aspects everyone agreed:</p>	

1. Digital inclusion is absolutely critical
2. It is about affordability because digital tech comes at a cost
3. Enhanced general skills

Linda Johnstone informed that a number of devices have been issued including over 5,000 by the end of February. This will enable people to apply for jobs online. Linda Johnstone expressed her interest in how people can engage with the Council and what digital means for the community. In her work, she wants to make sure the best processes and encourage representation. She also mentioned “My Account, as important to use while dealing with a waste request from the council.

This system has been set up by the Scottish Government and used across Scotland with 71,000 registrations and a target of 100,000 by the end of March. Linda Johnstone asked to promote this service. The announcement for business grants for taxi drivers was used to take the individuals through the payments process.

Questions and Comments

Brandon Williams informed that while he used “My Account” it offered a default response and 20 days waiting time.

Alice Morton said that Digital Inclusion will be successful when citizens will not experience digital poverty. Equality across access to computers must be made available by NLC, or it will be a bad start.

Teresa Aitken asked about the resources community lead organisations will get to help people and drives this new programme forward. Teresa, the support should be high up on the agenda. Organisations should be considered at the beginning of the rollout of the programme. Linda Johnston said that she will look into this.

John Wilson mentioned that the families and individuals have no equipment or knowledge required to participate in the programme. Linda Johnstone replied with information regarding the mobile library.

Other issues

There was an issue mentioned regarding gritting the pavements, which part of the problem was communication. The phone system is not designed to take more than 20 calls and cuts off connection.

Sameeha Rehman asked about “My Account” and what part of it encourages community cohesion. She also asked about what are incentives for community groups to advertise this. Linda Johnston replied that this is a new system to tackle the digital divide. She continued informing that Community Boards and Community groups are very much about the partnership and working on this. Isobel Kelly asked about the programme and expressed her educational concerns. She mentioned that parts of the curriculum are given to children to do at home but she is worrying that in the future curriculum may not be delivered fully in the classroom. A lot of work is left to homework with very little support. John Wilson added that there are several concerns, as one of the big issues is the stability of the digital connection and the council should speak to internet providers. He stated that DWP is moving online, but not everyone has access to the internet. There are no public facilities to sign in online and the penalties DWP can impose are significant.

L Johnston

Linda Johnston informed that her colleagues from NLC from educational may get in touch to talk about this. At this stage John Wilson made a request, to ensure that the presentations will be sent before the meeting, not at the meeting.

5 General Updates

i. Terms of Reference (TOR) Feedback

Christine Boyle thanked those who have responded on draft terms of reference that has been circulated.

Voting rights - Decisions should be made through consensus, based on clear evidence and engagement process, with voting as last resort. Abbreviations will be explained fully in the glossary. Terms of reference are at a draft stage and were approved at the Policy and Strategy Committee previously.

Alice Morton expressed concern that she didn't understand all abbreviations on the terms of reference. Alice Morton informed that she doesn't understand the document, the way it is presented, NLC should provide tools to enable people to agree and progress with the Terms of Reference.

Isobel Kelly expressed concerns regarding reaching consensus, she mentioned that elected members duty is to the voters, not to the council.

Louise Sheridan from friends of Gartcosh mentioned that each community body is equal and conditions are against the legislation. In part 2 NLC is committed to the democratic process and bars 80% of people from voting. Section 4 and 6 under the Community Empowerment Act states that every community body is entitled to give its opinion.

Matt Costello informed that all further developments of the Board going forward will be analysed. He also committed to further development of the Board.

Louise Sheridan shared that the point is how to encourage equality, where separate space is needed and not during a big agenda on the meeting like this. John Wilson also added that Community Forum has raised an issue with Terms of Reference. He also requested a list of organisations and agencies that are attending meetings, but not everybody is aware, who should and will attend. It would be useful to know who is being invited to the meetings as this would help to identify key people.

Matt Castello explained the current process. He mentioned a report, that goes to Community Empowerment Committee. If the point is raised the issue is fed back to the relevant service. He informed that after sending the report to one committee it is being passed to relevant service and he, later, gets feedback on that.

Isobel Kelly requested a copy of the report that goes to the Empowerment Committee. Leanne Pollock agreed that it shouldn't be an issue with sharing an update report.

ii. Board development sessions

Matt Castello asked for a separate session to speak about the community asset transfer process and to take more time to speak about different issues, e.g. Terms of Reference.

iii. Local Development Programme (LDP)

Leanne Pollock spoke about developing local priority plans. She mentioned partners with the community and individuals, that is tonight giving an update on small subgroup community boards that met a few weeks ago. The groups were from the Northern Corridor.

iv. Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) update

Colin Bruce started his Presentation and mentioned that in his work he ensures that LOIPS will reflect local community need, to maximise shared resources for those who experience a high level of inequality. He also mentioned strategic priorities involving stakeholders and engagement. Please find attached the file with screenshots taken during the presentation.

In his presentation, Colin explained the process, all phases of consultations and mentioned the partnership approach. Colin Bruce indicated that there is a need to ensure a wider approach to identify people in extensive poverty. All data evidence is reviewed, intelligence is based on professional dialogue and community insights.

Leanne Pollock shared that communities need to own the process and that the process is based on the partnership with communities. All feedback comes from community engagement. She mentioned plans to organise a targeted session to enable more dialogue around the plans.

Claire Williams added that this is a fair reflection of the meeting, however, it would be good to have information before the meeting to be able to respond to the presentations.

Isobel Kelly flagged up that people don't understand methods of engagement and there is not enough engagement. Leanne Pollock responded that it is not too late to be involved in the Short- life group. There is a report that can be sent to people who are interested in. Targeted work is taking place, like e.g. seldom heard voices.

Teresa Keating shared that everybody should be kept up to date and informed about meetings.

John Wilson proposed that it would be useful to see some of the details of work that is taking place including statistics, data and findings. It is known that LOIP has identified several areas for attention. Community Empowerment Act was not to impose legislation on people but to give the power to identify what is required for the community to move forward.

Teresa Aitkin expressed her interest in data obtained in the Glenboig area.

v. Board Reference/Sub-Groups

Colin Bruce explained participatory budgeting and informed that NLC will establish a subgroup that meets aspirations. Participatory budgeting provides a legal framework to start looking at the processes to deliver plans if the budget becomes available. Some examples of projects are e.g. local projects, town and community development, green space development, community benefits, tangible benefits, but not private housing. Matt Castello informed that there will be verbal updates and the notes will be given.

Matt Castello informed that several subgroups were suggested that are community-led. John Wilson requested a list of proposed groups and volunteers to be upgraded with the names.

vi. Consultation arrangements, Proposal to relocate Mavisbank Primary School to the Drumpark/Greenhill Campus

Matt Costello informed about the plans including meetings finalising consultation plans around community hubs. He continued informing about the links he can provide for those interested. John presentations took place for Kilsyth and Cumbernauld, but nothing was proposed for Northern Corridor, as it doesn't contain a recognised town. No vision for the Northern Corridor was presented, even if other visions were presented from the same officers.

Isobel Kelly mentioned Community Hub Strategy, especially regarding Gartcosh, where there are no football pitches, no community centre or any other community asset. It is known that NLC proposed a new school. Matt Castello agreed to pass the comments to the team, who deals with the consultation in terms of the Community Hubs.

Brandon Williams flagged up the issue with the future of the Monklands Hospital. Isobel Kelly replied that the hospital is not going to be built in Gartcosh. The reasoning for this is that several towns will not use the new hospital having good routes to Glasgow.

6. Consultation plans around Town and Community Hubs

7. Petitions

There were no petitions presented to the board.

8. Input from Local Community groups (Agenda items from Community groups)

<p>9. Input from Community Planning Partners</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Neil MacLeod reported several incidents and among them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Murder in Glenboig, gunfire on vehicle 29 male arrested and in custody - Robbery last week in Christon, forced entry, 4 letter sum of cash stolen - Glasgow and East of Scotland area often, two assaults over 2 months - Moodiesburn, males with weapons were arrested - Two males 27 and 28-year-old arrested in January after threatening an employee - Drugs, cannabis cultivation in Stepps in December and in Moodiesburn - 6 incidents of drugs misuse - Spike in North Corridor of accusative crime, Christon Muirhead Gartcosh, a spike of 5 theft incidents - Major incident in Gartcosh on A752 7th February drink driving, shut gas supply for over 200 people, NLC provided emergency heating to the most vulnerable, male driver arrested and charged with a number of road traffic offences. 	
<p>10. AOCB</p> <p>Annamarie Kirkland mentioned Cordowan Community Meadow, the incident reported to the police. Wildlife liaison officer, the animal attacked by another animal. Annmarie took a local expert to help.</p>	
<p>11. DONM -</p>	

We would be interested in attending sub groups and will think about what could be included and get back in touch thanks

from Elaine Johnston to everyone: 7:25 PM

Thanks Christine, I will give you a call as able to link you in with Health & Social Care staff and wider contacts.

from Richard O`Hara to everyone: 7:26 PM

we at Kirkwood community council has as you know been active in keeping areas like the luggy walk way and we are hoping to get involved with the coatbridge forem in helping with clean up of the chinese garden and the walways around the town center and much more

from Laura Campbell to everyone: 7:27 PM

comment

from Matt Costello to everyone: 7:28 PM

Community Hub meeting is on thursday 11th March at 6.30pm, we will send the link to all board attendees

from Christine Mc Nally to everyone: 7:29 PM

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from boylech to everyone: 7:34 PM

Town and Community Hub briefings Coatbridge Thu 11/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30

from boylech to everyone: 7:34 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-coatbridge-tickets-141448750019>

from brownlieb to everyone: 7:37 PM

Just to advise and support the information from Clare in regard to soe of teh activities around anti-social behaviour. Although difficult we have obtainede sevral orders through the courts in the form of interim anti-social orbehavior orders .

from Ryan Kelly to everyone: 7:37 PM

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from Kirkwood T&RA to everyone: 7:38 PM

Is there any movement on anti social team helping home owners now Bob Brownlie and not only tenants as know this was changed last year

from boylech to everyone: 7:45 PM

Please remember to put yourselves on Mute thankyou

from Tom Castles to everyone: 7:45 PM

from Allan Stubbs to everyone: 7:45 PM

from mulligana to everyone: 7:50 PM

Thanks Chair.

from brownlieb to everyone: 7:50 PM

Thansk and take care

from MarianTobin to everyone: 7:50 PM

Thanks