

**Tannochside Primary School, Uddingston, 23 January 2014 at 7 pm.**

**A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, Lyle, and McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Chief Inspector Rosie Wright, Police Scotland, and Group Commander Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer and Ian Hunter, Economic Development Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Stephen Llewellyn, Operations Manager, and Audrey Johnstone, Assistant Operations Manager (Community Safety), Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council and Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. The Local Area Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE**

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 10 December 2013 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) setting out the background to, and details of, the Youth Investment Programme which offered employers an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and had a target of 5,000 unemployed residents to be brought back into work over the three year period of the Programme; (2) indicating that, by November 2013, 1,510 unemployed residents had benefited from the Youth Investment Programme; (3) outlining the position for the Partnership area, with 202 supported into employment, 61 from the Bellshill Ward, 87 from the Mossend and Holytown Ward and 54 from the Thorniewood Ward; (4) detailing ways in which the Local Area Team could assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme and maximise the benefit of the Youth Investment Programme, and (5) concluding that, while the Youth Investment Programme had made encouraging early progress, Regeneration Services required the support of all stakeholders and partners to make the Programme a success and welcomed feedback from partners on ways in which the Programme could be improved.

Thereafter, the Local Area Partnership heard Ian Hunter, Economic Development Officer in supplement to the report.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the content of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action to ensure that the most disadvantaged communities maximise benefit from the Youth Investment Programme.

#### **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and the Area Committee held on 24 October 2013.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

#### **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

4. There was submitted a report dated December 2013 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of recent and proposed Forum activity, including (1) the Blue Light Discos, and (2) Picnic in the Park which was due to take place on 17 May 2014.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

#### **PRESENTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR A SPORTS HUB AT BELLSHILL ACADEMY**

5. Duncan McLeod, Convener of the Bellshill and District Community Forum introduced Colin MacFarlane of Active Bellshill Community Group and the Local Area Partnership heard him in relation to (1) the background to the setting up of the Community Group and their aims and objectives; (2) proposals for the creation of a Sports Hub within Bellshill Academy, including details of possible funding sources and income; (3) the key benefits of the proposals, and (4) details of the proposed timetable to take forward the proposals.

Mr. MacFarlane and other members of the Group who were present at the meeting then answered questions by Members and, thereafter, the Convener thanked them for an interesting and informative presentation and indicated that a report on proposals for a Sports Hub at Bellshill Academy was due to be submitted to the Learning and Leisure Services Committee on 4 February 2014.

**Decided:** that the content of the presentation be noted.

#### **NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 17 July and 11 September 2013.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT**

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 6 January 2014 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality providing details of various matters which had been considered or had taken place within the Bellshill Locality since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, including (1) the up-to-date position regarding the John Street Practice; (2) Sexual Health Services for Vulnerable Young People; (3) the First Steps Programme North Lanarkshire which aimed to tackle health inequalities in the early years of a child's life; (4) the Child Health Surveillance 27-30 month review, and (5) the Family Nurse Partnership, the aim of which was to assist first time mothers under 20 years of age.

The Chair then undertook to contact NHS Lanarkshire with a view to obtaining further details regarding the progress of the new clinic building for the John Street Practice and to report back on the outcome to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the action being taken by the Convener in relation to the replacement John Street Clinic be noted.

**THIRD SECTOR REPORT**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated December 2013 from the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group detailing Group activity in North Lanarkshire, including (1) the Reshaping Care for Older People Change Plan Third Sector Activity and its impact in the Bellshill area; (2) Bellshill Employee Volunteers who assisted the RSPB Scotland by removing damaging weed from Barons Haugh Nature Reserve, and (3) other more local activity.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

9. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 24 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 23 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing information in relation to the priority area, identified within the Bellshill and District Locality, as Ward 15 – Mossend and Holytown; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, (a) information and actions, considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group, for the period from 1 September to 30 November 2013, including a “hot spot” map which highlighted crime and anti-social behaviour issues within the priority ward area; (b) statistical analysis of incidents in the area; (c) the Partner Action Plan for the area which provided a summary of agreed actions to address some of the issues identified, and (d) statistical information in relation to the two remaining wards within the Bellshill and District Locality; (3) summarising issues that arose over the December/Christmas period, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report, and (4) detailing, within the report, action taken to promote positive outcomes within the Locality.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Group Commander Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chief Inspector Rosie Wright, Police Scotland in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

10. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 23 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration detailing the key updates to the Bellshill and District Local Area Team Action Plan for the period from April to September 2013, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

11. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 24 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 23 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, the progress of projects within the Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives; (3) providing details of the approved projects within the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report; (4) advising of the allocation of additional funding of £300,000, as approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 5 December 2013, to the Local Development Programme for the Bellshill area, and (5) inviting the submission of further projects to utilise this funding.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives, as set out within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposals for the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the additional resources, as detailed within the report, be noted, and
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

**REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE**

12. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 13 December 2013 by the Head of Housing Services (1) intimating that a Member/Officer Working Group had been set up to review the way in which the Council and its partners dealt with anti-social behaviour; (2) advising of the main findings of the review, as outlined in the report, which had been submitted to the Member/Officer Working Group and the main Service Committee, and (3) setting out, within the report, the new Service Model which had been approved and which was due to formally launch on 1 April 2014.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Stephen Llewellyn, Operations Manager in supplement to the report and in response to questions from Members, when he indicated that the formal launch of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Service was now scheduled to take place on 3 April 2014.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

13. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 24 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 19 November 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising of progress in relation to the development of the Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) reiterating that no funding had been allocated in the Capital Programme for Bellshill Town Centre, with the consequential requirement that opportunities for external funding would need to be identified within the new Framework and Action Plan; (3) advising that 38 actions had been identified within the Town Centre Action Plan prepared by the Scottish Government as part of the National Review of Town Centres which aimed to stimulate, encourage and support action across the public, private and community sectors through partnership action at a local level and which would be developed through the Town Centre Framework and Action Plan for Bellshill, and (4) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited for all the Partnership areas which showed (a) that Bellshill's vacancy rate of 9.6% was below the Scottish average of 11.1%, and (b) that footfall within the Town Centre was down in comparison with the same period last year.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Shirley Penman, Senior Planning officer, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions when she advised that the scaffolding at Hamilton Road had now been removed.

**Decided:** that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

**MEETING DATES DURING 2014**

14. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 January 2014) dated 6 January 2014 by the Joint Acting Head of Central Services proposing that the scheduled meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and the Area Committee during the remainder of 2014 be changed to 3 April, 7 August and 23 October 2014.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee due to be held on 10 April, 31 July and 16 October 2014 now be held on Thursday, 3 April, 7 August and 23 October 2014, respectively.

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

15. The Local Area Partnership was advised that the next meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee were to take place on Thursday, 3 April 2014 at 7 pm within Bellshill Fire Station, Bellshill.

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was to take place on Thursday, 3 April 2014 at 7 pm within Bellshill Fire Station, Bellshill, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.

**Tannochside Primary School, Uddingston, 23 January 2014 at 8.35 pm.**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, Lyle and McNally.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McShannon.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

The Area Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2014**

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 23 January 2014 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the content of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action to ensure that the most disadvantaged communities maximise benefit from the Youth Investment Programme.

**(2) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES**

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**(3) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.

**(4) PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR OF BELLSHILL COMMUNITY FORUM ON THE SPORTS HUB WITHIN BELLSHILL ACADEMY**

**Decided:** that the content of the presentation be noted.

**(5) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**(6) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT**

**Decided:**

(1) that the terms of the report be noted, and

(2) that the action being taken by the Convener in relation to the replacement John Street Clinic be noted.

**(7) THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**(8) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**(9) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

**(10) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

(1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives, as set out within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;

- (2) that the proposals for the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the additional resources, as detailed within the report, be noted, and
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

**(11) REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE**

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**(12) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

**(13) MEETING DATES DURING 2014**

**Decided:** that the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee due to be held on 10 April, 31 July and 16 October 2014 now be held on Thursday, 3 April, 7 August and 23 October 2014, respectively.

**(14) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was to take place on Thursday, 3 April 2014 at 7 pm within Bellshill Fire Station, Bellshill, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.