

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Bellshill and District Area Committee	Subject: Bellshill Area Safety Initiative Minutes
From: Chief Executive	
Date: 28 January 1999	Ref: CE012/023/004E

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the minutes of the Area Safety Initiative Management Committee meetings of 3 November and 1 December 1998 to the Area Committee. The minutes are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Bellshill and District Area Committee is requested to note the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative minutes.


Chief Executive

BELLSHILL AREAS SAFETY INITIATIVE

Minutes of the Meeting held in Bellshill Academy on Tuesday 3 November 1998

Present: Jennifer Lees, Bobby McKillop, Willie Foy, Tom McPherson, Gillian Turner, Sandra Toyer

Apologies: Councillor C Heberton, Councillor H Curran, Stewart Wright, Bryan Miles, Rosemary Fleming, Brian Emmerson, Tony McGowan

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minute was approved by Bobby McKillop

MATTERS ARISING

Conference Location

The conference sub group had met on two occasions. It was suggested that Viewpark Community Education Centre be the venue for the Conference facilities and car parking was suitable. The programme including key-note speaker, themed workshops to be considered. A report on the new Stakis Hotel as a venue to be considered. It was agreed that Tom, Gerry and Bryan Emmerson should meet to formulate a programme.

Elderly Sub Group

The returns on the questionnaire was circulated. High on the list was litter followed by drinking in public, youths loitering and vandalism. The sub group suggested an anti-litter campaign involving young people and elderly around Brannock High School, Newarthill. A further campaign involving youth groups from Focus etc. and elderly in Viewpark and Tannochside area.

Youth Sub Group

The survey which is being compiled through consultation with pupils of Taylor High and Bellshill Academy will be collated by the next meeting. We are also expecting opinions from the Bellshill Youth Forum's own survey (which includes a question on community safety), when the questionnaires taken at the "Skomp" event at Cardinal Newman School have been collated.

Project Workers Report

The suggested event (campaign) involving youth and elderly in Viewpark has been researched and word was expected from the Fallside Action Group, Local Community Policeman and Youth Worker about their co-operation in a "Crosstalk" Style session in December.

It had been agreed at the Elderly Forum that a third event would be decided on after the results of the Youth Survey had been analysed.

Finance

The funding from the National Lottery was awarded to be used within 3 months. The problem with recruitment was accepted and an extension to the end of March, 199 was given. Super County's donation of £2,000 had been received. The logos of North Lanarkshire Council, Super County and National Lottery to be included on our headed paper and only materials used for the Conference. It was agreed to pay Bellshill and Mossend YMCA the rental for Gerry's use of premises. Consideration to be given to the appointment of a Conference Secretary.

A.O.C.B.

Attendance of members of the management committee at meetings was discussed.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st December, 1998 at 7.00pm in Bellshill Academy

MINUTE OF MEETING OF BELLSHILL AREA SAFETY INITIATIVE HELD IN
BELLSHILL ACADEMY ON 1 DECEMBER 1998 AT 7.00PM

Present: S Toyer, Womens' Aid;
R McKillop, Focus Youth Project;
B Emmerson, Social Work Department;
G Naughton, Project Officer;
J Lees, Chief Executive's Department;
G Turner, Young Persons Drug and Alcohol Project;
S Wright, Community Education Service;
T McPherson, Bellshill and Mossend YMCA.

Apologies: K McKeown; W. Foy; A. McGowan; A. Rutherford; and, R. Fleming

1. Introduction and Welcome

Mr McPherson opened the meeting, welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending. Mr Naughton explained that a letter had been received from Ms Fleming intimating her resignation from the Management Committee due to the relocation of her job to Easterhouse. Mr McPherson requested that Mr Naughton write to Ms Fleming on behalf of the Committee expressing thanks for all her assistance and also contact Mr McNaughton from Right Track requesting the project to identify a new Committee member to replace Ms Fleming. The Committee noted that Ms Fleming had been a signatory to the bank account and it was agreed that Ms Toyer should become the new bank signatory.

2. Approval of Minute of Meeting of 3 November 1998

The Minute was approved as accurate.

3. Matters Arising From Minute - Conference Update

Mr Naughton circulated copies of an amended programme for the Community Conference. The Committee agreed that the proposed date of the Conference be changed to 21 March 1999 to allow more time for administrative arrangements.

4. Youth Sub Group Report

Mr Naughton advised that the Youth Sub Group had met and prepared a safety issues questionnaire to be issued to young people. He further advised that a total of 240 questionnaires had been distributed to date with 30 sent to the four High Schools and the remainder allocated to local youth workers. Mr McKillop returned 15 questionnaires completed by young people from Focus Youth Project.

Mr Wright suggested that Mr Naughton should phone the High Schools and youth workers if the completed questionnaires are not returned by 9 December 1998. It was agreed that the questionnaire results will be collated by Mr Naughton and Youth Sub Group members will be available to offer assistance if required. Ms Turner agreed to lay out the questionnaire results on the office computer.

5. Conference Sub Group

Miss Lees advised that the Conference Sub Group had re-drafted the Conference Programme as requested by the Management Committee. The Programme now included a drama input and "Market Place" of exhibitors. The Committee considered and approved a list of possible exhibitors prepared by the Conference Sub Group. It was agreed that Halfords should be invited to stage an exhibition on bicycle safety and also approached regarding the possibility of donating a bicycle as a star raffle prize. The Committee further agreed that conference delegates should be supplied with a conference pack as suggested by the Sub Group. It was noted that the conference pack allocated to elderly delegates would include a personal alarm and Ms Turner suggested that the young people may also find these beneficial. Ms Turner's proposal was agreed to.

Ms Toyer volunteered to stage an exhibition on Womens Safety at the conference.

The Committee agreed that Ms Rees Gallagher from ToSS Theatre be employed on a sessional basis to co-ordinate and direct the drama input to the conference. The Committee approved a maximum budget of £350 for the sessional staff and drama input. Mr Wright agreed to progress Ms Gallagher's employment on a sessional basis.

It was agreed that the Conference Sub Group should reconvene a further meeting in early course to identify tasks for the Management Committee and determine the budgets and resources required to support the conference. A further report should be submitted to the next Management Committee meeting.

It was provisionally agreed that the title of the conference should be "Safety Net".

6. Financial Report

Miss Lees circulated the financial report for November 1998 and the Committee noted the funding award of £2,000 from Lanarkshire Supercounty.

7. Development of Crosstalks

The Committee spent some time discussing the potential to develop crosstalks between young people and elderly people and the following themes were approved:

- i) Food and Diet - Changes over the past 50 years.
Elderly people from West End Drive Sheltered Housing Complex and young people from the Rushes project to participate. Mr Naughton and Ms Turner to organise.
- ii) Womens Safety
Elderly women and young women from across Bellshill area to participate. Ms Toyer and Ms Turner to organise.
- iii) Street Safety
Safety issues experienced by young and elderly people from Viewpark. Young people to be identified through Focus Youth Project and elderly people to be identified by J Roebuck, Community Involvement Officer. Mr Naughton, Miss Lees and Mr Campbell (Focus Youth Project) to organise.

7. Development of Crosstalks/cont.

Mr Wright emphasised that the crosstalks would be most effective where they involved young and elderly people from the same area and he requested a list of all those elderly groups which had completed the original questionnaire.

8. Project Worker's Report

The Committee noted that the key elements of the Project Worker's report had been covered under the previous agenda items.

9. Any Other Business

i) Newarthill

Miss Lees advised that Councillor Lafferty had brought to her attention a series of complaints received from Newarthill residents, including the submission of a 1,000 signature petition, regarding young people causing a disturbance in Woodielee Road area. Councillor Lafferty suggested that Community Education and the Police should meet with local residents to discuss the issue and Miss Lees had proposed that BASI should also become involved given the project's remit. Mr Emmerson advised that he would be keen to become involved. It was agreed that Miss Lees should contact the local residents and Councillor Lafferty to arrange a mutually convenient date and time to meet.

ii) Letterhead

Miss Lees circulated a draft letterhead prepared by the Council's Graphic Designer and the design was approved. It was further approved that Miss Lees and Mr Naughton would obtain quotations to print the letterhead.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 January 1998 at 7.00pm.