

## BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2000 AT 7.00 PM  
IN THE CULTURAL CENTRE**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

**Present**

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| T Leggate, MBE, Chairman | D McLeod                     |
| Mrs E Williamson         | J Cairns, Strathclyde Police |
| Mrs M Mooney             | E McEwan, Treasurer          |
| Mrs A Forsyth            | W Foy, Secretary             |
| Mrs B McPhee             | T Taylor                     |

**Apologies**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of H Curran, J Gordon and Mrs P Bannister.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on the motion of D McLeod and B McPhee.

**Police Report**

Constable Cairns reported a drop in domestic house breaking and the need to make garden sheds and garages more secure. He also reported on the co-operation with staff and pupils of Cardinal Newman High School and Bellshill Academy to tidy up their surrounding areas. CCTV cameras were proving to be very effective. He also reported on police patrols in the evening to combat disorder.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer circulated his financial statement which showed a closing balance of £2808.22.

**Street Fair 2000**

The Secretary informed the meeting that John Reid MP was not available on open the Street Fair. It was agreed to invite Michael McMahon MSP to carry out the opening ceremony. Buffet arrangements had been made, the PA system had been arranged and it was agreed to meet on Tuesday, 28 March to finalise the invitation list.

**Environment**

The Secretary read his letter to Mr Porch, Director of Planning and Environment and a reply from Mr Bryceland, Head of Protective Services.

**Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Alex Neil MSP who wished to attend our meeting, it was agreed to invite him to attend on 19 April. The Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM would be held on Saturday, 10 June, the Chairman would attend. A copy of the North Lanarkshire Council's Community Plan was circulated and it was agreed to get more copies. It was agreed to join CAVOC.

**AOCB**

The portrait of Sir Matt Busby was presented to the Sports Complex on Tuesday, 7 March.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 April 2000.

# BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL 2000 7.00 PM IN THE CULTURAL CENTRE

### Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the April meeting.

### Present

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| T Leggate – Chairperson | D McLeod                                   |
| Mrs P Bannister         | J Lafferty                                 |
| Mrs B N McPhee          | C Kirkwood – Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre |
| Mrs E Williamson        | E McEwan, Treasurer                        |
| J Gorman, NLC           | W Foy, Secretary                           |

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on the motion of D McLeod and B McPhee.

### Establishment of Community Councils

The new North Lanarkshire Scheme for Community Councils was discussed at length. The main points being:-

- All Community Councils will cease to operate as of 31 May 2000
- To form a Community Council a request has to be made within 21 days of 31 May.
- A request to be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council signed by 20 electors from the electoral area.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by residents in the electoral area and identified by their electoral roll number.
- Each candidate to provide a statement in support of their election.

Other points were raised and discussed and it was agreed that the Secretary provide a letter for collecting the 20 names necessary.

### Police Report

Sergeant Lafferty reported that crime figures were down but the need for greater care is required for security of garden sheds and garages. Some group disorder was reported in the New Stevenson and Viewpark areas. Public safety at Bellshill Railway Station was discussed. An anti-robbery seminar will be held in Bellshill YMCA on Wednesday, 26 April at 7.30 pm. The location of contractors storage containers was discussed at length.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated the financial statement to 31 March which showed a closing balance of £2,704.77.

### **Street Fair 2000**

The Secretary reported on the progress to date. Bellshill Academy and EU Bible Class had still to indicate if they were taking part. The use of the Cultural Centre was still available, chairs to be stored there after use. The application to the Community Grants Scheme was raised and the request for support from councillors was highlighted. Invitations had still to be sent out.

### **Correspondence**

The Secretary circulated information from North Lanarkshire Council Sports, Parks & Transport Division and Arts and Venues. A brochure from Railtrack had been received, it was agreed to request a more detailed copy. A letter from the Rector of Bellshill Academy thanking us for the donation of £100.

### **Crawford Kirkwood**

Crawford has taken up his post as Development Officer at Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre and he gave a brief outline of his remit.

### **AOCB**

It was agreed that we should be represented at the Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM in June. The present use of Sir John Mann Home and the premises now occupied by the Social Inclusion Programme was discussed.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17 May 2000