

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 23 May 2000**

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**Bellshill, 23 May 2000 at 7 PM.**

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Heberton (Convener); Councillors Curran, Gorman, Lafferty, Lyle, H. McGuigan, McKeown and Saunders.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Heberton (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Director of Community Services (Liaison Director), Core Services Officer, Principal Officer (Development), Department of Community Services and Area Housing Manager.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Sandie Mackay, Community Planning/Partnership Manager, Chief Executive's Department; Mr Martin McManus, Project Manager, Motherwell North Social Inclusion Partnership; Superintendent McKelvie, Strathclyde Police, and J. Gardiner, J. Gilmour, T. Leggate and S. Toyer, Bellshill and District Community Forum representatives.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Coyle and McCabe, and C. Kennedy and I. Wotherspoon, Bellshill and District Community Forum representatives.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE**

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 23 March 2000.

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

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

2. There were submitted Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Community Councils held on the dates specified:-

(1)	Bellshill Community Council	15 March 2000
(2)	Holytown Community Council	17 February 2000
(3)	Mossend Community Council	21 April 1999
		12 May 1999
		9 June 1999
		8 September 1999
		13 October 1999
		10 November 1999
(4)	New Stevenston Community Council	12 April 2000

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

**SOCIAL INCLUSION - PRESENTATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT**

3. The Convener welcomed to the meeting Ms. Sandie Mackay, Community Planning/Partnership Manager, Chief Executive's Department and Mr. Martin McManus, Project Manager of the Motherwell North Social Inclusion Partnership who had been invited to attend for the purposes of making a presentation on Social Inclusion.

After Ms. Mackay's introductory remarks, Mr. McManus gave a presentation on the subject of Social Inclusion in general and the Motherwell North Social Inclusion Partnership in particular, parts of which are within the Bellshill and District area.

There then followed a question and answer session at the conclusion of which the Convener thanked Ms. Mackay and Mr. McManus for the informative presentation.

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

**REMIT FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 2 MAY 2000 - NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

4. With reference to paragraph 29 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 2 May 2000 when that Committee approved the allocation of £8,000 to support travel, accommodation, training and administration costs associated with young people in North Lanarkshire involved in the Scottish Youth Parliament and remitted the report to the Social Inclusion Committee and all Area Committees for their information and interest, there was submitted the said report dated 14 March 2000 by the Director of Community Services thereon.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that North Lanarkshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament be invited to make a presentation on their role to a future meeting of the Committee.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM**

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 March 2000, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 May 2000 by the Liaison Director advising (1) that a meeting was held between representatives of the Community Services Department and 6 Community Forum representatives on 4 May 2000 when discussions took place with regard to re-establishing links and effective communication between the Area Committee and the Community Forum; (2) that the Forum members in attendance had (a) indicated that the most pressing issue was to clarify whether those individuals who were nominated as Forum representatives previously were still in a position to participate, and (b) requested the Liaison Director to write to all Forum representatives requesting confirmation of the situation with regard to membership, and (3) that the timescale for responding has been set as Friday, 26 May 2000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Liaison Director submit a further report to the next meeting of the Area Committee with an update on the re-establishment of the Bellshill and District Community Forum, and

- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES 2000/2001**

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 May 2000 by the Acting Director of Housing and Property Services regarding Estate Based Initiative Projects identified by the Local Area Housing Offices (1) indicating that a budget provision of £18,200 had been allocated for Estate Based Initiative projects in the Bellshill area and £7,500 for the Viewpark area; (2) advising that the projects identified represented locally determined priorities which would benefit the local environment, and (3) recommending that the projects as set out within Appendix 1 to the report, be supported.

**Decided:** that the funding of the projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be supported and referred to the Housing and Property Services Committee for approval.

**FUTURE AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS AND DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS**

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 April 2000 by the Liaison Director advising that the inter-departmental Officers Team, which meets on a regular basis to support the work of the Area Committee, had proposed that the Area Committee be invited to consider a range of possible topics, as detailed in the report, which could be the subject of presentations at future Committee meetings.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the range of topics, as detailed in the report, were suitable for presentations subject to the addition of a further topic entitled "Corporate Environmental Awareness";
- (2) that the Liaison Director, in consultation with the Convener, be instructed to organise presentations to be held at future Committee meetings as appropriate, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME BUDGET 2000/2001**

8. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2000 by the Liaison Director (1) advising Members of the up to date position in relation to the Community Grants Budget for this financial year, and (2) recommending that all outstanding Community Grant applications be continued to a future meeting of this Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that all outstanding Community Grant applications be continued to a future meeting of this Committee, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The Convener proposed that the next meeting of the Area Committee scheduled for Thursday, 22 June 2000 should now be held on Tuesday, 27 June 2000 at 7 pm.

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**Decided:** that the next meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday, 27 June 2000 at 7 pm.