
Bellshill, 27 June 2000 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Heberton (Convener); Councillors Gorman, Lyle and McKeown.

CHAIR

Councillor Heberton (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Community Services (Liaison Director), Core Services Officer and Principal Officer (Development), Community Services Department

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent McKelvie, Strathclyde Police and W. Foy, J. Gilmour, T. Leggate, M. MacDonald and S. Toyer, Bellshill and District Community Forum representatives.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Coyle, Curran, Lafferty, McCabe and Saunders

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Before commencing the business of the meeting Councillor Heberton referred to the recent death of Councillor Lafferty's wife and it was agreed that the Committee's condolences be sent to Councillor Lafferty in his sad bereavement.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2000

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

PRESENTATION BY NORTH LANARKSHIRE MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

2. The Convener welcomed to the meeting Rosemary Trainer, John Holmes and Katrina Greig who had been invited to attend for the purpose of making a presentation on their role as members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and in particular, the links with the Council's Draft Strategy for Young People.

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There then followed a question and answer session during which it was noted that Katrina Greig was Secretary to the Scottish Youth Parliament and Steven Jack from Motherwell was Chair of the Parliament.

At the conclusion of the session the Convener thanked the members of the Scottish Youth Parliament for their informative presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 May 2000, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 16 June 2000 by the Liaison Director advising (1) on the progress made towards the re-establishment of the Bellshill and District Community Forum; (2) that the Forum held its latest meeting on 15 June 2000, a note of which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and (3) that the Forum Members in attendance had (a) intimated their concern about the lack of representation from areas outwith Central Bellshill, namely Holytown, Newarthill, Tannochside, Viewpark and Birkenshaw, and (b) suggested that the Forum should have a standing item on the Area Committee Agenda.

Decided:

- (1) that the Liaison Director be authorised to notify groups and organisations within the areas highlighted in the report of the availability of places on the Community Forum;
- (2) that the contents of the note of the Community Forum Meeting as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (3) that there be a standing item on the Area Committee Agenda for the Community Forum.
- (4) that the Liaison Director submit a further report on the ongoing development of the Community Forum to a future meeting of the Area Committee, and
- (5) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

STRATHCLYDE COUNTRY PARK DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

4. The Liaison Director referred to paragraph 28 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 13 June 2000, when that Committee having considered a report dated 5 June 2000 by the Director of Community Services on the development strategy for Strathclyde Country Park, had agreed (1) that the Director of Community Services investigate and identify revenue generating developments and the availability and attraction of outdoor events appropriate in scale and nature to the environment of Strathclyde Country Park and report to the Community Services Committee on the results of his findings in due course; (2) that the strategies for development of the Park as contained in Section 4 of the report, be endorsed; (3) that the application of criteria for development of the Park, as contained in Section 5 of the report be agreed, and (4) that the opportunities for development of the Park, as detailed in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the report as amended be noted.

In this connection there was submitted a copy of the report dated 5 June by the Director of Community Services and the Director was heard in further explanation of the report.

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Decided:

- (1) that the views of the Community Forum and Youth Forum would be welcome in relation to the development of the Park Strategy, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

SUMMER FLOWER FESTIVAL 2000 - INCOME AND ATTENDANCE

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 2000 by the Director of Community Services advising of attendance and income figures for the Summer Flower Festival held in Viewpark Gardens, Uddingston from 1-4 June 2000, and indicating that both attendance and income had increased as compared with the 1999 figures.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 by the Director of Community Services advising (1) that for a variety of reasons community and voluntary organisations within North Lanarkshire had not accessed an equitable share of the levels of Grant Funding which are available at Local, National and European levels; (2) that information on funding sources has not been widely publicised but is available via a software package known as "Funder Finder" which is readily available throughout North Lanarkshire, including a location within the Bellshill and District Area; (3) that previous research on the "Funder Finder" package has shown its capacity for assisting groups to access considerable sums of funding if utilised appropriately, and (4) that it was proposed that the "Funder Finder" package be promoted amongst community groups and voluntary organisations in the Bellshill and District Area to maximise the level of grant funding available within the area.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the existence of the "Funder Finder" software package and promote its use amongst voluntary and community groups within the Bellshill and District Area, and
- (2) that the possibility of holding a seminar for voluntary and community groups on the availability of funding sources for such groups be investigated and a report on the matter be submitted to the Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

7. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 30 March 2000, there was submitted a report dated 12 June 2000 by the Director of Community Services detailing continued applications for Community Grants together with new applications.

Decided: that consideration of all grant applications be continued and dealt with as a matter of urgency during the recess.