

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE
From: LIAISON DIRECTOR	
Date: 27 NOVEMBER 2000	Ref: RM/MF

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the progress of the Bellshill and District Community Forum.

2. PROGRESS

- 2.1 The Community Forum held its latest meeting on Thursday 23 November. A copy of the draft minute of this meeting is appended as Annex 1.
- 2.2 In line with proposals for amendment to an eight week committee cycle the forum has agreed to adopt a similar approach, but will continue to meet two weeks prior to the date of the Area Committee meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the content of this report and comment as appropriate.

Paul G. A.

Bellshill and District Community Forum**Note of Meeting held on Thursday 23 November 2000 in Bellshill Cultural Centre**

Present: C Wotherspoon, J Gilmour, R McCarey, J Keen (Housing), T Leggate MBE, R McHarg (Community Services), Sgt D Callander (Police), G Williams, Councillor C Heberton, Margaret Walker, T Skelton.

Apologies: A Law

1. Note of Meeting of 12 October 2000

Approved as accurate

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Police in Bellshill and District

Sergeant Callander reported an overall increase Force wide in the crime statistics for the period, and gave a breakdown of the various groups of offences that had taken place.

Sergeant Callander detailed some positive activities within the area, including:

The launch of radio link with local retailers
Retail crime prevention advice including stalls within retail units on the run up to Christmas
Distribution of credit card fraud packages to local retailers.

4. Adoption of Constitution

The Forum agreed that the constitution, which had minor amendments, was now ready to be signed. Robert will distribute to office bearers for signature in the coming weeks.

5. Planning Applications

As was previously agreed by the Forum a list of the weekly planning lists relevant to the Bellshill and District area was distributed and discussed. These will be distributed by Robert on a weekly basis to Forum members and discussed at the next Community Forum.

6. Bellshill and District Area Committee – 7 December 2000

Robert highlighted the fact that the Chief Executive and the Council leader would be in attendance at the Area Committee to undertake a presentation on the future role of decentralisation and the relationship between the Forum and the Committee. Many forum members had already received invitations, Robert encouraged all who could to attend.

7. Any Other Business

A number of matters relating to Policing, community safety, young people and road safety were raised and discussion ensued around these.

Litter at Milnwood Park: Rosemary requested further information on who was responsible for the collection of litter on this area. Robert informed her that he would speak to Harry Woods (Area Cleansing Manager) regarding this and will respond directly to Rosemary.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 1 February 2001 at 7.00pm in Bellshill Cultural Centre