

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Date: 15 FEBRUARY 2001	Ref: RM/MF

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. PROGRESS

The Community Forum held its last meeting on Thursday 1 February. A copy of the minute of this meeting is attached as appendix 1.

The Forum members highlighted a number of matters that they wished to see discussed more fully by the Area Committee.

These included:

- CCTV in the Jewel Scheme;
- Future plans for the grounds of Bellshill Maternity Hospital;
- Future plans for the North Road; and
- Traffic measures in North Road.

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee:

- (i) note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.


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Bellshill and District Community Forum

Meeting of 1 February 2001

In Attendance: Councillor Hebenton
Tom Leggate (Chairperson)
William Foy
John Gilmour
Alex Law
Margaret McDonald
Mary Hendry

Apologies: Councillor Gorman

Distribution: As above

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1. NOTE OF LAST MEETING

It was noted that no copies of the minute of the last meeting had been distributed, Tom Leggate was the only Forum member with a copy.

The note was accepted as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

2. POLICE REPORT

As there was no representative of the Police present there was no update report.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A discussion ensued around the range of planning applications for the Bellshill and District area.

A number of questions were raised in relation to plans for the North Road/Bellshill Maternity area, it would appear that some areas have been sent letters about this.

The Chairperson suggested that this could not be discussed in detail, as it was not on the agenda.

Councillor Hebenton suggested that the Forum was in a position to request that this item be discussed at the next Bellshill and District Area Committee meeting and an input from a relevant officer requested. This will be followed up by the Chairperson.

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4. FEEDBACK FROM SPECIAL AREA COMMITTEE

Information on the content of the Special Area Committee was discussed. The presentation included information on the Councils budget and proposed rises to both Council house rents and Council Tax.

A breakdown of how these budgets would be expended was also given. It was also pointed out that North Lanarkshire rents were amongst the lowest in Scotland.

5. DATE OF NEXT AREA COMMITTEE

The date of the next Bellshill and District Area Committee was confirmed as Thursday 22 February at 7.00pm in Bellshill Cultural Centre.

The original date had been changed as it clashed with the Councils budget setting date.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A number of matters were discussed in relation to the closure of Bellshill Maternity and the proposed redevelopment of the grounds and the future layout of the roads.

The issues relating to CCTV in the Jewel Scheme were raised again. It is believed that the sum of £150,000 is available to upgrade cameras in the Jewel Scheme. The local members will be approached in relation to this.

It was suggested that these items be put onto the agenda for the next Area Committee, Councillor Hebenton agreed to this.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29 March 2001.