

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
IN BELLSHILL ACADEMY**

Thursday 29 March 2001

In Attendance: T Leggate (Chair)
William Foy
Mary Hendry
R McCarey
M MacDonald
J Gilmour
G Williams
A Law
Councillor C Heberton
D Millar

Apologies: S Toyer
R McHarg

Distribution: As above

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1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approved as accurate by M Hendry, seconded by A. Law.

It was noted that not all Forum representatives had received minutes for the meeting. Robert McHarg will be requested to make sure distribution procedures are operating.

2. **PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER**

David Millar undertook a presentation, highlighting proposals for future developments in and around the Bellshill area.

David spoke firstly on the closure of the Bellshill Maternity Hospital in June 2001, and suggested that the site may be sold for residential development. Any access to the site will be from the original hospital entrance. A roundabout will be put in place which, it is hoped, will allay the road safety concerns which have been raised on a regular basis.

David informed the Forum that a consultation exercise is to be undertaken on the traffic issues relating to North Road, Bellshill Cross and Main Street Bellshill. This will culminate in a presentation at the Bellshill Cultural Centre. David stressed that this has a high priority within the Council and committed to future discussions and to sending information to the Community Forum.

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	<p>A number of issues were raised by Forum members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking congestion at shops in North Road • A second crossing in North Road • Speeding on Hamilton Road <p>Following this, Mr Miller was thanked for his input and left the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>No officer was available to undertake a police report. As this was the second time in succession that there had been no presence, the Chair asked that the Police be sent notes of the meeting and their presence requested.</p> <p>Mr Law raised concern that he had been led to believe there would be a member of staff present to discuss CCTV matters. He was informed that Mr Halpin had been invited but was unable to attend at this time, although he had committed to attending a future meeting. A letter will be sent giving Mr Halpin details of the next Community Forum meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>All members felt that there were no issues to discuss under this item.</p>	
5.	<p><u>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS</u></p> <p>A number of additional matters were discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future development of the Business Park • Poor state of Main Street, Bellshill <p>It was agreed that R McHarg should be asked to follow these matters up on behalf of the Forum.</p>	
6.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Thursday 31 May 2001 @ 7.00 pm Bellshill Cultural Centre</p>	