

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

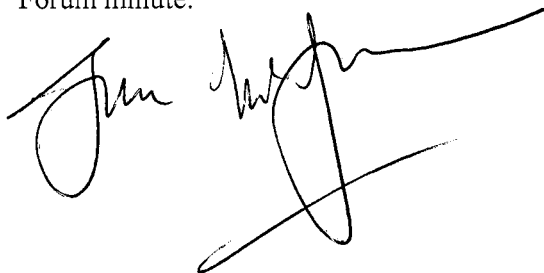
To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Date: 6 JUNE 2001	Ref: RM/MF

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to submit the minute of the Bellshill and District Community Forum meeting to the Area Committee. The draft minute of 31 May 2001 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Bellshill and District Area Committee is requested to note the Bellshill and District Community Forum minute.



**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Bellshill and District Community Forum
In Bellshill Academy**

Thursday 31st May

In Attendance:
T. Leggate (chair)
S. Toyer
G. Williams
W. Foy
M. Henry
Cllr C. Hebenton
A. Little N.L.C. Planning & Environment
J. Halpin Town Centre Manager
S. Wright

Apologies:
A. Law
J. Gilmour
R. McHarg

Distribution: As above

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
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1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved as accurate by M. Henry, seconded by W. Foy

No matters arising from the previous minute.

2 PRESENTATION ON BELLSHILL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

Alex Little undertook a presentation on a range of options for improving Bellshill Traffic System which had been brought forward by consultants.

Alex indicated that the preferred option of the Planning and Environment Department was option 8. This not only addressed town centre problems but also those experienced in the wider area such as Motherwell Road, Hamilton Road and the area around Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre.

As part of the consultation process he had attended meetings with shopkeepers and the public to ascertain their views and he welcomed the Forum's input.

A full discussion then took place around several issues including the need for the Main Street to be pedestrian friendly, the underpass at North Road and specific aspects of the preferred option.

Alex finished his presentation by inviting written comments to the Department by 25th June.

3 **PRESENTATION ON BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE**

John Halpin undertook a presentation on the Town Centre and C.C.T.V. He indicated that at present Bellshill town centre along with 17 other town centres across Lanarkshire were the focus of a study by consultants looking at town centre regeneration. The study was jointly funded by North and South Lanarkshire and Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire. It was acknowledged that the previous item on the agenda was an integral part of Bellshill town centre regeneration and that the two should complement each other.

John indicated that Ann Flood has recently been recruited to the Town Centre Management and that her duties would include Bellshill town centre. He indicated that within North Lanarkshire town centres there are 3 aspects which need to be looked at to ensure a positive image: cleanliness, safety and attractiveness.

With regard to C.C.T.V. he informed the Forum that the introduction of cameras and Radio link which were monitored had been a boom for business in the town.

A discussion ensued around the points raised by John. John finished the presentation by inviting local people to have an input in the regeneration of the town centre by making suggestions for improvements directly to him.

4 **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There were no items for discussion.

5 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 30th August at 7.00pm in Bellshill Academy