

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
From: AREA TEAM LEADER		
Date: 2.11.01	Ref: CS001/040/045	

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. PROGRESS

The Community Forum held its most recent meeting on Thursday 1st November, a copy of the note of the meeting is attached for members consideration. Emphasis is drawn to the input from the Area Team Leader.

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Area Committee;

- (i) consider the content of the attached minute;
- (ii) comment as appropriate; and
- (iii) otherwise note the content of this report.



BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 30 October, 2001 at 7.00 p.m. In Staff Room at Bellshill Academy

In Attendance: T Leggate MBE, Chairman
J Gilmour, Vicechair
W Foy
M Hendry
M MacDonald
R McCarey
C Wotherspoon
K Forbes, North Lanarkshire Council

Apologies: R McHarg

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	PREVIOUS MINUTES	
1.1	Minutes of the 30 August, 2001 were agreed.	
2.0	MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	<u>Strategic Development Framework</u> Ken Forbes, Area Team Leader of Bellshill & District Area Committee advised the meeting of the purpose of the Framework document and following discussion, it became clear that there was a need to understand the full consultation process. This would allow the significance of the Strategic Development Framework to be determined. It was note there was great concern about local transportation. Ken Forbes to discuss with Councillor Heberton.	KF
2.2	<u>Youth Shelters</u> This matter was continued to next meeting.	
2.3	<u>Grounds Maintenance</u> Ken Forbes provided information on the standard of grounds maintenance service, specifically that the majority of open space grass is maintained by the Council at a 14 cut cycle but the weather conditions were such this year that this was not sufficient and the matter was being looked at. A similar situation exists for the treatment of weeds on pathways and roads.	
2.4	Concern was raised regarding the quality of work undertaken, corrective action when specific sites have been omitted from the work schedule it requires phone calls to the Area Grounds Maintenance Manager to rectify concerns that should be picked up by local supervision. Ken Forbes agreed to take these comments back to the Grounds Maintenance Manager to ensure no repeat.	KF

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2.5	It was noted that the Community Forum depend on the Area Committee minutes to see if their matters of concern have been addressed, however, there is a matter of timing involved since the previous Bellshill & District Area Committee minutes will not be issued until they are approved at the coming Area Committee meeting. A request to be made to the Area Committee chair for a chairman's minute to be released in advance of the Area Committee.	KF
2.6	<u>Community Forum Expenses</u> There was no discussion on this item since the Treasurer was not present.	
2.7	<u>Correspondence</u> No correspondence tabled to discuss since the Secretary was not present.	
2.8	<u>Police Reports</u> The meeting wished that the police routinely attend the Forum.	TL
3.0	ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS	
3.1	The unmanned crossing to Bellshill Academy was raised. It was noted this vacancy existed since February, 2001 but that there were difficulties in employing a suitable candidate. Questions were raised as to why there was no police cover. Matter to be pursued by Area Team Leader.	KF
3.2	It was noted that the Scottish Executive are directing money to specifically improve transport and given this is an important concern of the Forum, greater clarity on current and future provision, would assist.	
3.3	One member of the forum requested that her feelings against the use of the old Pullars shop as an M&D's amusement arcade be noted.	
4.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	10 January, 2002 in Staff Room at Bellshill Academy.	