

AGENDA ITEM No. 2
BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA - 1 April 2004

**Frank Ferguson Senior Citizens Centre, Motherwell Road, Bellshill
1 April 2004 at 7 pm.**

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Gorman (Convener); Councillors Burrows, Curran, Lyle, McKeown and Saunders.

CHAIR

Councillor Gorman (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Principal Administrative Officer, Administration Department; Open Spaces and Cemeteries Manager (Area Team Leader), Area Manager (Community Learning and Development) and Senior Community Learning and Development Worker, Community Services Department; Area Housing Manager, Housing and Property Services Department, and Team Leader, Trading Standards and Planning Officer, Planning and Environment Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Wilson Butler, Strathclyde Police; Craig Cunningham, Lanarkshire Local Health Care Co-operative, and W. Foy, J. Gilmour, T. Leggate and M. MacDonald, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Coyle and McCabe.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES - OUT OF HOURS PROVISION

1. The Convener welcomed to the meeting Craig Cunningham, General Manager, Lanarkshire Local Health Care Co-operative, who gave a presentation on the provision of out of hours general healthcare services.

Mr Cunningham (1) advised that the out of hours healthcare service in Lanarkshire was currently provided by General Practitioners and that proposals for a revised service in Lanarkshire were under consideration; (2) outlined the options being considered; (3) intimated (a) the current preferred option to have 3 treatment centres providing healthcare services which would involve a wider range of health professionals, and (b) that patients would access the out-of-hours service through the NHS24 consultation and advice telephone line through which home visits by a GP, nurse or paramedic would be arranged, where appropriate, and (4) indicated that it was proposed that the revised out-of-hours service would be implemented from October 2004.

After a question and answer session, the Convener thanked Mr. Cunningham for his informative presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE OF MEETING HELD
ON 5 FEBRUARY 2004**

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 5 February 2004.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill Community Council held on 21 January and 18 February 2004.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) NEWARTHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Newarthill Community Council held on 15 October and 19 November 2003.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2004 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising that the Bellshill and District Community Forum had held its most recent meeting on 10 March 2004, and (2) enclosing as an attachment to the report, the Minute of that meeting.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

GOOD NEWS

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2004 by the Director of Community Services advising of various "Good News" stories within the Department of Community Services.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (NLLP)

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 September 2003, when working arrangements to develop proposals for the North Lanarkshire Local Plan were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 April 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising on the progress of the North Lanarkshire Local Plan; (2) setting out existing national, strategic and current Council planning policy initiatives which will guide new land use development options; (3) outlining the background to the Council's planning framework and the pre-draft consultation stage; (4) intimating (a) the format of the NLLP, the role of the Bellshill and District Area Committee in developing the NLLP and the planning policy context for NLLP; (b) the

main statements of national planning policy guidance which will inform the strategy and policies of the NLLP, and (c) the structure plan context for the South Area Action Plan, and (5) indicating (a) that once adopted the NLLP will reflect the Council's land use proposals for a 5 year period, and (b) that all costs associated with this phase of the NLLP are programmed in the financial years 2003/2004.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

CREDIT AND DEBT - ONE AND THE SAME

8. The Convener welcomed to the meeting Duncan Smith, Team Leader, Trading Standards (Southern Division), Department of Planning and Environment, who gave a presentation on credit and debt issues.

Mr Smith (1) outlined the assistance provided by the Money Advice Service and the type of enquiries received; (2) gave details of the level of use made of the service, and (3) provided information on a pilot project, undertaken in association with the Education Department, to teach money management to pupils within schools, together with proposals for the future of the project.

After a question and answer session, the Convener thanked Mr. Smith for his informative presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent, authorised its consideration as a matter of urgency.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. Having referred to the date of the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee, scheduled to take place on 10 June 2004, which was also the date of the European Parliamentary Elections the Convener, seconded by Councillor Saunders proposed that it be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee be held on 3 June 2004.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee be held on 3 June 2004.

Councillor Lyle, being the mover of an amendment which failed to find a seconder, requested that his dissent be recorded.