

**Holytown Community Education Centre, Stevenston Street, Holytown -
9 September 2004 at 7 pm.**

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Gorman (Convener); Councillors 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; Quality Improvement Officer, Education Department, and Senior Planning Officer and Development Services Team Leader, Planning and Environment Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Inspector Bob Graham, Strathclyde Police and W. Foy and T. Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, Lyle and McCabe.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2004

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 3 June 2004.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTE - BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill Community Council held on 16 June 2004.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 2004 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising that the Bellshill and District Community Forum had held its most recent meeting on 24 August 2004, and (2) enclosing as an attachment to the report, the Minute of that meeting.

Decided: that the Committee acknowledge the issue raised in the Community Forum Minute regarding the provision of a community facility in the Mossend area, and otherwise note the contents of the report.

GOOD NEWS

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 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.

POLICE UPDATE

5. Chief Inspector Graham, Bellshill 'ND' Sub-Division, Strathclyde Police provided the Committee with an oral update on (1) crime within the Bellshill and District area, with particular emphasis on house breaking, car crime and youth disorder, and the measures being taken to counteract crime; (2) the operation of the lay visitors scheme, and (3) the proposed appointment of a new traffic warden

Thereon, Chief Inspector Graham responded to Members questions.

Decided: that the report be noted

NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - UPDATE

6. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 3 June 2004 the Senior Planning Officer provided the Committee with an oral progress report on the North Lanarkshire Local Plan and (1) advised that a series of three workshops involving Council Departments, Stakeholders and Elected Members had taken place to develop the North Lanarkshire Local Plan policy; (2) outlined the next stage in the development of the Local Plan, and (3) intimated that a formal report on the outcome of the workshops would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SMALL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 August 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) outlining the background to the Small Communities Fund; (2) advising that as a result of a proposed increase in the financial allocation to the Small Communities Fund budget, a formal arrangement will allow the Area Committee to support community enhancement projects and give opportunities to target resources towards meeting local priorities; (3) intimating that the Area Committee, community groups and individual members of the public will be given the opportunity to put forward ideas for small scale capital improvements for consideration; (4) highlighting the criteria to which ideas and suggestions must conform; (5) listing potential sites for improvement within the Bellshill and District area, and (6) indicating that progress reports will be submitted to the Committee during the project implementation process.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

REMIT FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2004 - SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE LOCAL ACTION FUND

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 1 September 2004, when, inter alia, arrangements for the operation and implementation of the Local Action Fund were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 22 July 2004 by the Director of Community Services thereon (1) advising that in March 2004, as part of the allocation of youth justice/anti-social behaviour resources for 2004/05 and 2005/06, the Scottish Executive established a Local Action Fund, which formed part of their commitment to direct £10 million of additional support towards localised action and initiatives to divert young people from crime; (2) indicating that North Lanarkshire had been allocated £358,000 for 2004/2005 and £348,000 for 2005/2006; (3) summarising the objectives of the proposals; (4) outlining (a) the criteria for the distribution of funding, and (b) the structure of the funding provision; (5) setting out the management and administration arrangements for distribution of the fund, and (6) advising (a) that North Lanarkshire Community Safety Partnership will co-ordinate the administration of the fund, and the submission of recommendations to the Community Services (Community Development) Sub-Committee; (b) that the Community Services Department, having corporate lead for community safety, will act as the managing department for the fund, and (c) that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) had considered initial arrangements

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA TOUR 2004

9. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 2004 by the Area Team Leader outlining proposals for the 2004 Bellshill and District Area Tour.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.