

**Newarthill Community Education Centre, 11 November 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), Senior Community Learning and Development Worker, Community Services Department; Area Housing Manager, Housing and Property Services Department, and Senior Planning Officer, Planning and Environment Department.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Sergeant Eddie McFadden, Strathclyde Police and J. Gilmore and T. Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Lyle and McCabe.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2004**

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 9 September 2004.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minute be noted.

**COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE**

2. There was submitted a report (tabled) dated 11 November 2004 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising that the Bellshill and District Community Forum had held its most recent meeting on 26 October 2004, and (2) enclosing as an attachment to the report, the Minute of that meeting.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

**COMMUNITY FORUM - EXPENSES**

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 September 2003, there was submitted a report dated 13 September 2004 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising on the budget of £12,000, available for the development of Area Committees and Community Forums, and (2) proposing (a) that £750 be ring-fenced for each of the Community Forums, and (b) that each Area Committee be allocated £1,000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that £750 be ring-fenced for each of the Community Forums;
- (2) that the allocation of £1,000 to this Area Committee be noted, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**GOOD NEWS**

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 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. Sergeant Eddie McFadden, Bellshill "ND" Sub-Division, Strathclyde Police provided the Committee with an oral update on (1) the Safer Scotland VI Initiative that was being carried out between October and December 2004, and which concentrates on crime that most affects the public such as vandalism, street drinking and knife crime; (2) the operation of high visibility static road checks during October and November, the aim of which had been to:-

- identify, discourage, and gather intelligence on travelling criminals;
- identify disqualified drivers who are still using their vehicles;
- detect vehicle defects, and
- encourage more responsible motoring;

(3) the police involvement in the New Carfin Village Better Neighbour Services Fund (BNSF) Initiative which had reduced incidents of disorder and vandalism and the number of reported complaints, and (4) the introduction of the Anti-Social Behaviour Etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 which enabled the police and other partners to more effectively tackle anti-social behaviour in communities.

Thereon, Sergeant McFadden responded to Members questions, and the Convener thanked him for his informative update.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT**

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 2004, there was submitted a report dated 13 October 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising on the progress of the North Lanarkshire Local Plan; (2) summarising the outcome of three workshops held to test the appropriateness of the initial concept of the Local Plan, and to ensure that the Local Plan reflects best planning practice and the objectives of the Council's Community Plan partners and Elected Members; (3) advising on the establishment of policy working groups to determine the Local Plan strategy, and policies for economic development, retail and town centres, and housing and the environment; (4) outlining the next stages in the development of the

Local Plan, and (5) setting out the timescale for publishing a consultative draft of the North Lanarkshire Local Plan.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA TOUR 2004**

7. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 September 2004, there was submitted a report dated 4 November 2004 by the Area Team Leader advising of the success of the area tour held on 12 October 2004 for Elected Members, Forum and other community representatives to visit potential small community projects.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the King George V Park, Mossend, be included on the list of possible projects for consideration under the Small Communities Initiative funding, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.