

Cardinal Newman High School, Main Street, Bellshill, 24 March 2005 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Gorman, Convener; Councillors J. Coyle, Curran and Lafferty.

CHAIR

Councillor Gorman (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager and Administrative Officer, Administration Department; Open Spaces and Cemeteries Manager (Area Team Leader), Community Services Department; Area Manager, Housing and Property Services Department and Director of Planning and Environment, Team Leader Development and Transport Team Leader, Planning and Environment Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector McAtamney, Strathclyde Police; Routes to Work Manager, Department of Planning and Environment, and J. Gilmour and T. Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows and McCabe.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

ROUTES TO WORK LIMITED

1. The Routes to Work Manager, Department of Planning and Environment provided a detailed presentation on the organisation and local dimension of Routes to Work Limited, including reference to, inter alia, (1) the background, aims and objectives of Routes to Work Limited; (2) the network and achievements within the Bellshill and District area, and (3) the achievements of the Routes to Work and all current developments

Thereon, the Routes to Work Manager, Department of Planning and Environment, responded to questions by elected Members.

The Convener thanked the Routes to Work Manager, Department of Planning and Environment for his presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2005

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 27 January 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 19 January and 10 February 2005 and Newarthill Community Council held on 19 January 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2005 by the Director of Community Services (1) advising that the Bellshill and District Community Forum had held its most recent meeting on 9 March 2005, 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

5. There was submitted a report dated 9 February 2005 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

6. Inspector McAtamney, Bellshill 'ND' Sub-Division, Strathclyde Police provided the Committee with an oral report advising (1) of an update on the focus of Police activity in the Bellshill and District area, with particular emphasis on Health, Community Safety, Housing and Environment and Alcohol Misuse, and (2) that there was an on-going operation to target premises in relation to the sale of alcohol to people who were underage, with the operation lasting at least six months.

Thereon, Inspector McAtamney responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the report be noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

7. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 February 2004, there was submitted a report dated 15 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising on the current progress of the Bellshill Town Centre Acton Plan, and in particular the reasons for the delays to the project; (2) outlining the efforts taken to overcome design difficulties and speed up the project; (3) intimating a commitment to complete the Phase 1 works during 2005/2006, and (4) indicating that the Director of Planning and Environment had commissioned an Urban Design/Public Realm Masterplan covering the Town Centre for Bellshill, with a view to enhancing the physical environment and improving pedestrian areas.

Decided:

- (1) that the reasons for the delays to the project be noted;
 - (2) that the efforts being made to overcome design difficulties and speed up the project be noted;
 - (3) that the commitment to complete Phase 1 works of the project in 2005/2006 be noted, and
 - (4) that the commissioning of an Urban Design/Public Realm Masterplan to enhance the physical environment and improve pedestrian areas be noted.
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