

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Date: 25 August 2005	Ref: BP/PW

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to submit the minute of the Bellshill and District Community Forum meeting to the Area Committee. The minute of 23 August 2005 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Bellshill and District Area Committee is requested to note the Bellshill and District Community Forum minute.

*Paul Ginties*

**BELLSHILL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 05 - BELLSHILL ACADEMY**

**In Attendance:** Cllr Joe Gorman, Walter Baker, Tom Leggate, Willie Foy

**Apologies:** Andrena Norman

**Distribution:** As Above

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
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1. **Financial Report** As attached.  
Cllr Gorman suggested going to conferences/forums etc to use the money already in the account.
  
2. **Small Communities Programme**  
Tom went on a site visit with Mary Hogg. Money has been spent on steps and home gardens. Cllr Gorman said that on future projects the people who stay in the area should decide what they want. The forums and community councils should come up with the ideas and not leave it to the councillors. An area in Mossend was earmarked for houses but is now being used for a clinic, which would be a great asset. This would cover the 10 wards in the area and would be equipped with modern equipment. It would also save people going to local hospitals and would deal with minor ops. There would be adequate parking and bus facilities.
  
3. **Conference**  
Tom was at a conference in St Andrews, which wasn't up to his expectations but was impressed by a very good talk about how the local government in Canada is run.
  
4. **AOCB**  
The Scottish Executive will make decisions on monies spent rather than the councils as at the moment Councillors have access to monies and certain areas are having more spent on them than others.  
  
Road Traffic Management in Mossend - Cllr Gorman will try and find out how quick it's going to be done, as the work should have started last November. The money for this has been in place for a long time. Cllr Gorman will get plans before the next community council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.  
  
Advertising – Cllr Gorman suggested advertising including an agenda so people have a rough idea about the issues to be discussed. Tom will see Andrena before the next meeting to advertise in the Bellsill Speaker. The group will apply to the Community Council for money for advertising.  
  
The forum should cover 10 wards – check if the groups are entitled to money from Community Fund.
  
5. **Date of Next Meeting** To be arranged.

**Bellhill & District Community Forum**

**Income & Expenditure Account from 1/4/05-31/7/05**

**Income**

Bank £2.24

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£2.24

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**Expenditure**

Launch of Communities £ 7.60  
Scot -Travel  
St Andrews Conference  
Travel £53.60  
Tax £ 0.43

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£61.63

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**Balance Sheet as at 31/7/05**

Income £ 2.24  
b/f 1/4/05 £943.51

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£945.75

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Expenditure £ 61.63  
Cash in Bank £866.87  
Cash in Hand £ 17.25

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£945 75

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