

**Holytown Community Centre, Stevenston Street, Holytown,  
13 December 2007 at 2 pm.**

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Walter Baker and Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, Delaney, H. McGuigan, McKeown and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council; Alex Gordon, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Derek Brown, Strathclyde Police.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Corporate and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Sandie MacKay, Community Regeneration Manager and Theresa Potter, Community Engagement Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Ken Wilson, Head of Land Services, Les Stevenson, Ravenscraig Project Manager and Emma Walker, Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited), Environmental Services; Alistair Crichton,, Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; Joe Biggam, Service Manager (Bellshill) and Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-Ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services, and Peter McGhee, Quality Improvement Officer (English Language), Learning and Leisure Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor McCabe, North Lanarkshire Council; Tom Bryce NHS Lanarkshire; Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2008/2009**

2. The Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services provided a presentation on the Council's Budget Process and the Public Expenditure Application Process and advised of (1) the Scottish Government position; (2) the Council's Income and Expenditure position; (3) cost pressures facing the Council; (4) the draft Revenue Budget for 2008/2009, including efficiency savings; (5) Capital Investment for 2008-2009 to 2011-12, and (6) the key dates of the budget process, with the provisional budget setting date of 14 February 2008.

**Decided:** That the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services be noted.

**PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2008-2012**

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 November 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing an update on the development of the draft Corporate Plan and Community Plan for 2008-2012 (1) outlining the background to the draft Plans which provided the strategic direction for the Council and its partners; (2) setting out details and timescales for the engagement process, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; (3) proposing that the Local Area Partnership provide feedback on the draft Plans and offer support to disseminate the Plans within their Service/Organisation to ensure the staff and relevant decision-making groups are given the opportunity to comment, and (4) enclosing draft copies of the Corporate Plan and Community Plan for 2008-2012, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Thereafter Sandie MacKay, Community Regeneration Manager, provided a presentation on the key contents of the report, advised that the questionnaire, which had been tabled at the meeting, was for completion by members of the Local Area Partnership, Council Staff and Community Representatives, and responded to questions.

**Decided:**

- (1) That the Partnership Members complete and return the questionnaire on the draft Corporate and Community Plans by 7 January or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (2) that members of the Local Area Partnership disseminate the Draft Plans within the Local Council Services and Partner Organisations and encourage staff in key decision-making forums to provide comments within the set timescale, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES**

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 11 October 2007.

In relation to paragraph 10 of the Partnership Minute, the Convener sought the views of the local Members regarding the proposals for Hattonrigg Plan Area and all the Members present indicated their support for the proposed play area to proceed.

**Decided:** That the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**(1) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

5. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 19 September, 17 October and 21 November 2007.

**Decided:** That the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**(2) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of New Stevenston Community Council held on 8 August 2007.

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

**The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted**

**RE-DEPLOYABLE CCTV CAMERA(S)**

7. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 October 2007, there was submitted a report dated 13 December 2007 by the Project Manager, North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited (1) advising that the Council owned five re-deployable colour cameras; (2) outlining the use being made of the cameras; (3) indicating that a formal protocol for the deployment of these cameras was in the final stages of development, to ensure their most effective use, and (4) intimating that the installation and removal of the cameras would require to be resourced by the organisation requesting their deployment.

Emma Walker, Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited) then highlighted the key points of the report and responded to questions.

Thereafter, the Convener advised of a presentation by Wireless CCTV in respect of wireless CCTV cameras, which he had attended with Councillor McKeown and proposed that the company be requested to provide a presentation to a future meeting of the Partnership. In addition, the Convener requested that the Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited) provide a further report to the Partnership detailing the cameras located within the Partnership area and the direct and indirect benefits of CCTV cameras. Members also requested that the report include details of benefits accrued from the cameras located within the Jewel Scheme.

**Decided:**

- (1) That arrangements be made for a representative of Wireless CCTV to provide a presentation on wireless CCTV cameras to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited) submit a further report to the Partnership detailing the cameras located within the Partnership area, the direct and indirect benefits of CCTV cameras and the benefits which had been obtained from the location of CCTV cameras in the Jewel Scheme.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 November 2007 by the Chief Executive providing an update on the progress of the Community Engagement Officers within the Chief Executive's Office, and outlining the future objectives of the Community Engagement Team (1) advising that the main aim of Community Engagement was to improve the planning and delivery of services by making them more responsive to the needs and aspirations of the Community; (2) intimating that following a review of Community Engagement Structures in North Lanarkshire in May 2005, North Lanarkshire Partnership had endorsed the Community Engagement Strategy and its associated Action Plan; (3) indicating that the Strategy had recently been reviewed to take account of the opportunities and challenges that faced the Council and its partners in the local community; (4) setting out details of the key priorities of the Community Engagement Officers in the coming months, and (5) enclosing the Action Plan for the Bellshill and District Area, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Theresa Potter, Community Engagement Officer, then outlined the work being undertaken with the Bellshill Community Forum in relation to the Bellshill and District area.

**Decided:**

- (1) That the content of the Local Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that reports be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership, giving the up to date position regarding Community Engagement, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

9. The Convener advised that Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire, was unable to attend the Partnership meeting due to other commitments.

**Decided:** The Partnership noted the position.

**STRATHCLYDE POLICE UPDATE**

10. There was submitted a report by Strathclyde Police, giving an update on the current issues and information relating to policing activity within Bellshill Sub-Division

**Decided:** That the terms of the report be noted.

**ANTI-SOCIAL TASK FORCE UPDATE**

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 2007 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services (1) updating the Partnership regarding the work of the Anti-Social Task Force in the Bellshill area; (2) providing statistical information relating to the operational activities of the Task Force across North Lanarkshire, and (3) highlighting the activities and initiatives being undertaken by the Task Force within the Bellshill and District area.

**Decided:** That the terms of the report be noted.

**STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE**

12. There was submitted a report by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue providing statistical information on incidents within the Bellshill and District area during September 2007.

Alex Gordon, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, then provided details of the current issues relating to the Bellshill and District area, and proposed that a future meeting of the Partnership be held at the Bellshill Fire Station.

**Decided:**

- (1) That arrangements be made for a future meeting of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to be held at the Fire Station in Bellshill, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

13. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 October 2007, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 2007 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the on-going delivery of the Local Development Programme, and (2) detailing within the Appendix to the report, the progress to date.

**Decided:**

- (1) That the projects listed in the Appendix to the report be progressed by the Executive Director of Environmental Services through the Local Development Programme, in consultation with the Local Communities and the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the progress in delivering the projects, or alterations to the Programme, be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

**BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

14. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership, held on 16 August 2007, when the presentation on the progress of Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan was noted, there was submitted a report dated 21 November 2007 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) updating the Partnership on the progress made in relation to Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan, and (2) indicating that it was anticipated that the Phase 2 Works, which would be implemented over two years, would commence prior to the completion of the Phase 1 Works, which was scheduled for October 2008.

**Decided:** That the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

**RAVENS CRAIG DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

15. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 October 2007, there was submitted a report dated 20 November 2007 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the current position of the redevelopment of the former Ravenscraig Steel Works, and (2) highlighting future developments, including confirmation on the funding package for the Regional Sports Facility and proposals for road improvements and housing provision.

Les Stevenson, Ravenscraig Project Manager, then (a) highlighted the main points of the report; (b) advised that planning consent had been granted earlier that day for the erection of the Regional Sports Facility and that a planning application for housing within the site would be submitted shortly, and (c) responded to questions.

**Decided:** That the content of the report and the information provided, be noted.

**FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR THE ARCH BUILDING AND ORBISTON BUSINESS CENTRE**

16. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 October 2007, when the Convener advised on the future of the Arch Building, the Convener indicated that members of the public had expressed concern that Orbiston Business Centre would also be closing and Sandie MacKay, Community Regeneration Manager, advised that, having investigated this matter, she had been assured that there was no intention to close this facility.

**Decided:** That the position be noted.

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

17. It was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 21 February 2008 at 7 pm within Hattonrigg Senior Citizens' Centre, Bellshill.

**Bellshill, 13 December 2007 at 3.40 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, Delaney, H. McGuigan, McKeown and McShannon.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Corporate and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Community Regeneration Manager and Community Engagement Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Head of Land Services, Ravenscraig Project Manager and Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited), Environmental Services; Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; Service Manager (Bellshill) and Mediation Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services, and Quality Improvement Officer (English Language), Learning and Leisure Services.

**APOLOGY**

Councillor McCabe.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

**Decided:** the meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2007**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 13 December 2007 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2008/2009**

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services be noted.

**(2) PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2008-2012**

**Decided:**

(1) that the Partnership Members complete and return the questionnaire on the draft Corporate and Community Plans by 7 January or as soon as possible thereafter;

- (2) that members of the Local Area Partnership disseminate the Draft Plans within the Local Council Services and Partner Organisations and encourage staff in key decision-making forums to provide comments within the set timescale, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

**(3) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES**

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

**(4) COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**(a) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Decided:** That the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**(b) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter Minuted**

**(5) RE-DEPLOYABLE CCTV CAMERA(S)**

**Decided:**

- (1) that arrangements be made for a representative of Wireless CCTV to provide a presentation on wireless CCTV cameras to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited) submit a further report to the Partnership detailing the cameras located within the Partnership area, the direct and indirect benefits of CCTV cameras and the benefits which had been obtained from the location of CCTV cameras in the Jewel Scheme.

**(6) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the content of the Local Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that reports be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership, giving the up to date position regarding Community Engagement, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.



**(7) HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**Decided:** the Partnership noted the position.

**(8) STRATHCLYDE POLICE UPDATE**

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

**(9) ANTI-SOCIAL TASK FORCE UPDATE**

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

**(10) STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE**

**Decided:**

(1) that arrangements be made for a future meeting of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to be held at the Fire Station in Bellshill, and

(2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**(11) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

(1) that the projects listed in the Appendix to the report be progressed by the Executive Director of Environmental Services through the Local Development Programme, in consultation with the Local Communities and the Local Area Partnership, and

(2) that the progress in delivering the projects, or alterations to the Programme, be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

**(12) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

**Decided:** that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

**(13) RAVENSCRAIG DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the content of the report and the information provided, be noted.

**(14) FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR THE ARCH BUILDING AND ORBISTON BUSINESS CENTRE**

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

(15) **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Decided:** it was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 21 February 2008 at 7 pm within Hattonrigg Senior Citizens' Centre, Bellshill.