

Bellshill & District Community Forum **Report to Local Area Partnership**

Background

The Bellshill & District Community Forum last business meeting was held on 10th January 2008 in 257, Main Street, Bellshill.

Community Forum Update

The Forum recently took part in a Training Needs Analysis in order to build our capacity to participate as an equal partner.
NHS Locality manager attended the last forum meeting to identify and establish expenditure of monies provided by the Health Board to enhance Community Engagement.
The Forum participated in the Youth Engagement Initiative – The Blue light Disco having contributed both monies and volunteer time.
The Forum has recently accessed monies that will enable them to raise the profile and credibility of the forum by the development of new PR Materials.
Four forum members will participate in a Council led workshop to enhance PR and effective use of the NL News.

Issues for consideration at LAP

Lets charges still remain a concern for the associated groups and organisations.
Access to lets' within the new school developments also remain problematic in that they are usually block booked.

Community Forum achievements/new developments

- The Forum has been proactively targeting new members and is delighted to date regarding the evolving representative developments.
- 22 forum members participated at the Community Capacity Building Residential which will inform the detail of a four year development plan.
- A Funding surgery has been developed in response to the needs of the membership.
- International Women's Day will be celebrated by a visit to the Scottish Parliament and networking event.