

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 21 February 2008**

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**Bellshill Community Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill,  
21 February 2008 at 7 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Walter Baker, John Gilmour, Mary Hendry, Margaret Macdonald, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire; Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Delaney and H. McGuigan, North Lanarkshire Council; Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Sandie MacKay, Community Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Ken Forbes, Open Space and Cemeteries Manager, Les Stevenson, Ravenscraig Project Manager and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer Development Projects Team, Environmental Services; Alison Clarke, Bellshill Area Manager and Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator, Anti-Social Task Force, Housing and Social Work Services, and Joe McAvoy, Quality Improvement Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McKeown and Thomas Leggate.

**WELCOME**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Brian McGuire, Station Commander, welcomed the Partnership Members and members of the public to the Bellshill Community Fire Station.

**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.

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

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 13 December 2007.

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

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES – BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill Community Council held on 19 December 2007.

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

**BELLSHILL ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

4. The Convener invited Paul Fox, Club President, to inform the Partnership of the current position regarding Bellshill Athletic Football Club. Mr. Fox then outlined the problems being experienced by the Club, both financially and in relation to the availability of the football ground. Sandra Aird of the Football Club also provided background to the current situation.

Thereafter, the Partnership heard John Devlin, Craig Burton and George Burton on the concerns of the local residents in relation to the lack of progress regarding the promised facilities for the area.

Thereon, the Community Regeneration Manager indicated that arrangements were being made for the Officers to meet with Mr. Devlin and others in the Hattonrigg area to ascertain the extent of their problems and possible solutions and invited Mr. Fox to participate.

The Convener then indicated that, while no commitment could be made, the position would be investigated and a report on the outcome submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership.

**Decided:** that a report on the overall position regarding the Bellshill Athletic Football Club ground and the Hattonrigg area be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM**

5. There was submitted a report from Bellshill and District Community Forum on (1) issues considered by the Forum; (2) matters of concern, including (a) letting charges, and (b) access to lets within new school developments due to block bookings, and (3) the recent achievements of the Forum.

Walter Baker of Bellshill and District Community Forum then highlighted the main points of the report and tabled a copy of the Training Needs Analysis document produced by the Forum.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be requested that Learning and Leisure Services submit a report on charges and availability of premises to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

6. Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire, provided copies of a Health Improvement Calendar of Events, which included details from all agencies, and (1) pointed out that each month a positive article was inserted within the Bellshill Speaker in relation to the activities of NHS Lanarkshire; (2) indicated that he would update the Partnership on activities undertaken between meetings, and (3) advised of the current position regarding the new Bellshill Primary Care Resource Centre, which was on schedule for completion in October 2008.

Following discussion about the future of the current Resource Centre premises, Tom Bryce advised that this would be subject to consideration over the summer.

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

**STRATHCLYDE POLICE UPDATE**

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

Superintendent Angus McPhail then highlighted the key points of the report and other relevant issues.

Thereon, the Partnership discussed times when alcohol could be sold from retail premises and if it could be reduced to minimise the accessibility of alcohol to youths.

The Convener, in recognition that legislation set out the times when alcohol could be sold from retail premises, proposed that Michael McMahon be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to consider the matter further.

**Decided:**

- (1) that an invitation be extended to Michael McMahon MSP to attend the next meeting of the Partnership to discuss whether changes in legislation could minimise access to alcohol by youths, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

**ANTI-SOCIAL TASK FORCE UPDATE**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 January 2008 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 regarding 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.

The Mediation Co-ordinator then highlighted the main points of the report.

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

**STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE**

9. Craig Shaw of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue (1) advised that the production of statistics regarding Strathclyde Fire and Rescue was being reviewed in order to provide more appropriate information; (2) indicated that the fire and rescue service were trying to encourage community involvement with the service; (3) outlined current issues relating to the Bellshill and District Area, and (4) proposed that a presentation on the work of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue be made to a future meeting of the Partnership.

**Decided:**

- (1) that a presentation on the work of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue be made to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the position be otherwise noted.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

10. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 13 December 2007, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 23 January 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of the Local Development Programme, and (2) detailing within the Appendix to the report, the progress to date.

Thereon, the Senior Planning Officer, Development Projects Team, (1) advised of the current position regarding the ramp being constructed to provide disabled access to the retail park at Tannochside, and (2) invited the submission of proposals for new projects, which could then be developed pending the availability of funding.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be recommended 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;
- (2) that the progress in delivering the projects, or alterations to the Programme, be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (3) that the position be otherwise noted.

**BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

11. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 13 December 2007, there was submitted a report dated 5 February 2008 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 the Phase 1 works represented an investment of £1.8m and that it was anticipated that Phase 2 would be implemented over two years from 2008 and would represent a further investment of £4m in Bellshill Town Centre.

The, Senior Planning Officer, Development Projects Team, provided further details on the works being undertaken in Bellshill Town Centre and answered questions in relation to the proposals.

Thereon, Councillor H. McGuigan requested that a presentation on the progress of the transportation proposals outlined in Option 8 which had been approved as the basis for the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be made to the next meeting of the Partnership.

**Decided:**

- (1) that a presentation on the progress of the transportation proposals contained within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be otherwise noted.

**RAVENS CRAIG DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE**

12. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 13 December 2007, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 January 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the current position of the redevelopment of the former Ravenscraig Steelworks, and (2) highlighting (a) that, following objections by the Health and Safety Executive to a planning application for the construction of 252 houses and flats at Ravenscraig, a decision was awaited from the Scottish Ministers as to whether or not they would call in the application; (b) that clarification was awaited regarding the proposals for Ravenscraig following the removal of Scottish

Enterprise Lanarkshire and its replacement with the new West of Scotland Region, and (c) the inclusion of Ravenscraig within the Scottish Government Draft Second National Planning Framework as being one of several key locations for regeneration and renewal in North Lanarkshire.

Thereon, the Ravenscraig Project Manager advised that the Scottish Ministers had now requested further time to consider whether to call in the planning application for housing at Ravenscraig.

**Decided:** that the content of the report and the current position be noted.

### **CCTV CAMERAS - UPDATE**

13. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 October 2007, there was submitted a report (tabled and docketed) dated 20 February 2008 by the Project Manager, North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited (1) advising that there were 31 public space cameras currently operating within the Bellshill and District area, with 294 incidents recorded in 2007 of a criminal, community safety or anti-social behaviour nature, as detailed in the attachments to the report; (2) indicating that a public perception study would be conducted in the summer to assess the perceived benefits of these cameras; (3) giving details of a retail radiolink scheme which was operating within the Town Centre; (4) outlining the current and proposed position regarding the provision of a wireless infrastructure and stock of re-deployable cameras, which included proposals for the purchase of ten additional re-deployable cameras, and (5) pointing out that the cameras required a 24 hour power supply and that, to avoid power issues, cameras would be located on buildings where possible.

During consideration of this matter the Convener proposed that a visit to the CCTV Monitoring Station be arranged.

**Decided:**

- (1) that consideration of the report be continued to the next meeting to enable the Project Manager to be heard, and
- (2) that a visit to the CCTV Monitoring Station be arranged on a suitable date.

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

14. The next meeting of the Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 1 May 2008 at 2 pm within Burnhead Community Centre, Viewpark.

**Bellshill, 21 February 2008 at 8.50 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Delaney and H. McGuigan.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Community Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Open Space and Cemeteries Manager, Ravenscraig Project Manager and Senior Planning Officer (Development Projects Team), Environmental Services; Bellshill Area Manager and Mediation Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services, and Quality Improvement Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McKeown.

**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 21 FEBRUARY 2008**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 21 February 2008 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

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

**(2) COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES – BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**(3) BELLSHILL ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Decided:** that a report on the overall position regarding the Bellshill Athletic Football Club ground and the Hattonrigg area be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership.

**(4) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Decided:**

(1) that Learning and Leisure Services submit a report on charges and availability of premises to a future meeting of the Partnership, and

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

**(5) HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

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

**(6) STRATHCLYDE POLICE UPDATE**

**Decided:**

(1) that an invitation be extended to Michael McMahon MSP to attend the next meeting of the Partnership to discuss whether changes in legislation could minimise access to alcohol by youths, and

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

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

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

**(8) STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE**

**Decided:**

(1) that a presentation on the work of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue be made to a future meeting of the Partnership, and

(2) that the position be otherwise noted.

**(9) 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;
- (2) that the progress in delivering the projects, or alterations to the Programme, be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (3) that the position be otherwise noted.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that a presentation on the progress of the transportation proposals contained within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be otherwise noted.

**(11) RAVENS CRAIG DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the content of the report and the current position be noted.

**(12) CCTV CAMERAS - UPDATE**

**Decided:**

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- (2) that a visit to the CCTV Monitoring Station be arranged on a suitable date.

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