

Burnhead Community Centre, Burnhead Street, Viewpark, 1 May 2008 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Walter Baker and Colin MacFarlane, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire; Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran, Delaney and McKeown, North Lanarkshire Council; Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Derek Brown, 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 and Gregor McKenzie, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, Ken Forbes, Open Space and Cemeteries Manager, Les Stevenson, Ravenscraig Project Manager, Emma Walker, Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited), Tom Peebles, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Development Projects Team and Steven Gentles, Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services; Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager and Susan Paterson, Senior Support Worker, Housing and Social Work Services and Ian Murdoch, Infrastructure and Development Manager, Jillian Ferrie, Creative Services Manager and Peter McGhee, Quality Improvement Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillor McCabe, North Lanarkshire Council; Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum and Kate Rocks, Community Social Work Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

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

1. The Partnership 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 21 February 2008.

Thereon, Councillor Curran sought clarification of the timescale for the submission of the report on the Bellshill Athletic Football Club ground and the Hattonrigg area and was advised by the Convener that this report would be requested for presentation to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that a report on the overall position regarding the Bellshill Athletic Football Club ground and the Hattonrigg area be requested for presentation to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the Minutes be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 16 January and 20 February 2008.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of New Stevenston Community Council held on 14 February, 12 September and 10 October 2007.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

PRESENTATION BY PUPILS FROM CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL AND BELLSHILL ACADEMY

5. The Convener welcomed Nicole Halliday and Andrew Moore of Cardinal Newman High School who gave a presentation on vocational education and transition from primary to secondary education and Kayleigh McMenemy and Stephanie McSeveney of Bellshill Academy who gave a presentation on school charity events and school trips.

Thereafter, the Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked the pupils for their interesting and informative presentations.

Decided: that the presentations by pupils of Cardinal Newman High School and Bellshill Academy be noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item, the Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, welcomed Walter Baker to the meeting as the new Chairperson of Bellshill and District Community Forum and expressed appreciation of the work undertaken by Tom Leggate, during his many years of service to the community, who had resigned as Treasurer of the Forum.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report from Bellshill and District Community Forum on (1) issues that had been considered by the Forum; (2) matters of concern, including (a) binge drinking and its associated anti-social behaviour, with a proposal that, where it was perceived that young people were accessing drink, alcohol sales be banned in local shops from 5 pm onwards, and (b) the closure of youth services within Bellshill YMCA as a result of a funding shortage, and (3) the recent achievements of the Forum.

Walter Baker, Bellshill and District Community Forum, then highlighted the main points of the report and tabled copies of the Forum's Annual Report.

Thereafter, Colin MacFarlane, Bellshill YMCA, advised that an interim payment in respect of their application for funding from North Lanarkshire Council had been received and that, as a result, the situation regarding youth services would be reviewed.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

7. There was submitted a report (tabled and docketed) by Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire, on recent health improvement activity within the Bellshill locality.

Following discussion thereon, Tom Bryce advised that the new Bellshill Primary Care Resource Centre was on target for completion in October 2008 and that the current premises were being considered for use by NHS Lanarkshire as additional office accommodation.

Decided: that the position be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

8. There was submitted a joint report by Housing and Social Work Services, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue (1) advising Members of current joint issues within the Bellshill and District Area; (2) outlining initiatives which had taken place or were proposed for the area and (3) providing statistical information in respect of the three partners.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

9. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 March 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development advising of the ongoing delivery of the Local Development Programme, including new project proposals for 2008/2009 and the progress to date, all as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

Thereon, it was agreed that a report on the number of planning applications submitted over the last five years for the Bellshill and District Area in respect of housing developments of up to 30 houses be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership to ascertain the level of Developers Contributions that might have been available if this mechanism had covered developments of this level.

Thereafter, Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, advised that the legal agreement to permit the completion of the disabled ramp at Sixth Street, Old Edinburgh Road, Tannochside, was nearing finalisation and that the ramp would be completed as soon as possible thereafter.

Decided:

- (1) that a report on the number of planning applications received over the last five years for the Bellshill and District area in respect of housing developments of up to 30 houses be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership;
- (2) 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;
- (3) that the progress in delivering the projects, or alterations to the programme, be reported to future meetings of the local Area Partnership, and
- (4) that the position be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - OPTION 8 UPDATE

10. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 April 2008 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) updating the Partnership on the progress made in relation to Phase 1 of the Traffic Management Works, and (2) detailing the programme for future phases of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan Option 8 Traffic Management Project.

Thereon, the Partnership heard Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, Tom Peebles, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader and Steven Gentles, Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services, regarding the current and programmed works in relation to Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan Option 8 Traffic Management Project.

There then followed a full discussion regarding the problems being experienced by the shopkeepers and residents in the Bellshill Town Centre area, in the course of which possible future disruption associated with the works to be undertaken in future phases of the project was highlighted. Members also having expressed concern regarding the time taken to implement these proposals, the Officers agreed that consideration would be given, along the lines of the discussion, to ways in which this disruption could be minimised and the works being undertaken accelerated.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recommended that all practical action be taken by the Officers to minimise the disruption experienced by the shopkeepers and residents in the Bellshill Town Centre area during the upgrading works;
- (2) that the ongoing status of the various Traffic Projects within Bellshill be noted, and
- (3) that the future proposals and timescales for the completion of the works be noted.

RAVENSCRAIG DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February 2008, there was submitted a report dated 1 May 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the current position of the redevelopment of the former Ravenscraig Steelworks; (2) highlighting future developments, including (a) the commencement later this year of the construction of the Regional Sports Facility, which was expected to be completed by late 2009/early 2010; (b) the announcement that the Ravenscraig Town Centre would be carried out by a Joint Venture Partnership between Wilson Bowden Developments and Richardsons Capital, with HOK Architects developing draft design concepts, and (c) the preparation of an Art Strategy, commissioned by Ravenscraig Limited with a Community Consultation Workshop involving pupils from local schools and Motherwell College Students held during April as a means of involving local people in the project; (3) indicating that Ravenscraig would remain a responsibility of the Scottish Enterprise Network, and (4) intimating that the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft Second National Planning Framework had ended on 15 April 2008, with the final version to be published towards the end of the year.

Thereon, Les Stevenson, Ravenscraig Project Manager, advised that confirmation had now been received that the planning application by David Wilson Homes would not be called in for determination by Scottish Ministers.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

12. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Social Work Services Committee held on 27 February 2008, when the methods and paperwork used for consulting with all interested Stakeholders on the proposed new Housing Allocation Policy had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 26 March 2008 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services in respect of the current progress of the Housing Allocation Policy Review and its consultation programme (1) advising that as there was a wide range of Stakeholders involved, a number of different consultation methods had been used, including press releases, letters and executive summaries being sent to all listed applicants, a series of roadshows across the First Stop Shops and a number of presentations and training sessions for Members, tenant representatives and staff, and (2) intimating that a copy of the full documentation had been issued to a wider range of organisations who also had an interest, for questions or general comments they may wish to make.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

REMIT FROM LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 18 DECEMBER 2007

(1) NORTH LANARKSHIRE SPORTS PITCH STRATEGY - UPDATE REPORT

13. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Learning and Leisure Services Committee held on 18 December 2007, when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 20 November 2007 by the Head of Community Information and Learning advising of the Sports Pitch Strategy, which set out the Council's vision for the next 10 years in relation to the development and improvement of outdoor sports sites and associated facilities throughout North Lanarkshire, had noted the report and referred it to the local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for consideration, the Partnership considered the report.

Thereon, Ian Murdoch, Infrastructure and Development Manager, provided an overview of the North Lanarkshire Sports Pitch Strategy, with particular regard to the Bellshill and District area and thereafter responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) VENUE PROGRAMMING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN - UPDATE ON FUTURE PROPOSALS

14. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Learning and Leisure Services Committee held on 18 December 2007, when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to meeting of that Committee) dated 20 November 2007 by the Head of Community Information and Learning recommending that she be authorised to progress the new initiatives and proposals, as detailed in the report, had approved the proposals and referred the report to the local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for consideration, the Partnership considered the report.

Thereon, Jillian Ferrie, Creative Services Manager, highlighted the main contents of the report with particular reference to the Bellshill and District area.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

REMIT FROM REGENERATION COMMITTEE OF 12 MARCH 2008 - DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF FIXED PUBLIC SPACE CCTV CAMERAS

15. With reference to paragraph 18 of the Minute of the meeting of the Regeneration Committee held on 12 March 2008 when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 12 March 2008 by the Head of Regeneration Services providing details of the contents of the Draft Guidance and Protocol for the Installation of Fixed Public Space CCTV Cameras, had noted the Draft Guidance and referred the report to the local Area Partnerships for information, the Partnership considered the report.

Thereon, Gregor McKenzie, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Chief Executive's Office, provided a presentation on the North Lanarkshire Community Safety Partnership Tasking and Co-ordinating Model and provided (1) information on the structure and membership of the Tasking and Co-ordinating Group, and (2) details of the draft Guidance and Protocol for the installation of fixed public space CCTV cameras and the five stage application process.

Thereafter, Gregor McKenzie and Emma Walker, Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited) responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report and the presentation be noted.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

16. It was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 14 August 2008 at 7 pm within the Michael Sherry Community Centre, Main Street, Holytown.

Burnhead Community Centre, Burnhead Street, Viewpark, 1 May 2008 at 3.55 pm.

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CHAIR

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IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Community Regeneration Manager and Local Authority Liaison Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Head of Roads and Transportation, Open Space and Cemeteries Manager, Ravenscraig Project Manager, Project Manager (North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited), Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, Senior Planning Officer, Development Projects Team and Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services; Area Housing Manager and Senior Support Worker, Housing and Social Work Services and Infrastructure and Development Manager, Creative Services Manager and Quality Improvement Officer, 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 1 MAY 2008

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 1 May 2008 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

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(2) COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(a) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(b) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Decided: that the presentations by pupils of Cardinal Newman High School and Bellshill Academy be noted.

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(5) HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Decided: that the position be noted.

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(9) RAVENSCRAIG DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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(10) HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

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(11) REMIT FROM LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 18 DECEMBER 2007

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Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

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Decided: that the terms of the report and the presentation be noted.

(13) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 14 August 2008 at 7 pm within the Michael Sherry Community Centre, Main Street, Holytown, and that the Committee would meet immediately thereafter in the same location.