

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 21st May 2008
Bellshill Academy Staff Room

Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

Tom Leggate (Chairman), A Forsyth, Pat Bannister, Walter Baker, Tom Taylor (Treasurer), Ray Mitchell, Jensen Connelly, M Taylor, E Williamson, D McLeod (secretary)

Apologies J Gorman, Alan Wylie (Police)

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by E Williamson and seconded by R Mitchell.

Business Arising Letter of reply about the issue brought forward by Joe Gorman on pilot scheme on off licenses.

Police Report none

Treasurers Report Tom Taylor gave a report stating that the finances are currently healthy.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Safer Scotland with (Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 leaflets)
2. North Lanarkshire Sports Strategy & Sports Facilities Strategy, with community group survey.
3. Letter from Zurich Municipal (information on 2008 seminars)
4. Consultation on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) Amendment Bill 2008. With respondent information form.
5. Letter with information on upgrade to Vodafone base station installation (no response for the members intimated)
6. A-Z Guide to Public Services in North Lanarkshire
7. Letter from Margaret Mitchell LLB MSP on Save our Phone Boxes Campaign. D McLeod agreed to E-Mail our support on this issue
8. Letter from Town Centre Initiatives seeking our contribution for the flower planters.
9. April newsletter from North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector
10. CVS North Lanarkshire information on "Infobase"
11. Letter from Vincent Waters looking for an area representative. (no volunteers)
12. Letter from Community Grants Scheme informing us that no award was given to our application.
13. Letter from NLC Environmental Services answer to our letter on traffic on North road.
14. Letter acknowledging receipt of our comments on the local plan
15. Letter from Calor on the "Calor Village of the Year" letter noted.
16. Letter from Hugh O'Donnell MSP acknowledging my alteration to database on secretary.
17. Letter from NLC Environmental Services acknowledging receipt of our response to the Core Plan Path Plan.
18. Weekly planning sheets.
19. Information pack with Scottish Government Consultation on Community Council Draft Model Scheme. (all senior office bearers will receive a copy of this document and D McLeod will collate their response and complete the original and return it for their comments.

E-Mails

1. From NLC Estates section on a PA System for our Remembrance Day Service.
2. From Gerry Harkin from Richmond Fellowship Scotland requesting access to hand out leaflets on their organisation.
3. From Alan Wylie passing on Police Report, and informing me of the police vehicle being out of commission and will not be available for our Street Fair

AOCB E-Mail from interested member of the public (name & address supplied) asking when the work on the removal of the Orbiston bing will start, and asking if anything can be done with the youths who are causing a nuisance by throwing missiles, tyres, mud and occasionally abuse at the residents of Footfield Road, it is hoped that some thing can be done before someone is injured or cars/property are damaged.

Alice Forsyth asked for her apology to be recorded for the next meeting, accepted.

Street Fair D McLeod informed all present that all has been prepared for our Annual Street Fair. Jensen Connelly asked if anything could be arranged for the Sunday & Monday because the bottom half of the Main Street is deserted, D McLeod stated that not for this year but this could be looked at for next year.

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chair until the next meeting.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th June 2008 within Bellshill Academy staff room.

Bellshill Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st May 2008-05-23

Police Report

Gangs /Violence Reduction

Over the last few weeks there have two incidents of note within the housing estate just off Hattonrigg Road, Bellshill. The incidents involved a serious assault and vandalism at a dwelling in the locality. Some residents have come forward (in confidence), stating that it was members of the North Road Derry who carried out the attacks, at present the Police are following positive lines of enquiry.

Although “gang culture” does not have a huge impact in the sub-divisional area, and there are very few so called gangs available, the Police are now using technology on the internet to focus on activities by groups of youths, often they leave information on sites such as You Tube, Bebo and face book which can lead to identification of individuals.

Community Police Officers are actively patrolling the affected area to reassure residents and glean information.

Community Policing

Our former Divisional Commander Supt. Anne McGuire has just completed a report on Community Policing, the result of which will have a major impact on Policing within your area. The Community Policing Model will provide council ward areas with more officers for patrol purposes, effectively the Community Police will all work in conjunction with Area Inspectors, Local Intelligence Officers and the Community Safety Officer, to form a local Problem Solving Team. In short more officers on the beat patrolling the community in an effective manner.

Crime Trends

In general crime, within the Bellshill & District area, remains low when compared with other Policing areas in North Lanarkshire and Strathclyde, at present there are no real patterns emerging which give rise to immediate concern for the community. High on the agenda, as is with most communities, is the on going incidents which affect us all, namely vandalism and ant-social behaviour by groups of youths. To this end a steering group with partner agencies has been set up to look and projects and initiatives to divert young people away from crime.

The Blue Light Disco (next one on 31/05/08) is one of the main projects so far. Community Cops in Viewpark have set up a Junior Jog Scotland Initiative with the 3 schools in the area working closely with parents and teaching staff to provide a positive scheme, to encourage healthy activity break down barriers and involve the community.

Alcohol Test Purchasing Scheme

The above mentioned scheme is continuing to target those premises where alcohol is being sold to juveniles. The scheme is intelligence lead and the public are providing extremely beneficial information to bring unscrupulous vendors to the fore. To date numerous premises have been subject to test purchases in the area, licences are being revoked (subject to any appeals by the licensee) and licensed premises are being robustly policed.

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 18th June 2008
Bellshill Academy Staff Room
Annual General Meeting

Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

Tom Leggate (Chairman), Walter Baker, Tom Taylor (Treasurer), Jensen Connelly, E Williamson, D McLeod (secretary) Alan Wylie (Police), Inspector Stewart Hurry (Problem Solving Policing)

Apologies J Gorman, A Forsyth

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by E Williamson and seconded by W Baker

Business Arising D McLeod stated that there is no business arising from the minutes but various reports will be brought forward, along with correspondence, which will answer some issues that are in the minute.

Police Report Alan Wylie gave a written report but highlighted on the Chief Constables report stating that the changes will be welcome and an improvement in policing methods.

Alan then introduced Inspector Stewart Hurry from the community policing department who then gave a brief description of the changes that the new DO will be introducing. This is a pilot scheme being tested in this area along with Glasgow, this will improve the service that the police will be giving and we will see more police on the beat. At present this scheme is at the planning stage but will be in place very soon.

Alan then went onto give an insight into local issues he stated that incidents remain fairly low level, with petty vandalism still affecting the area. Various premises have been targeted for break-ins, and a successful arrest rate has been made.

Treasurers Report Tom Taylor gave a report stating that the finances are currently healthy, and stated that the books are not available as they are still in the hands of the council chartered accountants, a full explanation of the balance sheet was given and accepted by the members present.

Street Fair D McLeod then brought forward a full report on the street fair stating that this was again a great success. Jensen Connelly stated that she was unhappy owing to the damage that has been caused to some of their rides where this will be a cost to the theme park for repairs, she also stated that there was a fight during the fair and had to be broken up by the Taylor family owing to the lack of policing in the area. Jensen also commented on the people that broke into various rides and caused some damage, she mentioned that when people climb onto these rides they may end up hurting themselves, and whose fault will this be.

Correspondence

1. Information on the next sessions lets for the community council
2. Invoice from Johnston Newspapers for the advertising for our Street Fair.
3. Letter from Rev Agnes Moore on the Remembrance Day service
4. Letter from Imperial Flute Band accepting invitation to Remembrance Day parade.
5. Letter from Michael McMahan MSP, on request for electric socket, NLC Services have agreed

- to try and supply a PA system for our service.
6. Letter from Michael McMahon with information on the proposed Tesco Supermarket
 7. Letter from Disease Prevention Organisation
 8. Information from SCVO Policy Committee and Management Board Nominations and Elections for 2008
 9. Letter from Strathclyde Police in reply to our communications on our concerns about the traffic on the North Road/Hattonrigg Road.
 10. Letter from CVS North Lanarkshire invitation to the Gathering 2008
 11. Letter from SCVO requesting membership fees for 2008/2009
 12. NLC weekly Planning Applications
 13. Copy of NLC minutes.
 14. Letter from Vickie Wilson aged 11 about the Street Fair.
 15. Request via Secretary from Holytown Colts Football team requesting permission for next years Street Fair and looking for some way of fund raising.

AOCB

D McLeod stated that he has now received the key for the notice board in the Cultural Centre and he will start to use this especially for inserting the minutes.

Various members then commented on the states of the roads within Bellshill pointing out that some corners are proving to be far too tight for some vehicles. D McLeod stated he will write to the roads department on this issue.

At this point in the meeting the secretary gave a small report on the year for the community council stating it has been another good year although we have not had a great number of speakers during the year but this will be suitably addressed for next session. He then stated that this meeting should be our election meeting and he asked Inspector Stewart Hurry if he would conduct the election of office bearers fro the ensuing year.

Chair	Mr Tom Leggate MBE
Vice Chair	Mrs Ellen Williamson
Treasurer	Mr Tom Taylor
Secretary	Mr Duncan McLeod

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chair until the next meeting.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th September 2008 within Bellshill Academy staff room.